Born, raised, and educated in New York, Dr. Eric Arnone, urologist, has returned to his native roots with his family to practice medicine. A credentialed robotic surgeon on the medical staff of WCA Hospital, Dr. Arnone knew he wanted to be a doctor from a very young age. Not long ago, WCA sat down with Dr. Arnone to gain some insight into his thoughts of becoming a physician and returning to practice patient care in his hometown of Jamestown.

Tell me why you chose to become a doctor?
It was when I was a young kid and spent too many hours with my parents surrounded by the four walls of an emergency room. Interestingly enough, I discovered that I was more captivated by the work of the doctors and nurses than frightened by the experiences. An avid hockey player by the age of twelve, I was mentored and coached by Dr. Peter Walter, a local physician and hockey enthusiast who specialized in urology. He not only skilled me on the basics of hockey, but gave me a rare glimpse into the fascinating world of medicine and urology during my high school years. We kept in touch throughout my college experience at the University of Buffalo School of Medicine and when the time came to select a medical rotation, there was no hesitation in my decision to enter the field of urology which had demonstrated to me that I could have long-standing relationships with my patients and treat a variety of conditions both medically and surgically.

Tell me why you chose to return to Chautauqua County after you graduated from medical school and completed your residency programs?
My greatest source of strength is my family. My parents are two of the hardest working people that I know and I am certain that I adopted my meticulous work ethic from modeling my parents. I have two beautiful children, Ethan and Allie and an amazing wife, Michelle. It was categorically important that Michelle and I live close to a supportive family. Born and raised in Jamestown, it seemed like the perfect spot to practice medicine and raise a family.

What is the most rewarding aspect of your work?
The most rewarding part of your work, is the ability to improve the health and quality of life of our patients. I take great strides to listen carefully to my patients, empathizing with what they are experiencing and together with their care team, developing a treatment plan that improves their overall health. I am thrilled to be a part of the Western New York Urology team at WCA Hospital and privileged to be able to appreciate and benefit from what I do every day!

What is the day in the life of Dr. Arnone?
It’s a fast-paced and busy work setting, but it’s a good busy that is full of activity. When what you choose as a life-long career aids and supports people, it is indeed a rewarding experience and one of the main factors why I ultimately chose to enter the field of medicine. Certainly, it can be demanding and challenging at times, but the rewards of serving the public and aiding in a patient’s recovery from illness, outweigh the trials and tribulations of the profession. I see pediatric and adult patients in Jamestown as well as performing surgeries at WCA Hospital and without a doubt, I enjoy what I do!

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September is National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Get Informed
Screening for prostate cancer is a decision for You and Your doctor. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the decision is a personal one and men can work with their doctor to understand the benefits of prostate screening. The treatment of prostate cancer often requires the expertise of many medical specialists. Urologist, Dr. Arnone, is especially trained to treat problems affecting the urinary tract (kidney, ureters, bladder, urethra) and is further specialized in treating cancer of the male reproductive organs. To make an appointment with Dr. Eric Arnone, contact his medical office at, (716) 338-9200.

To learn more about robotic surgery and contact information of robotic surgeons at WCA including Dr. Arnone, visit wcahospital.org or call anytime (716) 664-8614.