

# Ronald E. Pruitt, M.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.C.G., A.G.A.F.

## EDUCATION

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### **Bachelor of Arts | 1976**

University of North Carolina | Chapel Hill, NC

### **Doctorate of Medicine | 1984**

University of North Carolina | Chapel Hill, NC

## POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

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### **Internal Medicine Residency | 1987**

University of Alabama | Birmingham, AL

### **Gastroenterology/Hepatology Fellowship | 1989**

University of Alabama | Birmingham, AL

## LICENSURE & CERTIFICATION

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**Tennessee Medical License | MD0000019680**

**Internal Medicine | 1987**

**Gastroenterology/Hepatology | 1991, Recertified to 2022**

## HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS

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**Saint Thomas Hospital | Active**

Nashville, TN

**Baptist Hospital | Courtesy**

Nashville, TN

## SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

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**Fellow | American Gastroenterological Association | January 1992**

Member #0000157504

**Fellow | American College of Physicians | July 1992**

Member #00095558

**Fellow | American College of Gastroenterology | January 1988**

Member #2055

**Tennessee Medical Association | October 1989**

Member #10006091

**Nashville Academy of Medicine | September 1989**

Member #3601841052

**Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America**

**American Liver Foundation**

## **EMPLOYMENT**

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**Nashville Gastrointestinal Specialists, Inc. | September 1989 – Present**

## **APPOINTMENTS AND CONSULTANTSHIPS**

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**Lithotripsy Management Committee | 1989 – 1990**

Centennial Medical Center | Nashville, TN

**Health and Public Policy Committee | 1989 – 1990**

Tennessee Chapter of American College of Physicians | Nashville, TN

**Vice President | 1991 – 1993**

Tennessee Home Therapeutics II

**Alternate Delegate | 1992**

TMA House of Delegates

**Delegate | 1993 – 1998, 2000**

TMA House of Delegates

**Quality Assurance Committee Representative for Gastroenterology | 1992 – 1996**

Saint Thomas Hospital | Nashville, TN

**Morbidity and Mortality Committee | 1992 – 1996**

Saint Thomas Hospital | Nashville, TN

**Medical Information Systems Committee | 1992 – 1998**

Saint Thomas Hospital | Nashville, TN

**Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee | 1992 – 1996**

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Middle Tennessee

**ACG Committee on Physician Volunteerism | 1993**

**Board of Directors | 1993 – 1995**

Videoendoscopy Association of America

**Medical Advisory Committee | 1995 – Present**

Saint Thomas Hospital | Nashville, TN

**Governmental Affairs Committee | 1996 – 2004**

Nashville Academy of Medicine | Nashville, TN

**Nominating Committee | 1997**

Nashville Academy of Medicine | Nashville, TN

**Assistant Clinical Professor | 2001 – Present**

Vanderbilt University Medical Center | Nashville, TN

**President | 2002 – 2004; 2008 – 2010**

Nashville Gastrointestinal Specialists, Inc. | Nashville, TN

**Chief Medical Officer, Maria Nathanson Center for Excellence | 2002 – Present**

Saint Thomas Hospital | Nashville, TN

## **APPOINTMENTS AND CONSULTANTSHIPS (CONTINUED)**

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### **Scientific Co-Advisor, Advisory Board; RELIEF Study | 2004 – 2006**

Boston Scientific Corporation | Ovation Research Group

### **Scientific Co-Advisor Enteryx RELIEF Study | 2004 – 2006**

### **Medical Advisory Board | 2008 – Present**

Spears Foundation for Liver Disease

### **Governor of American College of Gastroenterology | 2010 – Present**

State of Tennessee

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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### **Fellow, American College of Physicians | 1992 – Present**

### **Fellow, American College of Gastroenterology | 1993 – Present**

### **First Place Winner | Clinical Vignette Presentation | 1987**

Exacerbation of Parkinson's disease by chronic low dose metoclopramide  
American College of Physicians | New Orleans, LA

### **First place winner | Clinical Poster Presentation | 1988**

Endoscopy, gastric ulcers, and gastric cancer: Follow-up endoscopy for all gastric ulcers until healing?  
American College of Physicians | New York, NY

### **Glaxo Fellow Award | First Place Award | 1988**

American Gastroenterological Association | New Orleans, LA

### **Diplomate certified in the specialty of Internal Medicine | 1987**

### **1989 Award in Biliary Lithotripsy | October 1989**

3rd Annual American Lithotripsy Society Meeting | Denver, CO

### **Diplomate certified in the subspecialty of Gastroenterology | 1991**

### **Poster of Distinction | May 2000**

Digestive Disease Week | San Diego, CA

### **Fellow, American Gastroenterological Association | 2010**

### **Consumers Guide to Top Doctors: A Publication of Medicine's Best | Page 393 | 2002**

Listed by the medical community as one of Nashville's most talented and respected physicians

### **America's Top Gastroenterologist of 2011**

Consumer Research Council

### **Top MD Consumers Checkbook (#24)**

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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### Physician Medical Advisor | 1991 – 1993

Tennessee Society of Gastrointestinal Nurses and Assistants

### Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine | 1990 – 1999

Department of Internal Medicine | University of Tennessee College of Medicine

### Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine/Gastroenterology | 2001 – Present

