



Introducing Allan Hardy, M.D.

The Center for Digestive and Liver Health welcomes Dr. Allan Hardy as the newest member of the largest gastroenterology practice in south Georgia. Dr. Hardy comes to the CDLH from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he spent the past year in an Advanced Endoscopy Fellowship, learning cutting-edge techniques in endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) and endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS).

Dr. Hardy, a cum laude graduate and Presidential Scholar in the Honors Program at Hampton University, attended medical school at Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, Virginia. He was an internal medicine resident at Howard University, where he won the Resident Award for excellence in teaching in 2004. He then served as Chief Resident in Internal Medicine before entering a Fellowship in Gastroenterology at Howard. Dr. Hardy won the Resident Award for excellence in teaching three out of his last four years at Howard University. He also demonstrated skills as a researcher, with posters accepted for presentation at regional and national meetings during his time in fellowship.

Dr. Hardy's skills as a gastroenterologist were honed during his year of advanced endoscopy training at UNC-Chapel Hill, where he developed an interest in the application of ERCP and EUS in the diagnosis and treatment of complex GI diseases.

As the child of two college professors, Dr. Hardy welcomes the opportunity to teach and do clinical research at the CDLH.

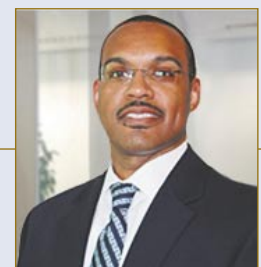
"I am grateful for the opportunity to join a practice where teaching and research are a priority, and where cutting-edge techniques are used to advance the standard of care," Dr. Hardy says.

Dr. Hardy will be working closely with the Anderson Cancer Institute at Memorial Health to improve the diagnosis and care of patients with difficult-to-treat malignancies. He will also be seeing general gastroenterology patients at Memorial, Candler and St. Joseph's hospitals.

Dr. Hardy, who is Board-certified in both Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology, has special interests in the diagnosis and treatment of complex pancreatic and bile duct conditions, gastrointestinal malignancies and

complications of bariatric (weight loss) surgery. He will be the second fellowship-trained endoscopic ultrasonographer in the Center for Digestive and Liver Health, joining Dr. Steve Carpenter. Dr. Carpenter was the first person to perform routine endoscopic ultrasonography in Georgia, beginning the use of this technique in 1996.

The Center for Digestive and Liver Health, founded in 1994 by Drs. Mark E. Murphy and Edward Rydzak, is a group of seven Board-certified gastroenterologists who represent the very best in digestive healthcare. Half of the doctors in the group have been selected for Best Doctors in America recognition, a physician-selected honor bestowed on less than 5% of the doctors in the United States. Besides Drs. Hardy, Carpenter, Rydzak and Murphy, the other gastroenterologists in the group include Drs. Charles Duckworth, Mark Nyce and Ryan Wanamaker.



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