

Internal Medicine Services

Georgia Veterinary Specialists (GVS) began several years ago with one internal medicine Specialist and is now pleased to offer the services of three full-time Specialists, each certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. Whether your pet requires assistance with the diagnosis of an abnormality or for management of a chronic disease process, our Specialists are available to help with the newest medications and latest procedures that allow your pet to rest comfortably. Diseases frequently managed/treated by Internal Medicine Specialists are Addison's Disease, Cancer, Cushings Disease, Diabetes Mellitus, Thromboembolic Disease, Hemorrhagic Gastroenteritis (HGE), Kidney and Liver Diseases and Pancreatitis.

•**Ultrasound** allows visualization and examination of many body organs and systems. Since ultrasonography is non-invasive, sedation is rarely necessary for the procedure to be performed. Biopsies of many internal structures may also be performed with the use of ultrasound.

•**Endoscopy** often aids in the diagnosis of complex medical problems. The endoscope allows examination and collection of biopsy specimens from the gastrointestinal tract, urinary tract, nasal cavity and respiratory tract. Foreign objects ingested by your pet can frequently be retrieved by endoscopy, making surgery unnecessary.

•**CT Scan** allows visualization of different parts of the body with great detail. It is particularly useful in aiding the diagnosis of nasal disease, middle/inner ear disease, neurologic disease and certain bone disorders. In addition chest and abdomen CT examination are helpful in diagnosing certain problems which are difficult to diagnose with routine radiology.

•**Laparoscopy/ Thoracoscopy:** Through tiny incisions we are able to introduce a camera and surgical instruments into the abdomen and/ or chest to perform minimally invasive surgery and biopsies of internal organs.

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Meet Internal Medicine



Dr. Dorfman

Mark Dorfman, DVM, ACVIM

Dr. Dorfman is one of the founding Partners of GVS and serves as our Hospital Director. He received his DVM degree from the University of Florida, completed an internship at Louisiana State University and a residency at the University of Georgia. Dr. Dorfman's areas of interest are gastroenterology and urology.



Dr. Miller

Meri Miller, DVM, ACVIM

Dr. Miller joined the GVS internal medicine service in 1997. She received her veterinary degree from Texas A&M, and went on to complete her internship at the University of Georgia and then her residency. Dr. Miller's areas of interest are nephrology, urology and oncology.



Dr. Duval

Derek Duval, VMD, ACVIM

Dr. Duval joined the GVS internal medicine service in 2000. He received his VMD degree from the University of Pennsylvania, completed an internship at the University of Georgia and a residency at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Duval's areas of interest are gastroenterology, hematology, oncology, and laparoscopy/thoracoscopy.



Dr. Avgeris

Sophia Avgeris, DVM, ACVIM

Dr. Avgeris joined the GVS internal medicine service in 2004. She received her veterinary degree from the University of Tennessee, completed her internship at Virginia-Maryland Regional College and a residency at UTCVM. Dr. Avgeris' areas of interest include gastroenterology, hepatic diseases and coagulopathies.



Dr. Flood

Shannon Flood, DVM, ACVIM

Dr. Flood joined the GVS internal medicine team in 2005. She received her veterinary degree from Auburn University. Dr. Flood completed an internship at the Mississippi State University and a residency at Cornell University. Dr. Flood's areas of interest include immune-mediated disease, hepatobiliary disease and ultrasonography.