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To Our Many Patients

It is with heavy hearts that we write this letter to inform you that we will no longer be able to serve as your gastroenterologists of choice. After 56 years of service, Gastroenterology Associates of Cleveland, Inc. will cease operations on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, many factors came into play to create the “perfect storm”, resulting in our closure.

We will no longer see patients in the office after Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to do procedures in our endoscopy center until May 14<sup>th</sup> and continue to fill prescription requests through electronic means for 90-day prescriptions through May 31<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately, due to limited staff we cannot accommodate prior authorizations of any kind. If you need urgent medical attention or have a medical emergency, you are urged to call 911 or go the nearest hospital emergency room.

On the back side of this letter are our recommendations regarding ongoing GI care. We encourage you to follow up with one of these physicians. **Please remember that Cleveland Clinic, including Hillcrest Hospital gastroenterologists will have access to all your records and endoscopy reports while you were a patient in our office.**

We will no longer have access to your medical record (paper chart) after May 5, 2021. All paper charts will be stored in a HIPAA secure location with **Iron Mountain Records Management**. Enclosed with this letter is an **Iron Mountain Release Form** with instructions. Please allow 30 days for records to be processed through their system. Iron Mountain does not charge for copies. You can mail, email or fax requests to:

**Iron Mountain Release of Information**  
**11333 E. 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave**  
**Denver, CO 80239**  
**[DenverROI@ironmountain.com](mailto:DenverROI@ironmountain.com)**  
**Phone: 303-373-5764**  
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All of us in the GASTRO Family have done our absolute best to ensure you received the best possible care. It has been a privilege and honor to know and care for you. We wish you and your family continued health and happiness in the future.

Sincerely,

*Jack Steven Lissauer*

Jack Steven Lissauer, MD

*Michael H. Frankel*

Michael Henry Frankel, MD

## **PHYSICIANS WE RECOMMEND FOR YOUR CONTINUED CARE:**

### **Cleveland Clinic**

Jean-Pau Achkar, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown, GI)
William Carey, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown, Liver)
Greg Zuccaro, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown, GI & Liver, Adv. Endo.)
Aaron Brzezinski, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown, GI)
M. Sanaka, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown, GI & Liver)
P. Thota, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown, GI & Liver)
Ben Cohen, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown, GI)
Carol Burke, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown, GI)
Monica Ray, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown, Willoughby, GI)
Luke Weber, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown, Twinsburg, GI)
Miguel Regueiro, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown, GI & Liver)
Michael Cline, DO	216.444.7000 (SouthPointe, GI & Liver Disease)
Michelle Inkster, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown, Independence, GI)
Art McCullough, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown, Liver & GI)
Tyler Stevens, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown GI, Liver & Pancreas)
John Vargo, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown GI, Liver, Adv. Endos.)
Bret Lashner, MD	216.444.7000 (Main Campus – Downtown GI)
Edmund Blades, MD	440.617.1212 (Westlake GI & Liver)
Saleem Chowdhry, MD	440.617.1212 (Avon, OH)
Noma Dakhil, MD	440.617.1212 (Fairview, OH)
Pamela Leone, MD, MPH	440.204.7400 (GI & Liver Disease - Lorain)
David Lever, MD	216.444.7000 (SouthPointe Hospital, Beachwood FMC)
James Lisi, MD	440.617.1212 (Avon, OH Liver Disease)
Catherine Ly, DO	440.617.1212 (Avon, OH Liver Disease)
Maged Rizk, MD	216.986.4000 (Independence FMC, GI & Liver Disease)
Carine Bou-Abboud Matta, MD	440.461.2550 (Chagrin Falls FMC, GI & Liver Disease)
Michael Pollack, MD	440.461.2550 (Hillcrest-CCF Hospital, Mayfield Hts, GI & Liver Disease)
Gregory Powell, MD	440.461.2550 (Hillcrest-CCF Hospital, Mayfield Hts, GI & Liver Disease)
Steven Schwartz, MD	440.461.2550 (Hillcrest-CCF Hospital, Mayfield Hts, GI & Liver Disease)
Ari Wiesen, MD	440.461.2550 (Hillcrest-CCF Hospital, Mayfield Hts, GI & Liver Disease)
Jason Wolf, MD	440.461.2550 (Hillcrest-CCF Hospital, Mayfield Hts, GI & Liver Disease)
Adrienna Jirik, MD	440.461.2550 (Hillcrest-CCF Hospital, Mayfield Hts, GI & Liver Disease)
Saul Kane, MD	440.461.2550 (Hillcrest-CCF Hospital, Mayfield Hts, GI & Liver Disease)
Michael Kirsch, MD	440.953.1899 (Willoughby, Concord, GI & Liver Disease)
Franjo Vlastic, MD	440.953.1899 (Willoughby, Concord, GI & Liver Disease)
Christine Lee, MD	440.943.2500 (Willoughby, GI & Liver disease)

### **University Hospitals of Cleveland, Inc.**

Rami Abbass, MD	440.708.1555 (Mentor, South Euclid, Chagrin Fall, Aurora)
John Dumot, DO	216.844.8500 (Ahuja Medical Center – Advanced Endoscopy)
Craig Harris, MD	440.597.4267 (Westlake, North Ridgeville, GI & Liver Disease)
Pierre Gholam, MD	216.844.8500 (Beachwood, Westlake, Elyria, Liver Disease)
Michael Koehler, MD	440.708.1555 (Chagrin Falls, South Euclid, Twinsburg)
Eric Shapiro, MD	440.708.1555 (Chagrin Fall, South Euclid, GI & Liver Disease)