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686 Ratings

Michael A. Howard, MD

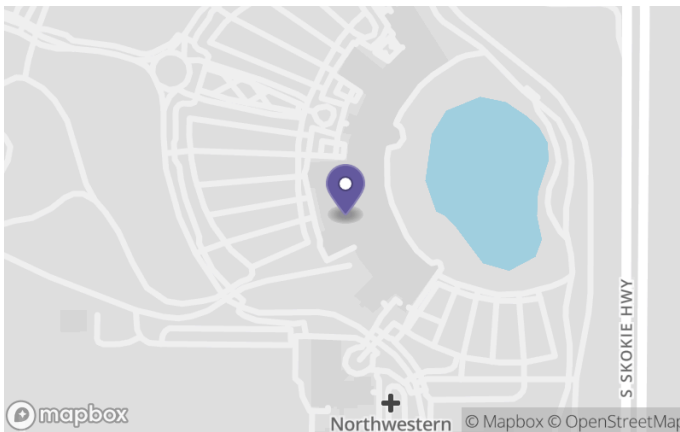
Northwestern Medical Group

Primary Specialty

Plastic Surgery

● Accepts New Patients

Location



Northwestern Medical Group - Plastic Surgery

1000 N Westmoreland Rd Pavilion B Level 2

Lake Forest, IL 60045

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Insurance Accepted

Insurance plans are subject to change. View insurance plans accepted at each hospital and by each NMHC physician group.

Practice Groups and Affiliations

Medical Group

Northwestern Medical Group

Physician Category

Northwestern Medicine Physician Network

On Medical Staff At

Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital

Education

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

Board Certifications

American Board of Plastic Surgery - Plastic Surgery (Certified)

Practice Focus Areas

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

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

303 Reviews

AUGUST 31 2021

I want to live to see my children grow up. To see my children have children. I feel that will happen.

AUGUST 31 2021

Very thorough, listened, diagnosed and his surgical skills are second to none.

AUGUST 31 2021

Dr Howard & the staff are wonderful

AUGUST 28 2021

Dr Howard is the best! He is very professional. He also made my nerves about my procedure go away by talking me through the process.

AUGUST 27 2021

He has a great personality & I trust his work from a friend recommendation

AUGUST 27 2021

Dr. Howard is patient, kind and always takes the time to listen and explain your options.

AUGUST 24 2021

He has been my reconstructive surgeon for over 14 years. He is a talented and caring doctor.

AUGUST 13 2021

His manner and talent is perfect!

AUGUST 13 2021

Very competent & compassionate. Takes time to explain procedures.

AUGUST 11 2021

Great surgeon and awesome bedside manner! Was very patient in explaining the procedure and was realistic with explaining the outcome and what to expect.

AUGUST 9 2021

Dr Howard has a wonderful bedside manner. Easy to talk with & welcomes questions. I didnt feel rushed at all

AUGUST 5 2021

Very friendly and personable

AUGUST 5 2021

Concern for patient

JULY 31 2021

Attentive , caring and good at what he does

JULY 28 2021

Dr Howard spends an incredible amount of time asking questions and making you feel at ease.

JULY 28 2021

The doctor is amazing!

JULY 27 2021

He knew his stuff

JULY 24 2021

Dr went above and beyond to offer me care that had been lacking in my healthcare. I have hope for the first time for the best results. Dr. Patiently listened and answered all of our questions offering thorough explanations.

JULY 24 2021

Patient, caring

JULY 20 2021

He is very kind n compassionate n strives to address whatever a person's concerns are.

JULY 20 2021

He is the best plastic surgeon with a heart of gold.

JULY 14 2021

He was very kind and personable. He was easy to talk to and had a pleasant way about him.

JULY 11 2021

He is excellent. He explains everything. He does fantastic work!

JULY 2 2021

Great surgeon and listens

JUNE 29 2021

Knowledge, compassion, communication, thoroughness, expertise

JUNE 25 2021

He gets the whole breast cancer thing. A true gem. Really no words, he's just the best

JUNE 25 2021

Great care

JUNE 22 2021

I immediately loved Dr. Howard. He just seemed so genuine right from the start!

