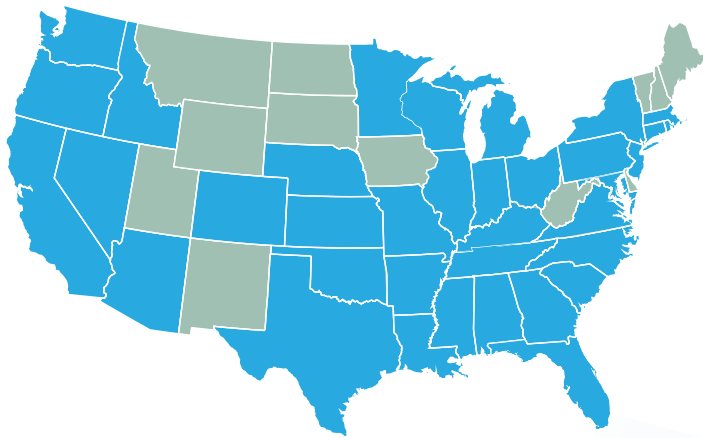


Digestive Health Physicians Association: Independent GI Practices, Improving Patient Lives



DHPA is the only state or national advocacy organization focused exclusively on the challenges and opportunities facing independent GI physician practices.

Since 2014, DHPA has been successfully advocating for policies that promote and protect the high quality, cost-efficient care that is provided to patients in the independent GI practice setting.

DHPA MEMBERS 2014

11 PRACTICES | **11** STATES | **406** PHYSICIANS

DHPA MEMBERS 2018

79 PRACTICES | **36** STATES | **1800+** PHYSICIANS

THE VOICE OF INDEPENDENT GI ON CAPITOL HILL | **MORE THAN 400 VISITS WITH CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES**



Successfully opposed efforts to eliminate protection for in-office pathology services under the federal physician self-referral (Stark) law (commissioned study by Milliman analyzing utilization and cost of pathology services).

Secured enactment of the Electronic Health Fairness Act, which eliminates meaningful use penalties imposed on physicians providing care in ambulatory surgery centers.

Successfully blocked implementation of proposed payment cuts to Medicare Part B drugs administered in GI practices (more than 1800 calls made and emails sent to Congressional offices).

Led a coalition of physician organizations in supporting development of the Medicare Care Coordination Improvement Act of 2017 (H.R. 4206, S. 2051) to enable independent physicians to participate more fully in value-based payment models incentivized by MACRA.

STATE HEALTH POLICY ACTION FUND

\$100,000 in grant funding awarded to support member practice engagement on key state policy issues impacting independent GI practices.

CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE

Supported successful opposition to legislation that would have eliminated in-office pathology and advanced imaging services critical to independent GI practices.

MARYLAND & NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURES

Supported successful efforts to modernize those states' self-referral laws to enable independent GI practices to participate in alternative payment models.



2018 POLICY PRIORITIES

Continue efforts to champion the Medicare Care Coordination Improvement Act of 2017 (H.R. 4206, S. 2051), bipartisan legislation to modernize the (Stark) law to enable physicians to participate more fully in value-based payment models incentivized by MACRA.

Advocate for the Restoring the Patient's Voice Act (H.R. 2077), bipartisan legislation to reform step therapy requirements and give providers increased autonomy in determining the care that is best for their patients.

Advocate for the Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act of 2017 (H.R. 1017, S. 479), bipartisan legislation that will help ensure that all patients receive the appropriate screening and diagnostic treatment for colorectal cancer.

Support DHPA member practices on significant state health policy issues impacting patient access to high quality, cost-efficient and comprehensive care furnished in independent GI practices.

DHPA MEMBER PRACTICES

Advanced Gastroenterology Group (NJ)
Allied Digestive Health (NJ)
Anne Arundel Gastroenterology Associates, PA (MD)
Arizona Digestive Health, PC (AZ)
Arizona Gastrointestinal Associates, PLC (AZ)
Associates in Gastroenterology, P.C. (CO)
Atlanta Gastroenterology Associates, LLC (GA)
Borland-Groover Clinic, PA (FL)
Capital Digestive Care, LLC (MD)
Carlisle Digestive Disease Associates, LTD (PA)
Charlotte Gastroenterology & Hepatology, PLLC (NC)
Charlottesville Gastroenterology Associates (VA)
Cincinnati GI (OH)
Connecticut Gastroenterology Consultants, PC (CT)
Connecticut GI, PC (CT)
Consultants in Gastroenterology, PA (SC)
Dayton Gastroenterology, Inc. (OH)
Digestive Care Physicians (GA)
Digestive Disease Associates (FL)
Digestive Disease Associates, LTD (PA)
Digestive Disease Specialists, Inc. (OK)
Digestive Health Partners, PA (NC)
Digestive Health Specialists of the Southeast (AL)
Digestive Health Specialists, LLC (MO)
Digestive Health Specialists, PA (NC)
Digestive Healthcare Center (NJ)
Fayetteville Gastroenterology Associates (NC)
Gastro Health, LLC (FL)
Gastro One (TN)
GastroArkansas (AR)
Gastroenterology Associates of Colorado Springs (CO)
Gastroenterology Associates of Fairfield County, PC (CT)
Gastroenterology Associates of New Jersey (NJ)
Gastroenterology Associates of the Piedmont, P.A. (NC)
Gastroenterology Associates, LLC (LA)
Gastroenterology Center of Connecticut (CT)
Gastroenterology Consultants, LTD (NV)
Gastroenterology Health Partners, PLLC (IN; KY)
Gastroenterology Specialties, P.C. (NE)
Gastrointestinal Associates, LLC (KS)
Gastrointestinal Associates, PC (TN)
Gastrointestinal Specialists, Inc. (VA)
Gateway Gastroenterology (MO)
GI Associates (WI)
GI Associates and Endoscopy Center, PA (MS)
G.I. Associates of West Alabama (AL)
GI Associates, LLC (WI)
GI Specialists of Georgia (GA)
Greater Boston Gastroenterology, PC (MA)
Huron Gastroenterology (MI)
Idaho Gastroenterology Associates, LLP (ID)
Illinois Gastroenterology Group, LLC (IL)
Illinois Gastroenterology Institute (IL)
Indianapolis Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Inc. (IN)
inSite Digestive Health Care (CA)
Jackson Siegelbaum Gastroenterology (PA)
Middlesex Gastroenterology, P.C. (MA)
Midwest Gastrointestinal Associates, PC (NE)
Minnesota Gastroenterology, PA (MN)
New York Gastroenterology Associates (NY)
Northeast Digestive Health Center (NC)
Northwest Gastroenterology, PLLC (WA)
Ohio Gastroenterology and Liver Institute (OH)
Ohio Gastroenterology Group, Inc. (OH)
Puget Sound Gastroenterology, LLC (WA)
Regional Gi (PA)
Richmond Gastroenterology Associates (VA)
Rocky Mountain Gastroenterology (CO)
South Denver Gastroenterology, PC (CO)
South Jersey Gastroenterology, PA (NJ)
Southeast Gastro (AL)
Southeast Valley Gastroenterology (AZ)
Texas Digestive Disease Consultants, PA (TX)
The Oregon Clinic, P.C. (OR)
Tri-State Gastroenterology Associates, PSC (KY)
United Gastroenterologists (CA)
University Gastroenterology (RI)
Washington Gastroenterology (WA)
Wilmington Gastroenterology (NC)