

# GASTROENTEROLOGY ASSOCIATES

PATIENT NEWSLETTER JAN-MAR 2015

## PROVIDER UPDATES

We are pleased to introduce the following new providers:

### Michelle Chiu, ARNP



ARNP Chiu is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University with a B.A. in Public Health and of the Ohio State University with a Master's Degree in Nursing. She is nationally certified as an Adult Nurse Practitioner. Michelle and her husband David have one child.

### Patrick Williams, PA-C



P.A. Williams is a graduate of the University of Nebraska Medical Center with a B.S. in Physician Assistant Studies. He and his wife Jessica have two children.

### Sarah Poppe, ARNP



Sarah is a graduate of the University of Kansas with a BS in Exercise Science and a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing, as well as the University of Cincinnati with a Master's Degree in Nursing. She is a board certified Adult Nurse Practitioner. Sarah and her husband Carl have three children.

## PATIENT PORTAL

Register Today!

Once registered with gPortal you can:

- Modify your personal health history
- Send messages directly to your healthcare team
- Check clinical lab results
- Review orders and health plan
- View Clinical Summaries

Contact our Patient Care Coordinators at 360-413-8250 to obtain a portal pin number.

## MARCH IS COLON CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S.
- About 51,000 people die from colorectal cancer each year.
- Recommended screening could prevent at least 60% of these deaths.
- Screening can find polyps (abnormal growths) so they can be removed before turning into cancer.
- Screening should start at 50 and continue until age 75 for most men and women.
- Some people need to start screening before age 50 and be tested more often than others.

## GIQuIC QUALITY REPORTING

GIQuIC is a national quality measure initiative for endoscopic procedures. GIQuIC is a non-profit partnership established by two national medical groups. The American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) and the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE). Participation is voluntary. Gastroenterology Associates utilizes GIQuIC with every Colonoscopy to track and compare our performance to determine how it measures up to national standards.

Using GIQuIC our physicians can document the quality of care provided during a colonoscopy by tracking how well they are able to see the entire colon, find growths or polyps, and in the rare instance, reporting any complications.

We are committed to tracking, measuring and reporting our quality because we believe benchmarking will improve the quality of our endoscopic exams and ultimately improve patient outcomes.



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