



# ESTES PARK HEALTH

## **Meet Dr. Paul Fonken, Hospitalist**

Why did you become a doctor?

*"I wanted to be in a profession that involves both meaningful interaction with people and a deep understanding of how we are designed."*

**Describe your ideal patient-doctor relationship.**

*"The patient-doctor relationship involves open, honest communication softened by compassion and built on a foundation of mutual respect."*

**Describe your communication style.**

*"I like to take the time necessary to allow for good mutual understanding."*

**What do you believe is the single most important thing you can do for your patients?**

*"Listen to them."*

**How do you like to spend your free time?**

*"My wife and I love hiking and volunteering overseas."*

**What is your best wellness tip?**

*"Make exercise fun."*