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809 Ratings

Michael A. Howard, MD

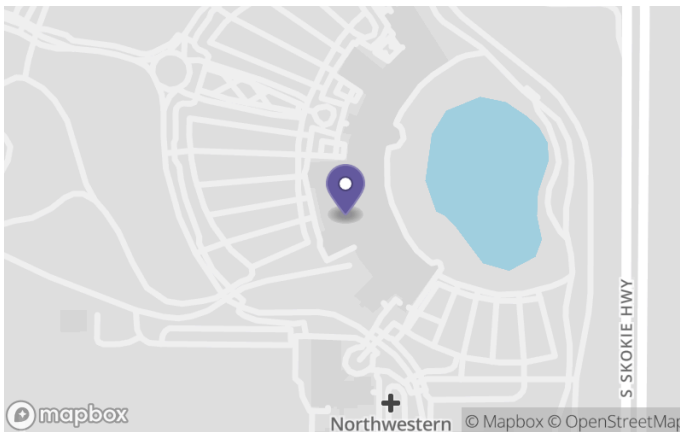
Northwestern Medical Group

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
📍 27.97 mi

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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

Alignment 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

398 Reviews

MARCH 22 2022

Dr. Howard was very informative and has a nice personality.

MARCH 22 2022

He's is top notch

MARCH 22 2022

Dr. Howard empathically listens to my concerns, provides all the options in order to make the best decisions. I'm so lucky to have him as part of my team.

MARCH 21 2022

Dr. Howard is fabulous to work with. He explains things very well, goes through all the options and listens to concerns.

MARCH 18 2022

I cannot say enough about Dr. Howard. I left HMO to go to PPO just to follow him to Northwestern and have the chance for him to do my DIEP. He knows what he's doing and is really good at individualizing the procedure based on medical history, etc. He's attentive and sees his patients as human beings with emotions and he takes the time and attention to listen to my fears and concerns. I trust his expertise and experience and know that he wants me to be pleased with the results and feel good about myself. And his work speaks for itself and every time (I've had 3 surgeries with him) I have felt really good about the results!

MARCH 16 2022

I have complete trust in Dr. Howard and his team. He is thorough in his work. And reassures my concerns.

MARCH 15 2022

He takes the time to listen to and answer questions with logical explanations. He is compassionate and very knowledgeable about breast reconstruction.

MARCH 12 2022

What a nice man! Listened without hurrying me. He's the kind of doctor a person would like as a friend.

MARCH 11 2022

Highly recommended to me and so far I'm pleased

MARCH 11 2022

He is very kind and patient

MARCH 8 2022

Very knowledgeable! Listens to his patience.

MARCH 8 2022

Very thorough and caring. Assesses the situation and addresses concerns. Wonderful communicator.

MARCH 8 2022

Listened, answered all questions. I did not feel rushed. Was friendly. Was confident he was knowledgeable and experienced. Felt like he would be good to work with.

MARCH 3 2022

Dr. Howard has excellent and professional care for his patients. He explains everything in a way that is

easy to understand and follow

FEBRUARY 21 2022

Dr. Howard was easy to communicate with

FEBRUARY 21 2022

He is knowledgeable, professional, has a sense of humor, and listens to the patient to be certain all questions are answered and the plan for action is agreeable.

FEBRUARY 17 2022

My son was very nervous and Dr Howard immediately put him at ease with a joke. Very friendly and informative

FEBRUARY 8 2022

Dr.Howard is fantastic!!! He is one of the kindest most skilled doctors I have ever been to. His team is caring and wonderful as well.

FEBRUARY 8 2022

Very nice & knowledgeable & honest

FEBRUARY 6 2022

Por la atención y muy buenos resultados

JANUARY 29 2022

Dr. Howard makes you feel comfortable the moment you meet him. He answered all my questions and I never felt rushed. He came highly recommended by several people and I couldn't be happier.

