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976 Ratings

## Michael A. Howard, MD

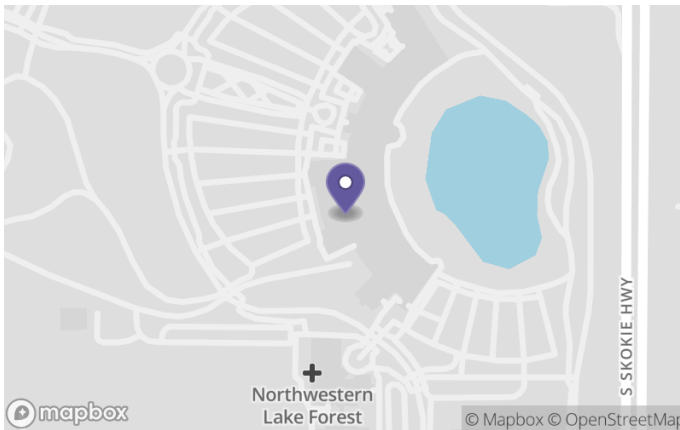
Northwestern Medical Group

Primary Specialty

**Plastic Surgery**

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### Location



#### Northwestern Medical Group - Plastic Surgery

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Lake Forest, IL 60045  
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### Practice Groups and Affiliations

Medical Group	Northwestern Medical Group
Alignment Category	Northwestern Medicine Physician Network
On Medical Staff At	Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital Northwestern Memorial Hospital

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## Education

Medical Education	MD, Emory University School of Medicine - 1997
Residency	MedStar Health/Georgetown University - 2003
Fellowship	Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center - 2004

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## Board Certifications

American Board of Plastic Surgery - Plastic Surgery (Certified)

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## Practice Focus Areas

Body Contouring	Breast Cancer Reconstruction
Brachial Plexus Reconstruction	Reconstructive Microvascular Surgery
Breast Aesthetic/Body	Reconstructive Surgery
	Targeted Muscle Reinnervation

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## Ratings & Reviews

At Northwestern Medicine, our patient's feedback is important to us. While different care providers have their own unique strengths, we strive to be as transparent as possible with our quality of care. [Read more](#)

### Care Provider Ratings

#### Overall rating

4.9



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### Reviews From Patients

88 Reviews

APRIL 22 2024

**My appointment ran smoothly. I was happy with Dr. Howard and his staff of assistants. He was personable, nice and answered my questions.**

APRIL 15 2024

**He had a cyst on his face and he removed it**

APRIL 12 2024

**Dr. Howard has been very helpful with what I need and will need to get through my diagnosis.**

APRIL 7 2024

**No one better**

APRIL 6 2024

**Very caring and amazingly skilled**

APRIL 5 2024

**He listened, cared, counseled, and supportive at the initial visit and then pre, during and post surgery was very attentive and supportive.**

APRIL 5 2024

**Professional and knowledgeable! It appears he loves what he does and is confident. Makes one feel safe and assured that I picked the right person to do what needs to be done.**

APRIL 4 2024

**Dr Howard was thorough, understood our concerns, shared options in a clear and no-pressure way.**

MARCH 29 2024

**He is very skilled and kind and has great bedside manner**

MARCH 23 2024

**He sincerely apologized for the delay and told me he wanted to give me all the time I needed. He was kind and attentive as I shared my issue and explained my options and the cost for each.**

MARCH 21 2024

**Dr. Howard explained my options and I found his manner comforting. He was not dismissive of any of my questions.**

MARCH 19 2024

**Very caring and amazing skills**

MARCH 19 2024

**He is the best.**

MARCH 19 2024

**Very professional and empathetic at the same time.**

MARCH 18 2024

**He is pleasant and great at what he does.**

MARCH 18 2024

**Skilled and efficient**

MARCH 12 2024

**He does great work!**

MARCH 6 2024

MARCH 3 2024

**I've had a great experience under Dr. Howard's care. He and his team are very responsive when I have concerns. I trust his opinion.**

MARCH 4 2024

**Great bedside manner. Took his time explaining everything. Was also very direct about my health situation which I appreciated.**

MARCH 1 2024

**Dr. Howard was very personable and thoroughly answered all of my questions.**

FEBRUARY 23 2024

**Great job with the reconstruction he did for me. And a very caring, compassionate surgeon. He gave me great confidence in what he would be doing.**

