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Dr. Konowalchuk is a practicing occupational medicine specialist at Essentia Health. He also serves in several leadership and administrative capacities, including his work as Chief for the Division of Neuroscience, Chair of the Occupational Medicine Department, and Chair of the Essentia Community Health, Wellness and Engagement Department.

Dr. Konowalchuk is originally from Salt Lake City, Utah. He attended college at the University of Denver where he played Division I ice hockey, was drafted by the San Jose Sharks of the NHL, and earned honors as WCHA Student-Athlete of the year. Subsequently, he attended medical school at the University of Minnesota, completed his occupational medicine residency at HealthPartners and received a master's of public health degree at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Konowalchuk has practiced in Occupational Medicine at Essentia Health for 11 years and was recognized by Duluth-Superior Magazine as a top regional physician for seven straight years. Dr. Konowalchuk has also been active in the community in several ways, including forging partnerships to bring together the medical community and business entities. In that capacity, he is the founder and leader of the national "Impairment without Disability" conference offered annually through a consortium that includes Essentia Health, Mayo Clinic and HealthPartners.