

Meet

Michael Newman, MD



Michael Newman, MD serves as the director of gastroenterology services for Hallmark Health System (HHS). He is board-certified in gastroenterology.

What motivated you to become a doctor?

From as young as I can remember, I wanted to be a physician. I recognized medicine as a way to truly help people. Medicine combines hard science, experience and human interaction skills to help patients feel better and overcome their illnesses. I could not think of any other career that could be more rewarding for me.

Why did you choose to specialize in gastroenterology?

Most medical specialties concentrate on one specific part of the body. Gastroenterology concentrates on the entire digestive system and at times allows the use of procedures to identify and treat problems. I like that challenge of identifying the disease, finding the right treatment and working with a patient to overcome their illness.

What is the most rewarding part of your work as a physician?

Other than helping my patients get better, I would have to say one of the most rewarding aspects is the pleasure working with my HHS colleagues in gastroenterology. We have an amazing team of highly-skilled, experienced physicians, who are energized and avidly up-to-date on the latest advances in the field so our patients can be assured they are being treated with the most modern, least invasive and safest procedures available today. I am very proud of the physicians in this department, our collegial atmosphere, our willingness to work together for the good of our patients and our passion to expand our knowledge and stay in the forefront of our field. We now have two female physicians who specialize in women's GI health, a sub-specialty that didn't exist when I did my training. The medical staff at both of our hospitals is very impressive.

What do you do for fun when you are not caring for your patients?

My wife and I really like to travel especially to see our daughter and son. We spend time with our dog and enjoy swimming. Also, my son and I are on a quest to see a game at every major league baseball park in the country. So far we have been to about two thirds of them.