JANUARY 28 2022

Disappointed in his answers

JANUARY 25 2022

Amazingly talented

JANUARY 25 2022

Spent time answering all my questions and I didn't feel rushed

JANUARY 22 2022

He is very talented and skilled in his profession. Also kind and caring, listening then addressing any concerns I had. Always treated me with dignity and respect.

JANUARY 21 2022

Dr Howard communicates extremely well with his patients and presents options based on his experience and talent that are not available elsewhere

JANUARY 16 2022

I liked Dr. Howard's bedside manner and how he explained everything. He was very approachable as a doctor to his patient.

JANUARY 15 2022

He has both skills and bedside manner beyond compare!

JANUARY 14 2022

Dr Howard is a talented surgeon and does amazing work. I had DIEP breast reconstruction from being flat for 14 months due to breast cancer. He made me whole again!

JANUARY 12 2022

Exceptional

JANUARY 12 2022

He explains what is being done & why. Very professional & yet, makes a personal connection.

JANUARY 9 2022

Dr. Howard was highly recommended to me by my dermatologist.

JANUARY 5 2022

I've already recommended him to many women! He is great at what he does and makes me feel at ease with drastic changes to my body.

JANUARY 4 2022

He is the best!! I won't go anywhere else!

JANUARY 4 2022

Dr. Howard is very knowledgeable and personable. Knows how to explain procedure..

JANUARY 4 2022

Bedside manner and patience

DECEMBER 24 2021

I have had several of my friends in need of plastic surgery on their face for injuries or growths that have been removed. They have all told me that there surgeons we're very stuffy and acted as if they were above everyone. Some looked perturbed when they asked questions and weren't really forthcoming about what they should be expecting during the time they were recovering. Dr. Howard is warm in his greeting, he takes a good look not only at the site in question, but what's in the general area surrounding it. He asked, who my skin doctor was & why she sent me here. It was just a really pleasant experience for a potentially scary surgery and based on what my friends had experienced I was expecting someone totally different.

DECEMBER 21 2021

Professional, sensible, and skilled. He takes time to understand the patient's situation and the necessary procedures to accomplish a good end result.

DECEMBER 20 2021

He's an excellent surgeon.

DECEMBER 18 2021

Expertise, skilled, compassionate, caring, patient centered

DECEMBER 13 2021

Approachable and attentive

DECEMBER 4 2021

Friendly and personable. Good bedside manners.

DECEMBER 3 2021

His expertise is phenomenal. I'm so happy with the results of my DIEP flap surgery. He answered all of my questions and made sure I understood everything, every step of the way.

DECEMBER 3 2021

Very friendly did procedure well, PA also helpful

NOVEMBER 30 2021

Dr Howard is an amazing doctor always makes me feel calm and makes my appointments enjoyable. He answers all my questions and is always available when I need him.

NOVEMBER 25 2021

Patient, great bedside manner, expertise in his field!

NOVEMBER 23 2021

The results of my procedure turned out very good- I like Dr Howard's professionalism & his staff is great especially Carrie

NOVEMBER 19 2021

He is kind, a good listener and communicator, and a talented surgeon.

NOVEMBER 19 2021

Besides being Positive and caring he knows his stuff really well. He's a great leader of a great team.

NOVEMBER 18 2021

Great at putting me at ease and answering my questions.

NOVEMBER 17 2021

Excellent discussion on care requested. Professional, Compassionate and Respectful.

NOVEMBER 17 2021

Friendly and informative

NOVEMBER 12 2021

Perfectionist at his craft but also a sweet and caring person.

NOVEMBER 9 2021

Dr Howard is an amazing doctor

NOVEMBER 1 2021

Skilled surgeon, sets clear expectations, caring and kind, patient centered

OCTOBER 31 2021

Dr. Howard is a very nice and caring Dr. I was very comfortable with him, and he listened to what my expectations/wants were, and then explained to me what he thought could be done. Very informative and helpful.

OCTOBER 30 2021

Pleasant and informative. Made me feel safe about trusting my health to his care.

