Children’s Hospital Los Angeles is the top-ranked children’s hospital on the West Coast for gastroenterology care on U.S. News & World Report’s Best Children’s Hospitals survey. Our pediatric gastroenterologists use the latest diagnostic techniques and technology to provide care for thousands of children each year.

The Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition takes a comprehensive approach to caring for patients with gastrointestinal, liver and nutritional disorders.

Clinical services include:
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease Clinic
- A complete nutrition support service including management of intestinal failure
- Liver and intestinal transplantation
- Fecal microbiota transplant for C. diff

Commonly treated disorders include:
- Acute and chronic pancreatitis
- Aerodigestive disorders
- Allergic enteropathy including eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders
- Celiac disease and gluten sensitivity
- Colorectal Center
- Fecal microbial transplant
- Infusion Center
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Intestinal rehabilitation
- Liver disease care including liver transplant
- Neurogastroenterology and GI motility disorders
- Nutrition support service
- Obesity-related fatty liver disease (NASH)

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Programs and Services
- Advanced pediatric endoscopic procedures (including ERCP, EUS, DBE), diagnostic tests and treatments
- Aerodigestive Program
- Celiac Disease Clinic
- Colorectal Center
- Fatty Liver Clinic
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease Clinic
- Intestinal Rehabilitation Program
- Liver and Intestinal Transplant Program
- Gastrointestinal Neuromuscular and Motility Disorders Program
- Pancreatic Clinic

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