FEBRUARY 15 2024

**Easy to talk to and he answered any questions and explained things in common terms.**

FEBRUARY 13 2024

**Very skilled**

FEBRUARY 12 2024

**Dr. Howard is kind, personable and listens. I appreciate that I don't feel rushed and we are able to thoroughly discuss all my concerns.**

FEBRUARY 8 2024

**Doctor cares about his patients**

FEBRUARY 5 2024

**I considered 3 plastic surgeons for this work. Dr Howard was one of 2 my PC doctor recommended who I interviewed. I had never had any plastic surgery before, so did not know what to expect. After meeting Dr Howard, I felt at ease. He did a great job setting my expectations about and during the procedure. He spoke to me in a clear, respectful and user-friendly way, never condescending. He took the time to listen to my concerns. Very approachable doctor all around and would highly recommend to others needing similar work.**

FEBRUARY 5 2024

**Very professional, caring, understanding, listener, and truthful. He will answer all of your questions and he will answer and address his concerns about your health before going forward. Dr Michael Howard is an honest and trustworthy doctor in his field of practice.**

FEBRUARY 2 2024

**Thoughtful and kind, very attentive and caring. Expert at what he does**

FEBRUARY 2 2024

**Two separate surgeons I trust recommended him. Very personable and clearly cares about each patient's experience.**

FEBRUARY 2 2024

**Felt very well cared for and respected. Felt Dr Howard listened to me, answered my questions well and is very knowledgeable in his field**

JANUARY 30 2024

**I have faith in Dr. Howard's abilities.**

JANUARY 26 2024

**Dr. Howard is wonderful and so easy to talk with and ask questions to. He truly makes you feel like a person not just another surgery.**

JANUARY 22 2024

**Great rapport builder, Thorough, active listening, excellent communication and obviously outstanding surgeon.**

JANUARY 20 2024

**Kind, caring, & excellent surgeon**

JANUARY 10 2024

**Very knowledgeable, gave me options and explained very well what to expect. Answered all my questions.**

DECEMBER 30 2023

**Fantastic doctor. Very competent**

DECEMBER 29 2023

**Great bedside manner, easy to talk to. Very professional and he made my overall experience great. I felt comfortable at Lake Forest.**

DECEMBER 29 2023

**Excellent credentials Skilled surgeon**

DECEMBER 26 2023

**He was experienced, understood my situation, and gave sound advice.**

DECEMBER 22 2023

**I would definitely recommend Dr Howard to others as he is polite, professional, and took the time to explain the treatment plan. Dr Howard is wonderful! Genuinely cares for his patients.**

DECEMBER 22 2023

**Great talented and professional team. They delivered!**

DECEMBER 19 2023

**He is very caring and makes sure everything is correct before proceeding.**

DECEMBER 19 2023

**See above. He is simply an elite professional in his field**

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DECEMBER 18 2023

**He's experienced and very good.**

DECEMBER 16 2023

**Skilled, caring, communicative, talented, and able to execute on projected plan for reconstruction. I feel safe with this plastic surgeon and his team.**

DECEMBER 13 2023

**Dr. Howard is an excellent doctor. He cares for his patients, is very honest and has a comforting bedside manner.**

DECEMBER 12 2023

**Takes time to answer all questions.**

DECEMBER 10 2023

**Dr Howard is very nice, well educated, listens to you, and did a great job for mt surgery. He is a breath of fresh air and I am very thankful for his reconstructive skills.**

DECEMBER 5 2023

**Very happy and grateful to have had such a great doctor like Dr. Howard through my cancer treatment.**

DECEMBER 4 2023

**Very professional**

DECEMBER 1 2023

**Service and expertise**

NOVEMBER 28 2023

**One of the best in his field. Came highly recommended by my surgeon Dr [name], who's opinion, I regard in the highest.**

NOVEMBER 18 2023

**Wonderful bedside manner**

NOVEMBER 14 2023

**He is kind and compassionate, and always gives me options. I received excellent post op care after my last surgery.**

NOVEMBER 11 2023

**Dr. Howard has made me feel complete again. My surgery went smooth, my recovery was minimal and he explained the whole process along the way. Plus he has a great bedside manner.**

