## THE DOCTOR IS IN

DR. GEORGE C. ARAGON



## The Inside Story

r. George C. Aragon is board certified in Gastroenterology and Internal Medicine. He grew up in Southeast Florida and received a B.S. in Zoology with Honors from the University of Florida in Gainesville. From Florida, he moved to Nashville, Tennessee and lived there for four years. During that time, he studied and obtained his medical degree with high honors from Meharry Medical College School of Medicine, where he served as a preceptor for medical students taking the physical diagnosis course, teacher assistant for biochemistry, and was an advisor for undergraduate students considering careers in the health sciences. Dr. Aragon then moved to Washington, DC and lived there for six years. While living there, he completed his internal medicine residency at George Washington University prior to beginning his gastroenterology fellowship at that same institution. In 2010, Dr. Aragon moved to Savannah and joined The Center for Digestive & Liver Health and The Endoscopy Center, becoming a partner in 2012. He is also affiliated with Memorial University Medical Center, St. Joseph's Hospital, and Candler Hospital in Savannah.

He is happily married to Amber Aragon, an orthopedic surgeon; they have two children, James (6) and Isla (4), and a baby on the way. In his spare time, Dr. Aragon enjoys spending time with his family, boating, being outdoors, fly fishing and inshore fishing. Extracurricular activities include playing tennis, stand-up paddle boarding, golf and kayaking. Of course, his favorite sports team is the Florida Gators. Currently, he is starting a new project which is restoring a vintage '71 FJ 40 Land Cruiser. His local favorite restaurants include The Vault and Ele Restaurant.

Dr. Aragon says that both of his parents are retired physicians and they inspired him to become a physician as well. His father was an Internal Medicine Physician and his mother was a Family Practice Physician. When asked why he wanted to specialize in Gastroenterology, Dr. Aragon replied, "I am passionate about colon cancer prevention and educating patients on the importance of getting screened. I am currently working towards a campaign goal (with the American Cancer Society) aiming to increase colon cancer screening rates to 80% by the end of 2018. We are currently only screening 66% of the eligible individuals in the state of Georgia.".

Dr. Aragon has more than 13+ years of diverse experiences in medicine, including his main specialty, Gastroenterology. He specializes in diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the digestive organs including the stomach, intestines, pancreas, liver, and gallbladder. This specialist treats conditions such as inflammatory bowel disease, ulcers, gastroesophageal reflux disease, swallowing disorders, multiple gastrointestinal cancers, hepatitis, and pancreatic disorders. He performs complex diagnostic and therapeutic procedures using endoscopy to visualize internal organs. Some of the more common procedures that Dr. Aragon performs are: Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (EGD), Colonoscopy, Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), Sigmoidoscopy, motility testing, treating anorectal disorders such as hemorrhoid banding, and acid reflux testing.

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