

## **Primary Care Physicians**

Instead of specializing in a specific area of medicine, Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) help patients maintain overall health by focusing on preventive care. A family practitioner is qualified to care for the entire family. They take care of everything from broken bones and the common cold to the delivery of babies. Family practitioners know the medical history of the entire family because they treat both the children and the parents. Their medical training includes a variety of subjects including Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, Psychiatry and other specialties. These physicians may have a particular interest and additional training in any given area and make that specialty the focus of their practice.

The “standard of care” practiced by the physicians of Cogdell Memorial Hospital and Cogdell Family Clinic is to refer patients to a board certified specialist in any given area when they determine that a patient’s healthcare needs in that area exceeds their level of knowledge and expertise.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital has never promoted a Primary Care Physician as a “specialist” in any given area.