



Dr. Phuong (Phoenix) T. Nguyen, MD

Gastroenterologist & Advanced Endoscopist

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PHUONG T. NGUYEN Biography Phuong (Phoenix) Nguyen was born in 1965 in Saigon, Vietnam, the youngest of three siblings. In April 1975, Phuong and her family emigrated to the United States, on the last day of the Vietnam war, amidst the first wave of “boat people” refugees. They were rescued in the Pacific Ocean and settled in California. She matriculated at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) where she graduated Cum Laude with a B.S. in Biochemistry. Phuong then went on to attend the UCLA School of Medicine and graduated in 1990. After graduation, she did a residency in internal medicine at an affiliate of the University of Pennsylvania. She then finished a fellowship in Gastroenterology and a specialty advanced fellowship in Endoscopic Ultrasound. Over the last two decades, Phuong has pursued a career in medicine with a specific focus on gastrointestinal malignancies and Endoscopic Ultrasound. She initially served as an academician at the University of California, Irvine for over ten years, where she taught and published many original works/publications, as the field of advanced endoscopy (AE) evolved. Over the last decades, Phuong has built a similar and successful practice in AE, in the community of Newport Beach. These services are typically not available in the community setting and now the patients are allowed the opportunity to stay at their local hospital for tertiary medical care without having to travel far. In 2016, she established a similar AE program at St. Jude Medical Center. Phuong lives in Orange county California with her husband, a cosmetic dentist, and their 18-year old daughter. She served as a board member of VPASC from 2010 to current (Chairman and President), where she led and created programs to serve the local community, to

decrease healthcare disparity affecting the local ethnic minority groups. She lead and founded Association of Women Endoscopists (AWE) in 2016 current which seek to educate internationally on topics of gastroenterology. She speaks and writes English, and Vietnamese fluently. Phuong's interests include her family, supporting education and community, yoga and tennis.

Current and prior experience

Business

- University of California Irvine – Associate Professor of Medicine, division of Gastroenterology 1996-2006, Associate Director of Gastroenterology fellowship.
- Hoag Hospital Newport Beach, California. Medical Director, Advanced Endoscopy program, 2006-current.
- St. Jude Medical Center, Fullerton, California. Medical Director, Advanced Endoscopy program, 2016-current.

Non-Profit

- Vietnamese Physician Association of Southern California (VPASC) from 2010-16, Chairman and Vice president of the board; 2016-present, foundation board chair.
- Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation, original founder and member, 1992-5
- Original founder of Association of Women Endoscopists (AWE) 2016-current.