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## **GMHA Gastroenterologist Performs the First EUS and ERCP in Guam**

Guam has taken a significant stride in advancing healthcare accessibility and expertise with Dr. Paul Muna Aguon's groundbreaking achievement at Guam Memorial Hospital. Dr. Muna Aguon, who recently performed the first ERCP (Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography) and EUS (Endoscopic Ultrasound) procedures at the hospital, is pioneering advanced gastrointestinal care on the island, eliminating the need for costly and inconvenient travel abroad.

Endoscopic procedures such as ERCP and EUS are vital in diagnosing and treating complex gastrointestinal conditions. Dr. Muna Aguon's historic accomplishment in performing these procedures at Guam Memorial Hospital signifies a turning point in local healthcare, providing patients with access to state-of-the-art gastrointestinal care that was previously only available overseas.

ERCP is a specialized endoscopic technique used for diagnosing and treating disorders of the bile ducts and pancreas, while EUS is an essential tool for detecting and staging various gastrointestinal diseases, including pancreatic cancer. Dr. Muna Aguon's pioneering procedures will significantly enhance the diagnostic and therapeutic capabilities of Guam Memorial Hospital.

The introduction of ERCP and EUS procedures at Guam Memorial Hospital represents a significant leap forward in the island's healthcare landscape. Patients now have access to advanced GI care, with the assurance of receiving top-tier treatment from Dr. Muna Aguon.

“GMHA is thrilled to have achieved the accomplishment of having the first ERCP procedure performed in our hospital. Dr. Muña Aguon is an exceptional doctor providing the first of its kind procedures for our community. A proud son of Guam, Dr. Muña Aguon is a tribute to our people,” said Hospital Administrator and CEO Lillian Perez-Posadas.



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Patients in Guam can now benefit from the groundbreaking procedures performed by Dr. Paul Muna Aguon and the advanced technology available at Guam Memorial Hospital. This achievement marks a historic moment in the advancement of healthcare services in the region, enhancing local access to high-quality gastrointestinal care.

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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