NOVEMBER 10 2023

**Dr. Howard is very kind, professional, friendly and extremely knowledgeable! Very impressed with how Dr. Howard approaches Healthcare! Dr. Howard loves his professional work as a physician and he genuinely cares about people! Facing reconstructive breast surgery after having undergone a double**

**genuinely cares about people! Facing reconstructive breast surgery after having undergone a double mastectomy, I feel that I am in safe hands with Dr. Howard! I'm very grateful!**

NOVEMBER 10 2023

**Excellent human being and as a doctor he is the best.**

NOVEMBER 7 2023

**See above. He's easy to converse with, he takes notes and review them at the beginning of each appointment. I love the way he follows up.**

NOVEMBER 6 2023

**Professional, friendly,compassionate**

NOVEMBER 6 2023

**He is a very skilled surgeon with great bedside manner.**

NOVEMBER 6 2023

**He is great and all the staff is wonderful. Kerrie is great!**

NOVEMBER 6 2023

**He's awesome!!! He's an artist! He takes extra time and answers all my questions. I highly recommend him.**

NOVEMBER 4 2023

**Excellent doctor.**

NOVEMBER 3 2023

**Dr. Howard is friendly and thoroughly reviewed my records. He listened to all questions and responded in detail. I feel very comfortable with him as my surgeon and would recommend him to others.**

OCTOBER 30 2023

**He is an artist! He took a lot of time to explain the procedure and I couldn't be happier with the results!**

OCTOBER 24 2023

**Empathy, integrity and professionalism in his work and interactions**

OCTOBER 23 2023

**Dr. Howard is a very skilled surgeon. He has made me feel better about myself through his knowledge and experience. Great bedside manner too!**

OCTOBER 21 2023

**He is kind and helpful. He has helped all 3 of my girls.**

OCTOBER 20 2023

**Amazing doctor!!!**

OCTOBER 20 2023

OCTOBER 20 2023

**Did a super job on my reconstruction. Caring doctor and kind. Put me at ease when we talked and helped me to make decisions. Gave me time to ask questions and understand.**

OCTOBER 15 2023

**Heâ€™s awesome!!!**

OCTOBER 11 2023

**Dr. Howard is knowledgeable and friendly, and he explained everything well.**

OCTOBER 3 2023

**Dr. Howard is great and I am blessed to in his care.**

OCTOBER 2 2023

**Dr. Howard was very pleasant and informative to me, he is very straightforward. His staff was great also.**

OCTOBER 2 2023

**Great bedside manner. Competent and thorough**

OCTOBER 1 2023

**Dr. Howard was thorough in his explanation and thoughtful as he answered our questions.**

SEPTEMBER 27 2023

**He does a great job and makes you feel comfortable**

SEPTEMBER 20 2023

**Very nice man and explained everything to me so I would understand**

SEPTEMBER 19 2023

**Very likely, he gave me a very comforting and positive approach as a patient going into the surgery.**

SEPTEMBER 18 2023

**Very personable and knowledgeable.**

SEPTEMBER 15 2023

**He is kind and patient. Great sense of humor too. He put me at ease.**

SEPTEMBER 11 2023

**Dr. Howard is an excellent physician**

SEPTEMBER 11 2023

**Friendly, professional and very clearly explained everything for me**

SEPTEMBER 9 2023

**Very professional explained every aspect of procedure answered all questions**

SEPTEMBER 7 2023

**He was nice and informative.**



SEPTEMBER 7 2023

**Because of the above, he cares about his patients and their health goals.**

SEPTEMBER 7 2023

**I have not yet had the surgery but am confident that Dr Howard understands what I'd like done and am also confident that he will do an excellent job.**

SEPTEMBER 6 2023

**I always recommend Dr. Howard. He is the best plastic surgeon. Dr. Howard although extremely busy will take the time and listen to his patients and always suggests well-rounded healthcare for me.**

SEPTEMBER 6 2023

**Knowledgeable, friendly, approachable, helpful, great plastic surgeon. I'm so lucky**

SEPTEMBER 1 2023

**The best!**

SEPTEMBER 1 2023

**Great Dr**

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## **Website**

<https://drmichaelhoward.com/>

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## **Faculty Profile**

<http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/faculty-profiles/az/profile.html?xid=17281>