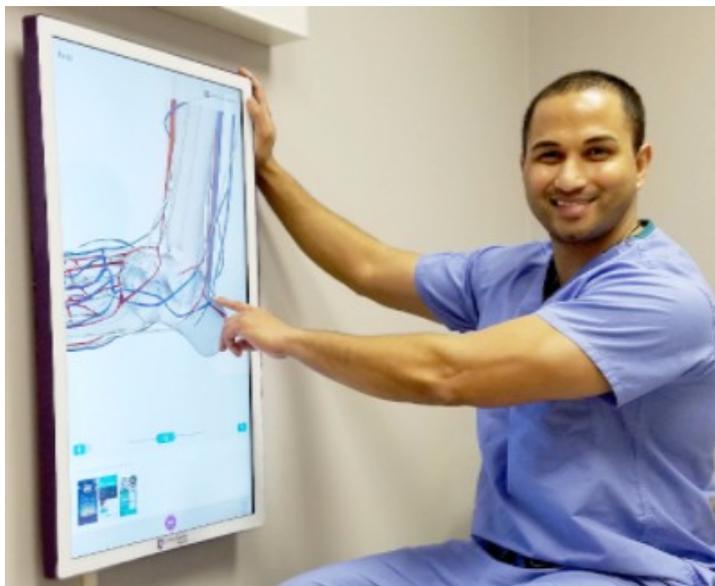


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## PATIENT NEWSLETTER



## Implant Innovation

An Indiana Regional Medical Center Physician Group podiatrist is utilizing three-dimensional-printing technology to perform more effective foot and ankle procedures.

Podiatrist, [Dr. Nihar Ghate](#), 33, of Indiana, Pa., is helping lead foot and ankle revision surgery in a new direction with assistance from customized, patient-specific titanium bone implants.

“I do a lot of revision and complex surgery that we have to use off-the-shelf plating for.” Ghate said. “A lot of times, the implants don’t fit the patient correctly.”

Patient-specific implants produce more optimal patient outcomes compared to one-size-fit-all implants that are not always anatomically correct for patients, according to Ghate.

## Phone Number



IRMC Physician Group’s *Phone Us First!* program has a new number!

Phone Us First!’s new number is:

**888-404-IRMC (4762)**

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## Did you know...

An IRMC Physician Group obstetrician sings a special song to every newborn baby he delivers.

[Dr. Sharad Ghate](#) sings “*Happy Birthday*” to every new child he delivers into the

“I’m using implants specific to a patient versus using a product that is very generic,” Ghate said. “We don’t have any bone loss. We don’t have to bend the plate or lose its integrity. Everything is made for the patient. It fits better.”

Brent McNeely, BAMEDICAL, LLC, consultant, 35, of Allentown, Pa., was the first to introduce patient-specific implants to Ghate.

“He (Ghate) is an innovative guy,” McNeely said. “I genuinely think he’s just a really good person at heart and I think that’s reflected on how he treats his patients.”

BAMEDICAL, LLC, is a medical-device distributor located in Breingsville, Pa. The distributor receives computerized tomography (CT) scans of patients’ defective bones and utilizes three-dimensional rendered drawings to design the patient-specific implants for physician use.

Ghate said custom implants will most likely gain popularity among podiatrists and orthopedic surgeons.

“Since it’s customized for the patient, anything can be done,” Ghate said. “It’s going to be the new trend. There are no limitations regarding what we can do.”

According to Ghate, custom-made implants will not only benefit patients, but also IRMC.

“I think it’s going to put IRMC a little more on the map for procedures we’re doing that other hospitals aren’t doing, and I think that’s ultimately the goal.

“It can elevate IRMC to a new level.”



## Additional Endocrinology Convenience

Endocrinology refers to the specialized treatment of the endocrine system, its diseases, and hormones. IRMC Physician Group’s endocrinology team is trained to diagnose, treat, and prevent a variety of endocrine-related conditions.

world because it is the child’s only day of birth.

While Dr. Ghate was doing his residency at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, he met a obstetrician who sang “Happy Birthday” to every baby he delivered. Since then, Dr. Ghate has done the same for every baby he welcomes into the world.

*“After all my years of being an obstetrician, delivering a baby is still a joy. It’s one of an obstetrician’s happy moments.”*

— Dr. Sharad Ghate



## IRMC Jobs

Indiana Regional Medical Center and IRMC Physician Group are always looking for friendly and reliable staff to join our team.

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The endocrine system is a series of glands that produce and secrete hormones that the body uses for numerous functions. Common conditions treated by our Endocrinologist are menopause, diabetes, metabolic disorders, lack of growth, and thyroid diseases

Our endocrinology team offers:

- *Same-Day appointments*
- *Next-Day appointments*
- *High-quality, personalized care*

Call **888-452-IRMC (4762)** to schedule an appointment with endocrinologist, [Dr. Mushtaq Syed](#), or nurse practitioner, [Annette Kubalek](#)!

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