

High-Risk Lung Surgery

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Conditions Treated

- Lung cancer
- Indeterminate lung nodule
- Lung cancer in the elderly and in patients with end-stage emphysema
- Airway strictures and cancer

Therapies

- VATS (video-assisted thoracic surgery) lobectomy
- VATS sublobar resection for patients with severe emphysema
- Endoscopic therapies, including laser, argon beam and stenting for airway strictures
- Advanced noninvasive diagnostic modalities, including EBUS (endobronchial ultrasound) and navigation bronchoscopy

Distinguishing Features

- Multidisciplinary care, including interventional pulmonologists, minimally invasive surgeons, radiation oncologists and medical oncologists
- Peri-operative lobectomy mortality rate of just 0.22 percent, one-fifth the national average for tertiary care hospitals

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