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A Surgical Newsletter Joining Physicians in Medicine and Surgery

DR. CHARLES-HARRIS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF NEW FIU ENDOVASCULAR INSTITUTE



Dr. Charles-Harris has recently been appointed Director of the new **Endovascular Institute of Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine**. As a long-standing surgeon serving the North Miami community, within the past five years alone he has performed over 1600 endovascular procedures.

The Endovascular Institute specializes in the minimally-invasive approach to treating blood vessel disease from inside the vessel using catheters, balloons, and stents. Common ailments which can be treated through endovascular means are peripheral artery occlusions; common, external, and internal iliac artery occlusions; renal artery stenosis; carotid artery stenosis; and abdominal aortic aneurysms. Renal failure patients also benefit from these procedures by treating AV-fistulas and AV-graft occlusions, pseudoaneurysms, and thrombosed vessels. Using modern, State-of-the-Art Digital and Low-Radiation equipment, the Institute will provide the latest technology in the treatment of Endovascular procedures. For more information, contact our office or visit our website at: www.all-surgery.com/endovascular.html.

WELCOME DR. JUAN GUTIERREZ



We're pleased to announce that Juan Gutierrez, MD, has recently joined our practice as a General, Minimally Invasive/Laparoscopic, and Endoscopic Surgeon. The addition of Dr. Gutierrez to the surgical team provides our referring physicians and patients with greater accessibility to consultations and surgeries both in the office and hospital settings. With two surgeons and a surgical physician assistant, we can meet the needs of physicians and patients better than ever with open communication, quick responses, and the wide expertise and skills of a multi-specialty practice.

Meet Dr. Gutierrez: After receiving his medical degree from the Albany Medical College in Albany, New York Dr. Gutierrez moved to the South Florida community where he completed his surgical training at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital. During his surgical residency, Dr. Gutierrez completed a two-year research Fellowship with the University of Miami Division of Surgical Oncology where he examined trends in the care of adult and pediatric cancer patients and their effects on treatment and prognosis. He has done extensive research for which he has won many awards and published numerous papers.

A SURGEON'S APPROACH TO COLONOSCOPY

Colonoscopies are often the best weapon against colon cancer because they not only find cancer; they also detect and remove growths in the colon before they become cancerous. Colonoscopies are recommended for colon cancer screening at age 50, but earlier if there is a history of inflammatory bowel disease, a family history of colorectal cancer, or other risk factors.



Dr. Gutierrez's expertise includes colonoscopies which, when performed, make colon cancer very preventable. The benefit of the surgeon performing the colonoscopy is that if an abnormality is found, the surgeon can not only remove it but can also perform more advanced colorectal procedures. This all-in-one approach reduces the need for multiple specialists treating the patient and provides excellent continuity of care with a high level of expertise.

Along with colonoscopies, Dr. Gutierrez also performs sigmoidoscopies and EGDs, and encourages patients to get screened regularly to detect problems early.

PICK UP THAT MAMMO & BREAST ULTRASOUND CD!



Sending a patient for a mammogram or breast ultrasound? Have them ask for a CD before they leave. Many diagnostic centers can prepare one right away or have it ready for pick-up soon after. Patients should bring the CD with them for the surgeon to review the images during the surgical examination & consultation.

Patient-Centered Breast Care: When a woman (or man!) is referred to our practice with an abnormal mammogram or ultrasound, they benefit from being able to have the minimally-invasive biopsy, lumpectomy, breast-conserving surgery, mastectomy, and port insertion all in the same practice! This gives the patient quicker access to surgical treatment, fewer referrals, continuity of care, and caring treatment by the same provider who is there with the patient every step of the way.

PHYSICIANS E-COMMUNICATE!

May we have your email address to enhance physician-to-physician communications? Please email us at gvsurgeon@gmail.com. We look forward to working closer together and using technology to ensure better physician relations and patient care. Medicine is a tough game but together, we can be a winning team!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year to all our patients, physicians, and colleagues! We appreciate that you've put your trust in us for your surgical needs and refer your friends and family. Your personal referral is the greatest compliment! The year ahead promises to be one of change and growth. Follow us to learn how we continue to offer additional services to our referring physicians, patients and their families. Wishing all a healthy and prosperous 2012!



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Vascular Surgery

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- Aorto-Bi-Femoral Bypass
- Axil-Bi-Femoral Bypass
- Bypass for Aortic & Iliac Occlusions
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- Permanent Dialysis Access: AV-Fistula & AV-Graft
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