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Close to His Heart

Dr. Jonathan Oline, a cardiology specialist and internist at Lower Bucks Hospital's Community Health Center, finds joy in helping community members live fuller, healthier lives.

For Jonathan Oline, D.O., caring for members of his community is a calling, not just a career. A compassionate and highly capable clinician, Dr. Oline has spent many years earning the trust of his patients and colleagues alike. He currently serves patients of Lower Bucks Hospital in Bristol, though the effects of his work have been felt not only in Bucks County but also around the globe.

Dr. Oline chose to specialize in interventional and general cardiology, as well as internal medicine, having cared for complex patients in critical care, step-down units, and medical and surgical floors. He joined Lower Bucks Hospital in May 2024 as director of the hospital's outpatient internal medicine clinic known as the Community Health Center. He likens the hospital's third-floor clinic to a family practice, as it treats a continuum of patients with varying needs.

The Community Health Center offers essential medical services including check-ups, physicals, annual exams, and preventive health screenings, all aimed at promoting the overall health and well-being of patients from surrounding communities. Dr. Oline's wealth of knowledge and expertise in internal medicine has been vital to the center's work, especially as it relates to routine examinations for conditions such as hypertension, hyperlipidemia, angina, and congestive heart failure.

Additionally, Dr. Oline has expertise in osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT), a hands-on approach for easing musculoskeletal pain and other health conditions.

"We have the whole spectrum of patients coming in to see us," Dr. Oline says. "We're diagnosing and treating minor illnesses and chronic diseases, including diabetes, hypertension, and high cholesterol. We also see a lot of physical complaints, and I still enjoy doing OMT to evaluate them and decide on a path to treatment."

Each day presents an opportunity to collaborate with a group of experienced physicians, residents, and clinicians who provide comprehensive medical care to individuals of all ages, from teenagers to seniors. One patient might require treatment osteoporosis or another women's health issue, while the next might require a routine health screening or intervention for an infectious disease. The job requires a high degree of adaptability—a skill Dr. Oline was able to hone during his 18 years as a member of the U.S. Army Reserve.

His service included multiple overseas deployments to the likes of Iraq, Kuwait, and Honduras. He also played a vital role during the COVID-19 pandemic, in which he oversaw critical-care patients in need of mechanical ventilation at John F. Kennedy University Medical Center, an affiliate of Hackensack Meridian

Health, in Edison, New Jersey. At the time of his retirement in January 2024, Dr. Oline had ascended to the position of Colonel in the Medical Corps and Deputy Command Surgeon and Flight Surgeon at the 99th Readiness Division in Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey.

"In the military, you have to adapt to each situation you're put into," he says. "The goal with each mission is to work together to have a good outcome. There's a lot of *esprit de corps*—a sense of shared loyalty and purpose—and that attitude in general really helped during my mission at JFK Hospital. It's amazing what people can accomplish when they have the will to work together."

Besides his clinical skill, Dr. Oline prides himself on his role as an educator. Lower Bucks Hospital offers residency programs for family medicine, internal medicine, and cardiology, among others. As a result, veteran physicians such as Dr. Oline have countless opportunities to help people who are at the outset of their careers sharpen the skills they need to become first-rate clinicians.

Dr. Oline has been part of close-knit communities throughout his life. He was a core member of the rowing team at La Salle University for four years; in his sophomore year, his boat won a national championship at the Dad Vail Regatta. His crewmates, some of whom were premed, were like his brothers. To this day he credits their "work hard, play hard, study hard" mentality for influencing his decision to practice medicine. Also, in 2016 he joined the Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company as a volunteer firefighter, though he has not been active for the past year.

"The way I see it, my being healthy can help keep others healthy," he says. "If you, as a physician, aren't taking care of yourself, your patients are less likely to take your advice. I can help you keep your blood pressure under control, reinforce the need for moderate activity, and naturally push you to do more and more for your health. In the process I can help you live a long, healthy life." ■



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