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**FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY GRADUATE RETURNS TO PRACTICE AT  
NORTHEAST GEORGIA PHYSICIANS GROUP IN FLOWERY BRANCH**

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. – As Flowery Branch grows, the need for medical care within the area grows with it, and Northeast Georgia Physicians Group (NGPG) is working to make sure there is quick access to expert physicians. Christian Baumgartner, MD, has joined NGPG Flowery Branch and is accepting new patients.

“I’m excited to be back in this area to serve this community,” said Dr. Baumgartner, who was part of the first graduating class of family medicine resident physicians with Northeast Georgia Medical Center’s (NGMC) Graduate Medical Education (GME) program. “I left for a year after completing my residency, but something was always telling me to come back – and I’m happy I listened to that feeling.”

Dr. Baumgartner was born and raised in Berlin, Germany. After graduating from high school he moved to Paris, France, and received a bachelor’s degree in international hotel management with a minor in accounting. For three years he worked in the hospitality industry before deciding to go back to school to pursue a degree in medicine.

“I always felt like I could do more for my community as a physician,” Dr. Baumgartner said. “I’ve really enjoyed being able to walk alongside patients and help them in their health journey. Being able to come back and do that for this community again is special.”

Dr. Baumgartner went on to earn his bachelor of science in biomedical sciences from the University of South Florida and his medical degree from St. Georges University School of

Medicine. Dr. Baumgartner then was matched with the NGMC GME program and completed his family medicine residency at NGMC. After completing his residency, Dr. Baumgartner and his wife – who is also a doctor with NGPG in Braselton – moved to Washington state. They soon realized how much they missed north Georgia and came back to work with NGPG.

Outside of medicine Dr. Baumgartner is an avid runner, loves hiking and staying active. Eventually, he would love to participate in a triathlon. After a long day at work, he enjoys playing video games, trying new foods and watching soccer.

NGPG Flowery Branch is open Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 4919 Atlanta Highway in Flowery Branch. Call 770-848-9160 to schedule an appointment or visit [ngpg.org/c-baumgartner](http://ngpg.org/c-baumgartner) to learn more.

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Northeast Georgia Physicians Group (NGPG) brings together over 650 talented physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, midwives and other clinical staff at more than 95 locations across North Georgia. As the state's sixth-largest physician group, we always have a practice nearby to offer you expert care in more than 40 specialties. See the full list of specialties and locations – and meet our providers – at [ngpg.org](http://ngpg.org).

NGPG is affiliated with Northeast Georgia Health System (NGHS), a non-profit which serves more than 1 million people in 19 counties across the region. As part of NGHS, patients of NGPG have a direct connection to Northeast Georgia Medical Center's five hospitals in Gainesville, Braselton, Winder, Dahlonega and Demorest. Learn more at [nghs.com](http://nghs.com).

