

MEET YOUR *Physician Assistant...*



“What sets me apart from other providers is my experience in different fields of medicine. I have been a combat medic, EMT, phlebotomist, registered nurse, and now a physician assistant. I spent a lot of my career in the emergency room, which gave me great experience.”

CHARLES RAGONA, PA-C

WHY I BECAME A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

“I decided to join the Army after high school. I remember sitting with the recruiter going through all the jobs that I could choose from. I saw combat medic on the list and figured that might be a skill I could use after I fulfilled my commitment. I had never been interested in the medical field prior to that. I just thought it was better than tank mechanic. Once I started training as a medic I knew I had made the right choice.”

BACHELOR’S: *Midwestern University, Downers Grove, IL, Physician Assistant Studies*

ASSOCIATE’S: *Wanbonsee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL, Science and Nursing*

MEDICAL SPECIALIST’S: *Academy of Health Science in the U.S. Army*

CERTIFICATION: *National Committee on Certification of Physician Assistants*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: *Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants*

DEPARTMENT OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

As a physician assistant in Christie Clinic’s Department of Gastroenterology, Charles works in collaboration with our gastroenterology physicians to treat non-surgical illnesses of adults and diagnoses and treats disorders of the stomach, liver, gallbladder, and digestive tract.

Charles is married to his wonderful wife, Dawn. They have four great children: three boys and one girl. A lot of their time is spent with the kids and their activities, but when they have free time, they love to fish and go camping. He is also a die hard Chicago Bears fan.

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