JUNE 22 2021

Everyone in his office is caring and compassionate you never feel rushed.

JUNE 18 2021

He does excellent work! I'm a very happy patient!

JUNE 15 2021

Dr. Howard was very kind and thoughtful. Dr. Howard thoroughly explained my options and the procedures available to me.

JUNE 11 2021

he is a very talented surgeon!

JUNE 5 2021

Professional demeanor excellent results

JUNE 1 2021

Most excellent Doctor skills and extremely personable demeanor with patients.

MAY 28 2021

Thorough and caring

MAY 25 2021

He took time to answer my questions n to explain the process.

MAY 25 2021

He is kind, and listens to a patient's needs.

MAY 21 2021

Doctor was very encouraging and very knowledgeable.

MAY 19 2021

Very knowledgeable and personable

MAY 19 2021

Dr. Howard is the best.

MAY 18 2021

He is good at what he does.

MAY 18 2021

Skilled and compassionate surgeon

MAY 18 2021

He's great. In fact I had already recommended him to my sister after she was diagnosed with breast cancer and had a bilateral mastectomy and reconstruction surgery.

MAY 18 2021

Dr. Howard took his time explaining the procedure and answered my questions.

MAY 18 2021

Dr Howard is phenomenal. He is attentive, he listens, he treats me like a person, and he explains the treatment plan in a way that is easy to understand.

MAY 17 2021

Doctor Howard was very informative, and did an awesome job on the laceration.

MAY 16 2021

Excellent doctor always puts his patients first

MAY 15 2021

Dr Howard is the best out there and I would highly recommend for anyone looking for a plastic surgeon for breast augmentation.

MAY 14 2021

Extremely warm and funny, and very knowledgeable.

MAY 13 2021

Sincerely the most talented surgeon. Also truly cared about my comfort and outcome.

MAY 11 2021

His skill and heart.

MAY 11 2021

The doctor came recommended by the ER physician, they said I'll really like him and they were right! Dr Howard was phenomenal. Such a friendly demeanor, helped me understand in non-doctor terms what was happening to the nerves in my face and what my options were. I wish I needed him for more reasons but it's probably good that I don't. If I know anyone that needs his services I will absolutely recommend Dr Howard.

MAY 9 2021

Honest

MAY 6 2021

Dr. Howard and his team are incredible. Very caring and professional with the much added bonus of having a great sense of humor

MAY 4 2021

Very straightforward and honest and gets to the point in a very easy way to understand.

MAY 4 2021

Dr Howard made me feel comfortable with the procedure

MAY 4 2021

Excellent care provided by the the whole team...Dr Howard is the nicest ,the most caring doctor! Thank you again!!

APRIL 30 2021

I trust him

APRIL 30 2021

I've already recommended him to others, including my sister. He makes me feel at ease and confident in his work.

APRIL 27 2021

He is excellent and cares. He has been working very hard to find a resolution to my issue.

APRIL 27 2021

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Dr Howard was thorough, wanting to make sure I understood, patient and kind.

APRIL 27 2021

He is very knowledgeable and kind. He gave me several options for my situation.

APRIL 27 2021

Always made me feel comfortable and really listened to me.

APRIL 23 2021

Wonderful surgeon and person.

APRIL 23 2021

Dr Howard is gifted-by-God! Although this was my first experience with plastic surgery, based on my sister's experience with liposuction, I'm glad I could not afford to have it done than to be diagnosed with breast cancer and have need of my fat tissues which replaced my breast tissue - Dr Howard did an outstanding job on my abdominal area - better than I could have hoped for! I've never had a flat tummy - it's been with since birth - 68yrs ago! He was also very kind, expressed care and allowed me to ask questions then he provided explanations I could understand.

APRIL 20 2021

My surgery was intense but I would and have recommended his services.

