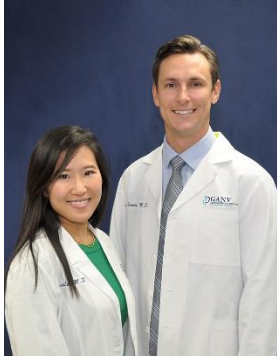


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**DR. IRIS H. LEE, GASTROENTEROLOGY ASSOCIATES OF
NORTHERN VIRGINIA, FIRST IN VA to UTILIZE EsophyX™
DEVICE to PERFORM TIF™ PROCEDURE – Transoral
Incisionless Fundoplication SOLUTION FOR ACID REFLUX**

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(FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA) On August 30, 2018, Advanced Endoscopist, [Dr. Iris H. Lee](#) of [Gastroenterology Associates of Northern Virginia](#) became the first Gastroenterologist in Virginia to utilize the new EsophyX device to perform the TIF Procedure – for acid reflux which treats the underlying cause of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) without incisions or scarring. The new EsophyX™ device rebuilds the anti-reflux valve and restores the body’s natural protection against acid reflux. Dr. Lee partnered with general surgeon, Dr. Hiral Patel, to offer TIF concomitant with hiatal hernia repair at INOVA Fair Oaks Hospital, a new FDA-approved indication for the EsophyX device.

“Patients suffering from GERD, laryngopharyngeal reflux (LPR) or hiatal hernia now have a fast, safe and effective treatment option,” Dr. Lee said. “TIF procedure patients can often reduce medications and still feel relief from symptoms such as heartburn.” Following the TIF procedure, 71% of patients are able to completely stop taking their Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPI’s) which are used to reduce stomach acid. ¹

“Utilizing advanced technology allows our patients access to care that can enhance quality of life with minimal downtime,” [Dr. Ivan Harnden](#), Board Certified Gastroenterologist, who also performs the TIF procedure said. “We monitor our patients progress closely and are delighted to see they are experiencing a reduction in symptoms.” The TIF procedure typically takes less than an hour. Dr. Lee and Dr. Harnden, are among the few physicians trained in Virginia to perform the TIF procedure. To schedule a consultation with Dr. Lee or Dr. Harnden please call 928-698-8960 or visit MyGANV.com for more information.

About Gastroenterology Associates of Northern Virginia

GANV is northern Virginia’s premier gastroenterology service provider group specialized in the early diagnosis, evaluation, treatment and management of both rare and common digestive conditions and diseases. Services include Direct Access Colonoscopy, Advanced Endoscopy, Infusion Therapeutics, Obalon Weight Loss, Education Seminars and much more.

¹Trad KS, etal; Surg Endosc. 2016 Sept 21 (TEMPO3-Year follow-up)