

GASTROENTEROLOGY ASSOCIATES

of Central Virginia

Dear Patients, Friends, and Colleagues,

I joined Dr. Bob Hickman and Dr. Charlie Catalano at Gastroenterology Associates of Central Virginia in June of 1991. The years have flown by quickly. At the end of June 2025, I plan to retire.

Unfortunately, our group is losing our Gastroenterology Hospitalist at the end of February 2025, and this is a critical position for our practice and community. I plan to step into this position and be the Gastroenterology Hospitalist for our group at Lynchburg General Hospital starting at the beginning of March, through the end of June 2025.

As I leave office practice in March my patients can choose another provider in our practice or one will be assigned. We have a great group of Gastroenterology providers within our group, including 6 physicians and 6 advanced practice providers (NP and PA). We are also very excited to have 2 more Gastroenterology physicians joining our group next summer.

It is and continues to be such a privilege to practice medicine in the Lynchburg area. I want to thank you all for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon me.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Richards, Jr., MD