APRIL 19 2021

I had an incision down the whole side of my face and you would only see the scar if I told you to look from it. He is warm, reassuring highly skilled!

APRIL 18 2021

Because he cares.

APRIL 17 2021

Dr Howard spends an incredible amount of time answering all of your concerns and making you feel very at ease. I would recommend him to anyone.

APRIL 16 2021

He did NOT tell me what I wanted to hear, which upset me. But he took the time to discuss every aspect of the procedure and explained everything in detail. Including that I may have been given some information that was not exactly accurate. If I am able to have the procedure done, I want Dr. Howard to perform it.

APRIL 16 2021

He takes the time to explain things to you. He treats you like a person not a patient or client. I've been seeing Dr Howard for a year and 7 months due to the severity of cancer on my face. From the first day to today he's been my constant and so supportive. Not sure I could have handle this with another doctor. He's my Angel.

APRIL 16 2021

Attentive and helpful

APRIL 15 2021

All around great

APRIL 6 2021

Extremely skilled, takes time with and interest in patients, listens, asks questions, advises honestly.

APRIL 6 2021

Caring listener. Easy to talk to talk to

MARCH 24 2021

I like him. Will see how the scar works out. Smile.

MARCH 24 2021

Very personable

MARCH 23 2021

Patient care

MARCH 19 2021

See comments above

MARCH 19 2021

I didn't expect certain aspects of pain but these were immediately addressed by Dr Howard . Would have also appreciated written post op instructions.

MARCH 19 2021

Very easy to talk to. Tells you all he can and will do. Tells you cost and what our what insurance will cover. Most friendliest person in medical I've ever met.

MARCH 17 2021

Dr Howard is am amazing surgeon who truly cares about his patients and their expectations and goals. He spends the time to listen to me and always addresses my concerns. I feel very fortunate to have Dr Howard as my surgeon.

MARCH 16 2021

Dr. Howard was amazing. He made me feel extremely comfortable. Not only is he kind hearted but also reminded me of my father. Very caring and ready to help and find a solution. I am very excited to continue my care with him.

MARCH 16 2021

Dr. Howard was very personable and made me feel at ease and ready for this important surgery!

MARCH 16 2021

Very thorough and professional and explains things straight forward

MARCH 13 2021

Dr. Howard will guide you to the best treatment that is medically necessary and no more

MARCH 12 2021

Thus far Dr. Howard has been very thorough. I will score him a ten if the results match the pre-surgical care.

MARCH 8 2021

Dr. Howard was late for my appt and made sure I understood he was behind schedule. His staff was very helpful and made sure I was comfortable. Once I saw Dr. Howard I immediately liked him and felt comfortable with him. He explained his rationale for postponing my procedure, I will definitely return to him and recommend him.

MARCH 6 2021

Highly skilled and compassionate

MARCH 4 2021

So knowledgeable and respectful to yuh our needs.

MARCH 4 2021

My son was extremely pleased as was my husband with the bedside manner expertise and professionalism of the doctor. They had complete confidence in him and would highly recommend him in the future.

MARCH 2 2021

He gets your trust immediately. You know he has your interests at heart.

MARCH 2 2021

He explains everything to you and gives you all the time you need for questions. He's a wonderful doc.

FEBRUARY 23 2021

Dr. Howard is great. Very thorough, compassionate, and explains in detail, and helps you understand the next steps that is best for you. I recommend his office to my sister who just found out she has breast cancer and will be undergoing same treatment. Certainly a 10+ on the scale.

FEBRUARY 22 2021

He explained everything to me, answered all my questions and last he stated that my safety was of upmost concern.

FEBRUARY 18 2021

He's good and makes you comfortable.

FEBRUARY 16 2021

He was very comforting and made my 8 year old laugh and feel at ease. He also was extremely knowledgeable.

NOVEMBER 13 2020

Great doctor!

NOVEMBER 13 2020

Patient and kind

NOVEMBER 13 2020

Great care

Website

<https://drmichaelhoward.com/>

Faculty Profile

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