

Michael Lawson, MD Gastroenterology, North Valley

"I want my research to make a difference in people's lives," says Dr. Michael Lawson. His research has been making a difference for decades now, especially for people with serious gastrointestinal problems that affect their health, well-being and quality of life.

Dr. Lawson has been the lead investigator on many studies which have led to new treatment protocols and drug regimens for people with colon cancer, irritable bowel syndrome, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis or dyspepsia.

In what he calls "my most satisfying research effort to date," he developed a way to help teens successfully manage their symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome so they can enjoy life more today, and in Dr. Lawson's words, "avoid becoming chronically-suffering adults."

Thousands of patients agree; his research definitely makes a difference.

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