

2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

We will be closed
the following days:

Good Friday
April 2, 2021

Memorial Day
May 31, 2021

Independence Day
Obs. July 5, 2021

Labor Day
September 6, 2021

Thanksgiving
November 25, 2021
November 26, 2021

Christmas Day
Obs. December 24, 2021

New Year's Day
Obs. December 31, 2021

Office Locations:

- Kernersville
- King
- Tanglewood
- Thomasville
- Winston-Salem

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Colon Cancer Awareness Month is Here

We cannot believe that Colon Cancer Awareness Month has arrived. This means we have the answers to the questions submitted by patients and physicians throughout February.

What types of questions did we receive? See the list below:

- How often should people be screened?
- What are the warning signs of colon cancer?
- What are diet recommendations to prevent colon cancer?
- What is the complete list of things a patient can do to prevent/reduce the chances of colon cancer?
- At what age should screening now begin since early onset colon cancer is on the rise?

- What are the chances of colon cancer showing up somewhere else, and in what part of the body would this be?
- Am I at an increased risk of getting colon cancer young as well?
- Is there a family strain of colon cancer?
- What other genetic factors are there to explore?

Our physicians were excited to see the variety of questions. To see the videos of their responses, you can visit the page:

[We Answer Your Colon Cancer Questions in 2021](#)

Increase in Colon Cancer Predicted Due to COVID-19

Gastroenterologists across the country are concerned about the decrease of colon cancer prevention screenings due to COVID-19. Most of the GI centers halted screenings in March*, which caused a drop of 86% in preventive colonoscopies; this is compared to the same time in 2017 to 2019. The reduction of these screenings will lead to an increase in colon cancer diagnosis#. It will also lead to diagnosing colon cancer at later stages, where treatment and survivability are lower.

Our March blog offers more details about this disturbing trend:

[Increase in Colon Cancer Predicted Due to COVID-19](#)

We want to remind all of our referring practices that in addition to maintaining safety precautions to decrease the possibility of infection, we have continued to provide Telehealth options for patients. You can find more details about our

We will be uploading new videos throughout the month. See Dr. Jue and Dr. Ramsay answer two of the questions in the videos linked below.



[Ask the Experts: Dr. Jue](#)



[Ask the Experts: Dr. Ramsay](#)

Telehealth options in the link:

[Telehealth](#)

Also, during March we will be offering next-day availability to patients in our Winston-Salem office. Learn more about the physicians featured for March in the link:

[Next Day Appointments](#)

* <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7436906/>
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7553028/>

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Access the [Referring Physician's Satisfaction Survey here.](#)

 Colon Cancer Prevention Center

All of our physicians have privileges at: **NH Forsyth Medical Center • NH Kernersville Medical Center • NH Thomasville Medical Center**

Full-service clinics and ASC
licensed and AAAHC approved
endoscopy center.

GI services in one place!

On-site Procedures:

- Colonoscopy
- Endoscopy
- Esophageal Dilation
- Flexible Sigmoidoscopy
- Hemorrhoid Removal
- Wireless Capsule Endoscopy

Hospital Procedures

- ERCP
- EUS
- Liver Biopsy
- PEG Feeding Tubes

Our clinics treat the
following conditions:

- Acid Reflux
- Anemia
- Barrett's Esophagus
- Celiac Disease
- Colorectal Cancer
- Constipation
- Crohn's Disease
- Diarrhea
- GERD
- GI Bleeding
- Hemorrhoids
- Hepatitis
- Irritable Bowel Syndrome
- Liver Cirrhosis
- Ulcerative Colitis

And More

Testimonial



This month, our testimonial comes from Colon Cancer Survivor Paul Kendall. He explains his feelings about our staff and his physician, Dr. Charles Katopes, and why it is important to get screened.

See his video in the link:

[Paul Kendall:
Testimonial](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Q & A

Have you read our blog on the COVID-19 vaccine? Dr. Senatore took some time to answer some of the common questions about the vaccine, especially in regards to digestive diseases or conditions.

You can read it at the link below:

[COVID-19 Vaccines -
You've got questions, we've got answers](#)

Career Opportunities at Digestive Health Specialists

If you know of someone who you feel would be a good fit or someone who may have lost their job during the pandemic, please share with them the ["Careers"](#) section of our website. We have both clinical and administrative positions.

