



John Milanick, M.D., Named Medical Director for Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast's Putnam Team

Dr. John Milanick has 30 years of clinical experience as well as extensive involvement in emergency medicine locally and internationally. He will serve as the Medical Director for Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast's Putnam Team.

As a member of the Putnam Hospice Interdisciplinary Team (IDT), he will review the patient's individualized hospice plan of care and services necessary for the palliation and management of their life-limiting illness and related conditions. He will educate the team on effective symptom control. He will collaborate with the patient's physician, as needed, to maintain an effective plan of care and communicate the patient's wishes and status.

He cites this all-encompassing approach to patient care as one of the reasons he decided to associate with Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast, saying, "The satisfaction of helping people at a critical time, giving patients and their family dignity and peace, as well as guidance through the death and grieving process, epitomizes the depth of a doctor-patient relationship." Another reason, he emphasizes, is "the personal and professional satisfaction of hospice in general, but also the professionalism and the close-knit atmosphere of this particular hospice."

Dr. Milanick is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. In mid-career, he returned to his undergraduate alma mater, earning a master's degree in Public Health from Yale University. He then applied that expertise to assist in disaster relief and health projects in locations such as Bosnia, Brazil, the Caribbean, Cuba, Vietnam, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, where he met his wife.

In addition to his private practice in Palatka, Dr. Milanick serves as emergency medical director for Putnam County, medical director for City of Palatka Fire/Rescue and medical director for Georgia-Pacific's Palatka pulp and paper operations.