

# BUSINESS BIO

## NORMAN WEINSTEIN, MD CARDIOLOGIST

*With the opportunity to establish a practice in interventional cardiology, Dr. Norman Weinstein returned to Putnam County to provide new cardiovascular programs at Putnam Community Medical Center.*

Interventional cardiology deals specifically with the catheter based treatment of structural heart disease. Previously those needing these types of treatment were unable to have procedures like coronary stenting done locally.

Dr. Weinstein will perform various procedures at PCMC for treating cardiovascular disease such as coronary artery disease. Coronary Artery Disease occurs when coronary arteries narrow, limiting the amount of blood and oxygen that flows to the heart.

In addition to stenting, Dr. Weinstein will also be able to offer angioplasty. These procedures allow a ballon at the end of a catheter to be inflated to stretch open the artery and restore increased blood flow to the heart. A stent is then placed in the vessel to keep it open.

"The standard of care during an acute heart attack is to open the vessel within 90 minutes. Patients were being transferred. This will now allow people to have better results by having the procedure done in the hospital," Dr. Weinstein said.

According to Dr. Weinstein, patients receiving interventional procedures quickly at PCMC is one step closer to preventing heart damage.

"By transferring heart attack patients, they can be left with more complications due to the time it takes to have them taken to other facilities," he said.

Dr. Weinstein graduated with honors from the University of Chicago, earning his Bachelor's degree in Biology. He then attended medical school at Hanhemann Medical College in Philadelphia. Dr. Weinstein the completed his residency at Northwestern University and chose cardiology as his specialty. He finished his cardiology fellowship with the University of Chicago.

Dr. Weinstein said he chose cardiology due to the hands on nature of the speciality.



**Above: Heading the interventional cardiology program at Putnam Community Medical Center, Dr. Norman Weinstein is pleased to announce the opening of his practice in Palatka.**

"I like being able to fix people's problems," he said.

With over 20 years of experience in cardiology, Dr. Weinstein practiced in both Chicago and Arizona. With previous experience in Putnam County, Dr. Weinstein was excited to return to the community and start up an interventional cardiology program.

"I enjoy having the opportunity to come back and provide a service the community needs," he said.

"I have always wanted to help people," he added.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact Putnam Cardiovascluar Associates at 328-4237.

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