Vanderbilt University Medical Center | Nashville, TN

### President/Medical Director | 1991 – Present

Nashville Medical Research Institute | Nashville, TN

### Chief, Endoscopy Services | 1993 – 1995

Baptist Hospital | Nashville, TN

### Chief, Gastroenterology | 1995 – Present

Saint Thomas Hospital | Nashville, TN

### Chief Medical Officer | 2003 – Present

Maria Nathanson Center for Excellence | Saint Thomas Hospital | Nashville, TN

## ARTICLES PUBLISHED

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2. Pruitt, R.E. "Sensory Receptors in Marine Animals." *CURRENT* 1:26, 1979.
3. Pruitt, R.E. (Published photographs in "Dare: A guide to the Outer Banks of Dare County"). *Tarheel Magazine*, VII, 4:30 A–F, 1979.
4. Pruitt, R.E., Tuminello V., and Reville, J. Pneumatosis cystoides intestinalis and pneumoperitoneum in a patient with ANA negative systemic lupus erythematosus. *J. Rheum.* 15: 1575–8, 1988.
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9. Sekar, M.C., Dickinson, K.E.J., Pruitt, R.E., Hirschowitz, B.I., and Hokin L.E. TI: "Muscarinic receptor antagonist activity of diacylglycerol lipase and kinase inhibitor". *Biochem Pharmacol.* 39:2069–73, 1990.
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12. Pruitt, R., M.D.; Gremillion, D., M.D.; Herring, R., M.D.; Bailey A., M.D.; Faust, T., M.D.; Potter, M., P.A.; Long, K., R.N., M.S.N., C.F.N.P.; "Oral 5-ASA (Asacol) In The Treatment of Mild to Moderate Ulcerative Colitis (UC): The Nashville Experience" *Journal of TMA*. 84:237, 1991.
13. Pruitt, R.E.; Truss, C.D.; "Endoscopy, Gastric Ulcers and Gastric Cancer: Follow-up Endoscopy for all Gastric Ulcers Until Healing?" *Digestive Diseases and Sciences* 38:2, 284–8, 1993.
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## **PRESENTATIONS**

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22. Pruitt, R.E., "Update on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic Hepatitis C," Medical Grand Rounds, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee. September 12, 2001.
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## **MEDIA AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

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### **"Gallstone Lithotripsy" | July 13, 1989**

4 a Better You, Channel 4, Live Television Appearance | Nashville, TN

### **"New Treatment for Gallstone Sufferers" | August 29, 1989**

The Tennessean, Section 1D | Nashville, TN

### **"Biliary Lithotripsy, Part I" | September 21, 1989**

Ron E. Pruitt, M.D., Principle Investigator, Technomed Sonolith 3000 Lithotripter  
Taped Interview, WPLN Radio | Nashville, TN

### **"Biliary Lithotripsy: Cutting Edge Technology Without the Cutting Edge" | October, 1989**

Nashville Medical News | Nashville, TN

**"Biliary Lithotripsy, Part II" | October 5, 1989**

Ron E. Pruitt, M.D., Principle Investigator, Technomed Sonolith 3000 Lithotripter  
Taped Interview, WPLN Radio | Nashville, TN

**"Arthritis Medications and Gastrointestinal Upset" | December, 1989**

Nashville Medical News | Nashville, TN

**"Update on Peptic Ulcer Disease" | July 13, 1992**

Healthcare Forum, Channel 11, Television Appearance | Nashville, TN

**"Baltic Outreach" | July 18, 1992**

Channel 2 Television News Appearance | Nashville, TN

**"Baltic Bound" | July 27, 1992**

The Banner, Section 1D | Nashville, TN

**"Baltic Outreach" | June 15, 1993**

Channel 4 Television News Appearance | Nashville, TN

**"Photodynamic Therapy of Esophageal Cancer" | August 1997**

Channel 4 | Nashville, TN

**"Updates and Advancements in the Treatment of Ulcerative Colitis" | June 26, 2001**

**"Presenter on Morning Line" | September 4, 2002**

Channel 5 Plus (Channel 50) | Nashville, TN

**"Presenter on Life Extension Lecture Series" | September 5, 2002**

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**"Presenter on Morning Line" | September 4, 2002**

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**"Barrett's Esophagus" | 2005–2007**

Video News Release | Television Channels 2, 4, 5, 17 & regional stations

**"Anticipating Cancer" | July 23, 2007**

Forbes

**Presenter on "The Next Best Thing to a House Call: Q&A with the Doctors" | August 9, 2008**

The Road to a Healthier Life with Crohn's Disease & Ulcerative Colitis  
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America with Vanderbilt Medical Center | Franklin, TN

**Presenter on "Barretts Ablation" | Update on Barrett's Ablation with Live Case | October 30, 2010**

TSGE Annual Symposium and Meeting | Saint Thomas Hospital | Nashville, TN

**Presenter on "Live Ablation Case" | Update on Barrett's Ablation with Live Case | October 30, 2010**

TSGE Annual Symposium and Meeting | Saint Thomas Hospital | Nashville, TN

**"Presenter on GI update on Hepatitis C" | March 6, 2014**

Saint Thomas Health | Nashville, TN

## **SCHOLARSHIPS/MAJOR GIFTS/PHILANTHROPY**

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### **Pruitt Library at Saint Thomas Hospital | 2002**

Constructed by my family in memory of Maria Yap Nathanson who donated greater than 2 million dollars on my behalf to Saint Thomas Hospital to create the Maria Nathanson Center of Excellence at St Thomas Hospital

### **Major gift to St Georges Church Building Campaign “To Prepare a Place” | 1995**

### **James H. Jarvis Life and Law Award | 2006**

An annual scholarship created in memory of the late Honorable James H. Jarvis and 3 generations of Jarvis attorney’s including my wife who attended UT School of Law. Additional major gift commitment to this award was made in 2008.

### **Pruitt Scholarship in Gastroenterology | 2008 – ongoing**

An annual scholarship awarded to a Gastroenterology fellow in training in Eastern Europe to travel to the United States (all travel and related living expenses provided) for the advancement of their knowledge and training in Gastroenterology – “Docendo et Discitur”

### **The Ensworth School – Capital Campaign | 2010**

Significant contribution to capital campaign earmarked for teacher awards and summer scholarships