OCTOBER 26 2021

I really can't say because I have not had the procedure yet. He seems like a very good Doctor so far with an exceptional staff

OCTOBER 26 2021

Friendly compassionate caring. He is a tremendous doctor.

OCTOBER 26 2021

Exceptional physician with an awesome bedside manner. Instills confidence and comfort

OCTOBER 25 2021

He has nice patient manner, is on time, and does a great job with stitching and leaving no scars.

OCTOBER 22 2021

Confident, knowledgeable doctor.

OCTOBER 21 2021

Made me feel very comfortable with my procedure, was very professional.

OCTOBER 15 2021

Best in all areas

OCTOBER 15 2021

Intelligent and positive about outcomes

OCTOBER 15 2021

He's positive thinker

OCTOBER 14 2021

Dr Howard is knowledgeable, compassionate, an excellent communicator and you can tell just all around awesome person. Plus he did an amazing job stitching up my daughters face with such ease and expertise.

OCTOBER 10 2021

First of all Dr Howard has heart and a genuine care for his patients. Secondly he is so confident that I was put at ease right away when I first met him. I'm one very lucky person when my oncologist surgeon

sought her iPhone to give me Dr Howard s phone number.She performed the bilateral and she wanted me to see Dr Howard.Nevermind that my oncologist wanted me to see an LGH surgeon to take care of reconstruction after the bilateral!

OCTOBER 8 2021

Heâ€™s great

OCTOBER 7 2021

Dr. Howard was on time!! He was friendly and kind, yet very professional. He was concerned about what he could do to make me feel comfortable during the procedure. I felt confident I was getting a high level of care.

OCTOBER 7 2021

Everything was very good!

OCTOBER 5 2021

Approachable and knowledgeable

OCTOBER 5 2021

He listens to his patients, he makes it a point to understand what your outcome would like to be.

OCTOBER 2 2021

He did exactly what I asked for and was extremely informative about what to expect and my care.

OCTOBER 2 2021

Dr. Howard is extremely kind, caring, and a superb surgeon.

OCTOBER 1 2021

He is very attentive. Takes time to answer any questions I have. And very good bedside manners.

OCTOBER 1 2021

He was very kind and took his time with me. I was very scared and he was very understanding.

SEPTEMBER 28 2021

Great doctor

SEPTEMBER 28 2021

Excellent in every way

SEPTEMBER 27 2021

The man is a magician

SEPTEMBER 27 2021

Very professional and informative and friendly staff

SEPTEMBER 24 2021

Prompt, knowledgeable and manners

SEPTEMBER 24 2021

Very professional. I felt valued and respected. Highly recommend.

SEPTEMBER 21 2021

Dr. Howard has helped me considerably where others have failed to do so. I feel that I am now in my healthiest state and ready for surgery.

SEPTEMBER 17 2021

Dr. Howard is an extremely knowledgeable and considerate physician. He answered all my questions and made me feel comfortable in all my procedures and recovery.

SEPTEMBER 17 2021

Dr. Howard is a very skilled surgeon with an excellent bedside manner.

SEPTEMBER 12 2021

Knowledge and caring

SEPTEMBER 12 2021

Dr. Howard treats you as if you're his only patient. He doesn't rush and explains everything.

SEPTEMBER 10 2021

He is the absolute best

SEPTEMBER 7 2021

The reason is Dr Howard ,the fabulous Hosp.

SEPTEMBER 7 2021

Friendly, knowledgeable staff

SEPTEMBER 6 2021

Great surgeon and the bed side manner

SEPTEMBER 6 2021

He is patient focused and takes pride in his work!

SEPTEMBER 3 2021

Dr. Howard has a great personality. Professional and personable. He made an uncomfortable situation very comfortable. He explained procedures and expectations clearly. Cost estimates are fair and reasonable.

SEPTEMBER 1 2021

He is professional, personable, and a good listener.

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

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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

Website

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