

AMBULATORY ACCESS SURVEY

Gastroenterology Findings Summary

Wait times averaging 48 days vaulted gastroenterology to the third-longest wait times in our study. Gastroenterology is a difficult specialty to access in part because gastroenterologists have a variety of clinical duties in multiple settings: clinic office visits, endoscopy suite procedures, and hospital call coverage are the most common. Because of this, some concerns, while urgent to the patient, end up taking a back seat. Given a significant shortage of gastroenterologists in the US, these challenges are only growing.

SPECIALTY FORECAST:

“Rising cancer rates have driven demand of gastroenterologists, in addition to senior individuals who make up a larger percentage of the population. In 2021, the US Preventative Services task Force issued a new recommendation that colorectal cancer screening for people of average risk should change from 50 to 45, increasing demand for services.”

Source: <https://www.ibisworld.com/united-states/market-research-reports/endoscopy-manufacturing-industry/>
<https://www.uclahealth.org/news/colorectal-cancer-screening-guidelines-have-changed-address#:~:text=In%202021%2C%20the%20U.S.%20Preventive,growing%20cases%20among%20younger%20adults.>”



CLINICAL SCENARIO:

Callers presented as a potential new patient with a stomach ulcer.

MSAs WITH LONGEST GASTROENTEROLOGY NEW-PATIENT WAIT TIMES

Boston

186 DAYS

Philadelphia

114 DAYS

Charlotte

79 DAYS

GASTROENTEROLOGY RESULTS BY MSA



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