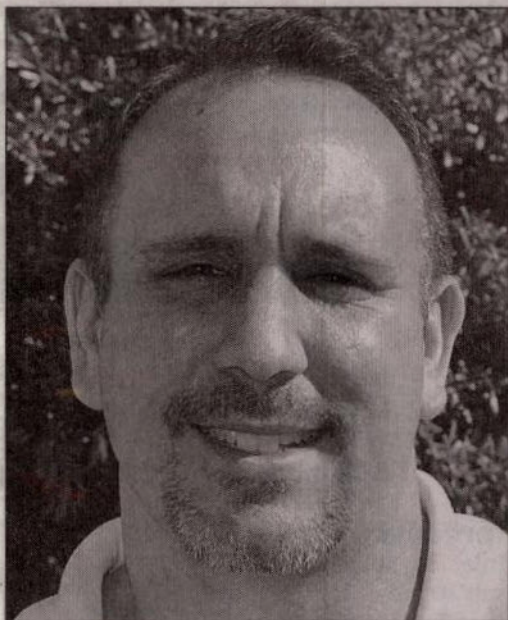


Helping Hands



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A feature
about people
whose work
touches our lives

DR. BRIAN KINMARTIN

Physician, owner of
Professional Rehabilitation

Bio:

Native of Buffalo, NY
Pawleys resident since 1998
Former staff therapist,
manager for Georgetown
Hospital System

What do you like about your job?

I enjoy working with the patients, helping people when they are having hard times.

Rehabilitation can be very tough.

It is a pleasurable experience when someone leaves well after coming in disabled.

What kinds of patients do you see?

We see a wide variety of patients.

They come in after having everything from strains and sprains to joint replacements and strokes.

Some people who come in have back pain so bad they can't stand up, or just had knee replacement surgery and can't bend their knees.

Other people can't balance or raise their arms.

It is a challenge for me to evaluate each patient and decide on the proper treatment approach to correct their problem.

What do you like about this area?

I really enjoy the community of Pawleys Island and I have had a really pleasurable time helping the community out.

My wife and I plan to stick around.

We've gotten to know a lot of people here and it is definitely a small, tight community.

What does Professional Rehabilitation offer?

We have all types of strength equipment and physical therapy equipment.

We are a hands-on, manual-based practice and we put our hands on the patients.

I am the only certified manual, vestibular and orthopedic therapist in the area.

I am also working toward my sports therapy certification.

I try to keep up with current and new techniques and that makes a big difference in treat-

ment.

We have two locations.

One is in Pawleys Island behind First Citizen's Bank.

The other one is in Surfside Beach.

One of your patients said you have "healing hands." Do you agree?

Well, I put my hands on every patient whereas other practices put people on exercise equipment.

Personal touch has a lot to do with healing.

I think our personal touch keeps people coming back here.

Can you tell me about your family?

My wife, Melissa Kinmartin, is the practice administrator for both offices, Pawleys Island and Surfside Beach.

We have two daughters, Madison, who is 8 years old, and Emma, who is 6.

We also have a son, Mason, who is 4.

— as told to
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