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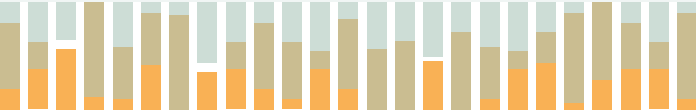
McLaren's Thoracic Patient Navigator

Specifically, the Patient Navigator seeks to:

- Act as a resource for helpful health care information
- Identify ways to pay for care if you don't have insurance
- Identify helpful local resources and support services
- Address your questions and concerns
- Help you track appointments
- Direct you to further health care services
- Help you with transportation, if needed

For more information about McLaren's Patient Navigator Program, contact:

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Thoracic Surgery

*Mid-Michigan's only source for
robotic-assisted thoracic surgery*





Specialized thoracic care

Battling lung cancer, esophageal cancer, and other disorders in the chest cavity can be overwhelming, but you're never alone at McLaren Greater Lansing.

Thoracic surgery at McLaren Greater Lansing is provided by surgeons at McLaren Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgeons, working in conjunction with a multidisciplinary team of experts, including oncologists and specialists at McLaren Lung Cancer Institute and Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The region's only source for robotic-assisted thoracic surgery

McLaren's surgeons operate using the most advanced robotic-assisted surgical technology available—the da Vinci Xi—and the most advanced thoracic surgical procedures, providing patients with a superior alternative to open surgery. Surgeons at McLaren are the only physicians in the mid-Michigan performing these state-of-art-procedures.

This allows surgeons to make a few small incisions without splitting the breastbone or separating the ribs. Using magnified 3D high-definition and special instruments, McLaren physicians operate with enhanced vision, precision and control, treating conditions including, but not limited to:

- › Lung cancer resection
- › Esophageal cancer
- › Mesothelioma
- › Mediastinal tumors
- › Thymoma

While surgery is generally the most effective way to treat disorders of the lungs and esophagus, traditional open surgery has a number of drawbacks caused primarily by the large incision required.

In addition to an 8" or 10" scar down the center of the patient's chest, traditional or open thoracic surgery spreads the ribs to access the chest cavity, leading to long recovery times of eight to twelve weeks as well as a long delay before returning to normal daily activities. The advantages of robotic-assisted thoracic surgery for patients include:

- › Shorter hospital stays
- › Less pain
- › Less risk of infection
- › Faster recovery
- › Less scarring
- › Reduced blood loss and transfusions
- › Speedier return to daily activities

Patient navigator program

In addition to providing high-quality cancer treatment with state-of-the-art technology, our goal is to make care as personalized and as patient-centric as possible, so all patients feel empowered to tackle their disease. To achieve this, our Patient Navigator Program features a dedicated registered oncology nurse who works to guide you through the treatment process, ensuring you receive seamless, coordinated care, along with any other necessary support services.