



MARK H. JOHNSTON

Dr. Johnston served as a U.S. Navy physician for 20 years retiring as a Captain (0-6). His last assignment was at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD where he was Chief of Gastroenterology and the Comprehensive Colon Cancer Center. There he served as gastroenterology consultant to the White House, U.S. Congress and Supreme Court.

He entered naval service in 1985 and holds a Doctor of Medicine degree from Hahnemann University, Philadelphia, through the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program. Upon completion of his medicine internship at Portsmouth Naval Hospital he reported for his first operational tour aboard the USS Bainbridge (CGN-25), a nuclear cruiser, as General Medical Officer and Radiation Health Officer.

After his two year tour he reported to Portsmouth Naval Hospital to complete his residency in Internal Medicine. His subsequent assignments included Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital where he served as a general internist and then the U.S. Capitol serving the members of the U.S. Congress and Supreme Court.

Dr. Johnston entered fellowship training in gastroenterology at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD in 1993. He is the author of numerous publications, and has spoken nationally and internationally in his area of research: GERD, Barrett's esophagus and esophageal cancer. He has two U.S. Patents for inventions in this area and holds fellowship in the American College of Physicians and the American College of Gastroenterology and American Gastroenterological Association.

Dr. Johnston has received numerous military, academic, research and humanitarian awards which include the state of Maryland's Innovator of the Year Award for 2005, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy Commendation Medals, Navy Achievement Medal, Winner of the NNMCC Navy Research Competition, American College of Physicians, Rosenthal Foundation Award #2, James J. Leonard Award for Excellence in Teaching in Internal Medicine, USU Department of Medicine John F. Maher, MD Award for Research Excellence, American College of Physicians Navy Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award for medical work in Albania and China From 1994 through 1998, American College of Physician's (ACP) Preceptor of the Year Award in addition to unit and service awards.

He is married to Lavonne Johnston with three children Luke (18), Zachary (15) and Hope (12).