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## **Digestive Health Center at Halifax Regional Closes in 2013** Rory O'Connor Announces Closure of Eastern Carolina Gastroenterology

**ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (January 24, 2013)**—Gastroenterologist, Rory V. O'Connor, MD, announces the closing of his private practice, Eastern Carolina Gastroenterology (located at 244 Smith Church Road, Suite C, Roanoke Rapids, NC), effective February 15, 2013. The decision to close his practice comes with the purpose to be closer to his family on the west coast.

“I have greatly valued the relationships I’ve built with patients, Halifax Regional, and the residents of this community over the past few years,” said Dr. O’Connor. “This was an extremely difficult decision to make, and I am appreciative of everyone’s support through my transition to be closer to family.”

Upon request, Dr. O’Connor will provide patients a personal referral to other gastroenterology (GI) providers. Patients may also contact The North Carolina Medical Society at [www.ncmedsoc.org](http://www.ncmedsoc.org) or (800)722-1350 for assistance in finding a new GI provider.

Patient privacy remains a top priority and medical records are confidential. With signed permission, patients may request a copy of their medical records be transferred to another provider. To sign an authorization form and request a transfer of medical records, patients must contact Roanoke Clinic at (252) 537-9176.

Patients with questions specific to a referral for GI services should contact Eastern Carolina Gastroenterology directly at (252) 535-1800.

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