



Gastro Health acquires first GI practice outside of South Florida

Acquisition of Digestive Health Physicians in Fort Myers, Florida solidifies Gastro Health's growth into new markets



(L-R): Frank Manes (Gastro Health executive), Dr. James Penuel, Dr. Mark O'Konski, Patti Reigle (office manager), Dr. Andree Dadrat, Dr. Paul Yudelman, Alex Fernandez (Gastro Health CEO) and Lawrence Freni (Gastro Health CFO)

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(Miami, Florida – July 15, 2017) – [Gastro Health](#), LLC has acquired the practice of [Digestive Health Physicians](#) and Outpatient Anesthesia Specialists, LLC in Fort Myers, Florida. The acquisition marks Gastro Health's first office outside of South Florida and poises the company for growth in new geographic markets.

Digestive Health Physicians currently serves patients in two locations within Fort Myers, Florida: 7152 Coca Sabal Lane and 9400 Gladiolus Drive, Suite 250. The practice is comprised of four physicians, as well as two physician assistants. The office will become Gastro Health's 25th location and the company's first in Southwest Florida.

Led by [James W. Penuel, Jr. M.D.](#), providers for this practice include [Andree A. Dadrat, M.D.](#), [Mark S. O'Konski, M.D.](#) and [Paul L. Yudelman, M.D.](#) All four physicians have had board certifications with the American Board of Internal Medicine as well as the ABIM/Gastroenterology and many hold leadership roles at the hospitals for which they provide service

Physicians at Digestive Health will continue to provide high quality outpatient consultative care for the broad range of digestive disorders as well as procedures such as colonoscopies and upper GI endoscopies in our convenient outpatient endoscopy center.

By joining Gastro Health's network, the group will be able to offer even more patients the safe and affordable gastrointestinal care they need. All of Gastro Health's care centers are equipped with the latest state-of-the-art technology to ensure the best outcomes possible for each individual patient as well as an in-house pharmacy which can dispense medications at a fraction of the cost.

"At Digestive Health Physicians, we take great pride in offering our patients outstanding care," said Dr. James Penuel. "By becoming part of Gastro Health, one of the most recognized gastroenterology groups in the country with an outstanding reputation, our patients will now benefit from the additional resources we will be able to provide."

"Being able to bring the talented doctors from Digestive Health Physicians on board with Gastro Health is yet another in a long list of our recent accomplishments," said Gastro Health CEO, Alejandro Fernandez. "This is our first acquisition outside of South Florida which poises us for tremendous growth throughout the state, and the country."

For more information about Gastro Health, visit www.gastrohealth.com.

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About Gastro Health

Gastro Health, founded in 2006, is South Florida's largest, private gastroenterology network comprised of over 90 physicians in 26 locations. Gastro Health provides patients access to some of the nation's premier gastroenterologists, pediatric gastroenterologists, colorectal surgeons, and allied health professionals. In addition to delivering gastrointestinal care, providers offer a wide range of additional services including: anesthesia, infusion, imaging, pathology, specialty pharmacy and in-office RX dispensing. Gastro Health takes pride in providing outstanding medical care and an exceptional healthcare experience for patients.