

**Internship**

Metropolitan Hospital, Central Division, PA

**Residency**

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

**Visiting Fellow**

Graduate Hospital of University of Pennsylvania and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

**Clinical and Research Fellowship**

JFK Memorial Hospital

**Board Certification**

Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology

**Area of Interest**

ERCP, GERD, IBD, IBS

**Founding Partner, 1995**

## Richard J. Elkin D.O.

Dr. Elkin is a physician and founding partner at RGAL with a special area of interest in Inflammatory Bowel Disease. A physician for 29 years, Dr. Elkin explains why he entered medicine, why he enjoys working at RGAL and a few little known facts about the man behind the scope.

### QUESTION & ANSWER

**Why did you enter medicine?**

"As a child, I was influenced by my family doctor. He was a friendly, compassionate man who served as a role model for me. I wanted to be just like him some day. During my internship, I met another individual that I looked up to and he led me down the path of gastroenterology."

**What do you enjoy about working at RGAL?**

"We have a close knit group of doctors, who all share ideas and get along with each other quite well. I feel that I work with a great group of nurses, technicians, secretarial staff as well, and that makes going to work every day pleasurable. There is a wonderful sense of camaraderie at RGAL."

## **What are your hobbies outside of work?**

"I am a crazy one for hobbies." Dr. Elkin admits. "I love the outdoors and try to spend as much time as I can fishing , cycling, golfing, when I get the opportunity, skiing. I became a fly fisherman over the past few years, and I must admit, I'm hooked!"

## **What is your patient care philosophy?**

"I consider myself a friendly, approachable person. I enjoy sitting and talking with my patients while trying to help them with their health issues. Being examined can make some people anxious, and my hope is to make the process more pleasant. I think everyone at RGAL has a similar goal."