THE SIXTH AFFILIATED HOSPITAL OF SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY

Leading gastroenterology research in China

Spearheading clinical research in gastroenterology in China, the Sixth Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-Sen University is well known for its high academic and clinical standards. It is striving to become a modern general hospital with a global reputation.

The Sixth Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-Sen University (SYSU), also called Guangdong Gastrointestinal Hospital, is a large, first-class hospital in southern China. A general hospital with excellent clinical resources, it has 1,200 beds, two-thirds of which are for patients with gastrointestinal diseases. More than 15,000 gastrointestinal operations are performed at the hospital each year.

Treating gastrointestinal conditions
The hospital is well known for its expertise in gastrointestinal and colorectal surgery. Its gastroenterology is rated as a national key subject, while several of its main subjects under general surgery have been recognized as key medical specialties of Guangdong province since 2009 and as national key clinical specialties by the Chinese Ministry of Health since 2012. The hospital headed the compilation of the 2010 and 2015 editions of Therapeutic standards of colorectal cancer and the 2010 edition of Guidelines for the diagnosis and comprehensive treatment of liver metastasis of colorectal cancer. It has greatly contributed to China’s progress in standardizing the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal conditions. The Sixth Affiliated Hospital of SYSU was selected to be the chair institution for colon, rectum and anus surgery by the Chinese Society of Surgery. It was also chosen to be the chief-editor institution for the eighth edition of the state-compiled textbook Surgery.

Top research facilities
The Sixth Affiliated Hospital of SYSU is home to the SYSU Research Institute of Gastroenterology (RIG; also known as Guangdong Institute of Gastroenterology), which houses the Guangdong Provincial Key Laboratory of Colorectal and Pelvic Floor Diseases. With a total area of 5,000 square metres, SYSU RIG has a central laboratory, a molecular diagnostic laboratory, a database centre, a tissue bank and a biotherapy centre. It currently has 45 scientists, including 14 professors and 16 associate professors, and its annual research budget exceeds 20 million RMB.

Collaboration and publications
SYSU RIG has conducted innovative research on colorectal and pelvic diseases to address practical needs. Its researchers have published papers in high-profile international journals, including Cancer Cell, Gastroenterology and Gut. These studies provide a good foundation for setting up guidelines for diagnosing and treating gastrointestinal diseases.

The hospital is the host institution for three journals: the Chinese version of Diseases of Colon and Rectum (official journal of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons and a world-leading publication on colorectal surgery), Chinese Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery (a national core journal included in PubMed, and rated among the top 200 medical science journals and the top three surgery journals in China) and Gastroenterology Report (listed in Science Citation Index in 2016).

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