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#### Timely Opportunity For Gastroenterology ('GI') Practitioners To Exit

Would you and your partners like to take some money "off the table"? Gain a financial partner to help expand your practice? Focus on practicing medicine, while someone else focuses on non-medical activities?

Private equity groups ('PEGs') and family offices are seeking to partner with GI specialists because of the profit potential for both the PEG and GI specialists in a 'buy and build' model. The PEG model includes a "second bite of the apple" in five to seven years, while family offices like to buy, build and hold, offering a second payday to the physician on a tailored basis.

#### What Makes GI Attractive?



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#### Fragmented Market

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Multiple sources of revenue allows for diversification

**Ancillary Revenue** 

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#### Favorable Demographics

An aging population creates increased demand for GI services



### Economies of Scale

Combine back-office functions and acquisitions to generate superior returns

## The Private Equity Model

Institutional investors use a Management Services Organization (MSO) model to invest in medical practices



Most importantly, PEGs provide capital and human resources to support organic growth and acquisitions.

- Monetize a portion of the current value of the practice while M&A and debt markets remain strong
- + Align with partner to execute on key growth initiatives
- + Provides an opportunity for another "bite-of-the-apple" for those that rollover equity (tax deferral on rollover)
- + Lower risk strategy with greater horsepower for growth

## Illustration – The Second Bite of the Apple



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## Private Equity Market for GI

- Seven established, private equity-backed platforms in the GI sector
  - Actively competing for add-on acquisitions, which bodes well for even modest-sized practices considering a sale
- The GI market is still in the initial stage of merger & acquisition activity with increasing interest from institutional investors
  - An attractive sector given the breadth of ancillary service offerings, aging population, and the accelerating demand for digestive system treatments
- EdgePoint believes the current market provides an opportunity for larger practices, or a group of practices, to serve as a new platform, drive their own strategy, and achieve the higher valuation that often comes with being the foundational group

## The EdgePoint Advantage



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