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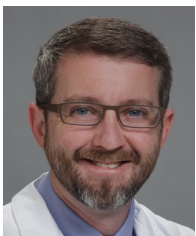
Luke Baldelli, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist and physician at Digestive Health Partners in Asheville. He practices general gastroenterology and specializes in the treatment of digestive disorders. He also has special interest in caring for patients with advanced liver diseases. He performs upper endoscopy, colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, and capsule endoscopy. He is a member of the American College of Gastroenterology, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, and the American Association of the Study of Liver Diseases.



Andrew Dukowicz, MD, a board-certified gastroenterologist, practices general gastroenterology at Digestive Health Partners, with a focus in esophageal disorders. His special interests include gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), eosinophilic esophagitis, esophageal motility disorders (including interpretation of esophageal manometry and esophageal pH/impedance testing), and swallowing disorders. Dr. Dukowicz is a member of the American College of Gastroenterology, the American Gastroenterological Association, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, the North Carolina Medical Society, and the Buncombe County Medical Society.



Dayna Early, MD, FASGE, is a professor of medicine at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. She is the director of endoscopy at Barnes Jewish Hospital. Dr. Early is past chair of the ACG Board of Governors and is a current member of the ACG Board of Trustees. Her clinical interests are colorectal cancer screening and endoscopic ultrasound.



Brian Garvin, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist with Digestive Health Partners, who practices general gastroenterology with a special interest in irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) as well as fecal incontinence. He offers both injection and sacral nerve stimulator evaluations for patients living with fecal incontinence.



Isaac Jaben, MD, a board-certified gastroenterologist, practices general gastroenterology at Digestive Health Partners with a particular interest in liver diseases. He performs upper endoscopy, colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, and capsule endoscopy. He is a member of the American College of Gastroenterology, the American Gastroenterological Association, and the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.



Chelsea Jacobs, DO, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in addressing a spectrum of gastrointestinal conditions, with a particular emphasis on diseases of the esophagus, small bowel, and colon. Her comprehensive approach to patient care encompasses a range of procedures, including upper endoscopy, colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, and capsule endoscopy. Dr. Jacobs is a member of the American Gastroenterological Association, the American College of Gastroenterology, and American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.



Matthew Meyers, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who specializes in all aspects of general gastroenterology and digestive disease with an additional interest in caring for patients with advanced liver disease. He performs upper endoscopy, colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, and hemorrhoidal banding. He is a member of the American College of Gastroenterology, American Gastroenterological Association, American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, and the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases.



Michael Newcomer, MD, completed his gastroenterology training at Duke University Medical Center and his internal medicine training at the University of Washington. He is the director of the Western North Carolina Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative, a non-profit housed in the Western Carolina Medical Society. The program provides colon cancer screening access to uninsured, low-income patients in our region. He is an associate member of the UNC Lineberger Cancer Prevention and control program, serves on the American Cancer Society CRC in Rural Communities advisory group, and has been on the steering committee for the NC Colorectal Roundtable.



Andrew I. Rackoff, MD, has been with Digestive Health Partners since 2009. He specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of digestive disorders and the performance of EGD, colonoscopy, ERCP, capsule endoscopy, esophageal manometry and PH studies. He is board certified in gastroenterology and is a member of the American Gastroenterology Association, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, the NC Medical Society and the American College of Gastroenterology.



Laurie Steenwyk, RD, is a registered and licensed dietitian with over 30 years experience in dietetics. She received her master's degree in nutrition from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She has worked as a clinical and outpatient dietitian at Pardee UNC for the past 20 years, where she specializes in medical nutrition therapy for patients with gastrointestinal disorders. Her special interests include celiac disease, irritable bowel syndrome, small intestinal bacterial overgrowth and eosinophilic esophagitis.

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