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## **GMHA Welcomes Gastroenterologist Paul Muña Aguon, MD**

(Tuesday, August 8, 2023; Tamuning, Guam) The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) is delighted to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Paul Muña Aguon, a highly credentialed skilled gastroenterologist and advanced endoscopist, who joins our esteemed team of doctors serving at Guam's only public hospital. The addition of Dr. Muña Aguon is the positive result of GMHA's collaborative recruitment efforts with other government offices to bring critically needed specialists to Guam. As Guam's sole gastroenterologist, Dr. Muña Aguon has already hit the ground running, actively attending to patients at GMHA's Outpatient Gastroenterology Specialty Clinic.

Born and raised on Guam, Dr. Muña Aguon returns to his roots after completing a rigorous Advanced Endoscopy Fellowship program at the renowned Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, NJ. His journey into the medical field began with earning his medical deg the esteemed University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine in 2016. Dr. Muña Aguon completed an Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Arizona College of Medicine in Phoenix in 2019, where he further honed his expertise by completing a Gastroenterology Fellowship Program, earning the title of Chief Fellow.

Dr. Muña Aguon is double certified from the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) in internal medicine and gastroenterology. During his career, Dr. Aguon earned several awards for his service, including the Presidential Poster Award in 2022 for his work on a rare complication of peroral endoscopic myotomy, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Fellow Developed Case Reports for Advanced Pancreatic-Biliary Interventions, and in June 2019, he was honored as Internal Medicine Resident of the Year.

"GMHA is very fortunate and grateful to have a gastroenterologist of Dr. Muña Aguon's caliber joining us at the hospital," said Hospital Administrator/CEO Lillian Perez-Posadas, RN, MSN, "Guam has needed a skilled gastroenterologist to care for our people suffering from diseases and disorders affecting their digestive systems. GMHA has been diligently recruiting specialists to meet Guam's critical care needs and Dr. Muña Aguon, a son of Guam, is an excellent example of everyone's collective efforts to bring home our local doctors."

As Guam's only gastroenterologist, Dr. Aguon will provide compassionate care to patients facing gastrointestinal, liver, and pancreaticobiliary issues at GMHA's Outpatient Gastroenterology Specialty Clinic. He is proficient in performing a diverse range of medical procedures, including



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esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), colonoscopy, complex polypectomy, diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopic ultrasound (EUS), and endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP).

Patients seeking a consultation with Dr. Muña Aguon will require a referral from their primary provider. GMHA's Outpatient Gastroenterology Specialty Clinic is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, adjacent to the ICU and is open Monday to Friday from 8 AM – 5 PM.

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