

CeliacNow: Our Mission Statement

To enhance the health and well-being of children and adults with celiac disease and other gluten-related disorders through excellence in medical care, education, and research.

CeliacNow.org was created by the expert clinicians of the Celiac Center at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts, with assistance from expert colleagues and our students.

CeliacNow gets to the very heart of our mission by providing patients with an easily accessible tool that will help you gain a better understanding of your disease and the appropriate diet to follow to remain healthy and avoid unnecessary complications.

Medical/Nutrition Experts

The Celiac Center at BIDMC is dedicated to helping you live healthy and well, and to supporting caregivers around the world. Areas of excellence include:

- Multidisciplinary teamwork for expert evaluation and superb care of patients with celiac disease and other gluten-related disorders.
- Skilled diagnostics, especially when it comes to ruling out conditions with symptoms similar to celiac disease.
- Top-notch treatment to manage all aspects of celiac disease, including nutritional needs and difficult-to-treat cases (refractory sprue)

Our clinicians are experts in evaluating and treating celiac disease patients who have not responded well to a gluten-free diet. We also evaluate and treat those with suspected complications from celiac disease, using endoscopy, enteroscopy and capsule endoscopy.

Leaders in Research and Education

In addition to state-of-the-art patient care, the Celiac Center:

- Offers advanced medical education to train tomorrow's celiac disease fellowship in the U.S.
- Serves on the Medical/Nutrition Advisory Board for the [National Celiac Association](#)
- Conducts leading-edge research into all aspects of celiac disease, including non-dietary and vaccine treatments. As a lead enrolling site for every therapeutic clinical trial in the country, our patients are often able to participate in studies of new therapies long before these become available to the general public.
- Provides educational resources to the community

- CeliacNow.org: Our nutrition website offers in-depth information on how to improve your health and well-being if you're living with celiac disease or a gluten-related disorder.
- ***Real Life with Celiac Disease: Troubleshooting and Thriving Gluten Free***, a book written by Celiac Center clinicians Melinda Dennis, MS, RD, LDN, and Daniel Leffler, MD, MS, is available on Amazon.

Get Involved

Thank you for your interest in BIDMC's Celiac Center and CeliacNow!

If you are interested in participating in celiac disease research at bidmc, please email celiac@bidmc.harvard.edu.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Celiac Center, please call 617-667-1272.

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