

2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

We will be closed on
the following days:

Good Friday
April 15, 2022

Memorial Day
May 30, 2022

Independence Day
July 4, 2022

Labor Day
September 5, 2022

Thanksgiving
November 24, 2022
November 25, 2022

Christmas Day
Obs. December 26, 2022

New Year's Day
Obs. January 2, 2023

Office Locations:

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

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Happy Retirement!

We want to take this opportunity to inform you that Dr. Victor Sears will be retiring. Although we are sorry to lose him, we appreciate everything he has done for the practice and wish him the very best in his retirement. He deserves it!

Dr. Sears has been transitioning his patients to other physicians at the practice, choosing those that best suit the patient's needs. If you have any

questions or concerns, or have trouble with appointment access, feel free to reach out to us.

We hope you join us in wishing Dr. Sears the very best!

**Thank you for your
26 years
of service to our
patients!**

Happy Retirement!



What is Hepatitis?

Hepatitis is an infection that causes inflammation of the liver. This inflammation can cause damage and disrupt the liver's ability to function properly. Some types of hepatitis can cause chronic or long-term damage to the liver. This is why it is important to determine the cause of the inflammation and treat it correctly. There are five main hepatitis viruses, see a summary of each type below.

Hepatitis A

- Vaccine: YES
- Treatment: YES
- Cure: Most people make a full recovery

The virus is primarily spread when an uninfected (and unvaccinated) person ingests food or water that is contaminated with the feces of an infected person. The disease is closely associated with unsafe water or food, inadequate sanitation, poor personal hygiene, and oral-anal sex.

Hepatitis B

- Vaccine: YES

- Treatment: YES
 - Cure: In development
- Hepatitis B is potentially life-threatening and is a major global health problem. It can cause chronic infection and puts people at high risk of death from cirrhosis and liver cancer. A safe and effective vaccine that offers 98% to 100% protection against hepatitis B is available. Preventing hepatitis B infection averts the development of complications including chronic disease and liver cancer.

Hepatitis C

- Vaccine: NO
 - Treatment: YES
 - Cure: YES
- The hepatitis C virus is a blood-borne virus, which causes both acute and chronic infection. It is most commonly transmitted through:
- the reuse or inadequate sterilization of medical equipment, especially syringes and needles in healthcare settings;
 - the transfusion of unscreened

- blood and blood products; and
- injecting drug use through the sharing of injection equipment.

Hepatitis D

- Vaccine: NO (although hepatitis D only affects people living with hepatitis B for which there is a vaccine)

- Treatment: YES
- Cure: NO

This infection is unique because to be infected with hepatitis D the person also has to be infected with hepatitis B.

Hepatitis E

- Vaccine: NO
- Treatment: YES
- Cure: Most people make a full recovery

The virus is shed in the stools of infected persons and enters the human body through the intestine. It is transmitted mainly through contaminated drinking water.

To learn more about hepatitis in the July blog titled:

[**What is Hepatitis?**](#)

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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

During the Summer Months

With the summer months quickly approaching, many people start to go on vacation; so do our providers. If you have an urgent scheduling need, or have difficulty getting a patient scheduled, we have resources to help. Please, do not hesitate to contact us directly at the information below:

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All Digestive Health Specialists locations will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

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 currently only have clinical positions.

