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As one of the preeminent practices of obstetrics and gynecology in Baldwin County, Medical Park OB/GYN, P.C. in Fairhope has long been a champion for women. Co-founded in 1977 by its senior partner, Dr. Richard Roh, the group remains the largest and most experienced in the area. Its mission has always centered on compassionate, personal care while providing the modern technology that each woman deserves.

"We care for women in all seasons of their lives," relates Dr. Roh.

As such, the gamut from pediatric gynecology to menopausal medicine is often run within the same day. Routine and high-risk obstetrical services are a large focus for this group, furthered by in-office consultations by perinatology specialists twice monthly. Minimally-invasive pelvic surgery is frequently interspersed with infertility management, contraceptive counseling, or simply a shoulder to cry on. Each of five full-time physicians practices the breadth and depth of the specialty. The three males and two females carry with them more than 85 years experience. These numbers allow for timely appointments, always

with a physician, typically within the same day a patient calls with a concern.

And as their practice has recently grown to include a new female, Dr. Leslie Evans, so has their need for modernization. An electronic health record providing electronic prescribing, patient appointments and account management has been instituted. Two full-time ultrasound technicians provide services for all patient needs, including 4-D, or "real-time" pregnancy videos, as well as certified first trimester nuchal translucency screening, a genetic test typically available only in larger medical centers. Additionally, a full-service laboratory is on site serving only practice patients, including walk-in appointments.

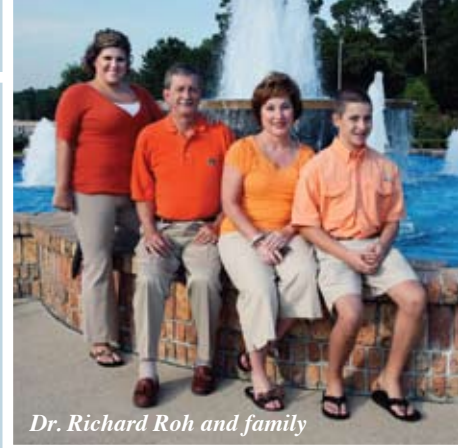
As such, plans are underway for physical expansion, potentially with satellite office locations throughout the county. But its heart is in Fairhope. Always growing with its patient population, it remains true to Thomas Hospital as its exclusive home of inpatient, outpatient and obstetrical services.

Meet the Physicians

Dr. Richard Roh, a Mobile native and Auburn graduate, earned his medical degree at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. He then completed an internship in Mobile and served three years in England with the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps. After his residency at the University of South Alabama, he moved to Fairhope as one of the first gynecologists in Baldwin County.

Married to Mary Anne, Richard has three sons and one stepdaughter. "I was attracted to the small town atmosphere here and the opportunity to raise my family in this environment.

"I knew that providing care to women, and especially delivering their babies, would be the most fulfilling career in medicine for me," recounts Richard from his medical school days. As the leader of this now established and comprehensive practice, he prides himself on overcoming "the multiple daily challenges" presented him while "providing comfort and reassurance to so many women over the years."



Dr. Richard Roh and family

Dr. Gary Nelson, a Cullman native and University of Alabama graduate, completed his medical school and residency training in Mobile. He likewise served with the U.S. Air Force, completing eight years in Japan, Germany, and finally, Panama City. He was recruited to Fairhope by Dr. Roh and has practiced here ever since.

Gary and his wife of 30 years, Jennifer, have three teenage boys. He also directs the Women's Care Medical Center in Robertsdale. His largely unsung efforts at providing counseling and early obstetrical care to women of often meager financial and social means is a source of pride for him and his partners. "I love the variety of my patients. Though solving gynecological problems is very rewarding, the best feeling in the world is helping a new mom through the changes of pregnancy and childbirth, and seeing her grow with her family."

Dr. Dylan Wells, born and raised in New Orleans, enjoys maintaining his strong coastal upbringing. After graduating from Auburn and receiving his M.D. in Mobile, he underwent residency training at University of Tennessee-Memphis. There he met his wife, Dr. Mary Wells, and went on to serve as an assistant professor until 2005.

Dylan and Mary have been married for eight years and are currently raising two young children. He relishes the many responsibilities that come with growing a family and a practice simultaneously. Transitioning from a university-based system to private practice has allowed him more freedom in defining the group's mission. "With a common goal of patient satisfaction, our strength lies in creating a plan of care with a personal touch for each patient." One of the biggest challenges remains in empowering women to become more active in their healthcare. "Providing accurate information based on good medical evidence is the only way for appropriate medical decision making, with my patient as the advocate for herself."

Although born at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and granted a masters' degree from the University of Denver, **Dr. Mary Wells** is a Tennessee native through and through. Raised in Humboldt, near Memphis, she received an undergraduate degree from University of Tennessee-Knoxville and her M.D. and residency training in Memphis. Daughter to a renowned pediatrician, she has followed in her father's footsteps as a consummate private practitioner.

Being a physician and mother of two, Mary finds her greatest challenge is in balancing her own time. "My patients count on me every day, but so does my family." She knows that so many of her patients feel the same way, which helps her relate to them in those most difficult times. Her personal mantra is "one day at a time. If I take care of today's business, tomorrow will take care of itself." And in the business of



Drs. Mary & Dylan Wells and family

obstetrics and gynecology, she enjoys taking care of women throughout their lives. "I love to see families grow, as I've delivered second and even third children to some!"

Dr. Leslie Evans, the newest member of the practice, hails from Somerville, Tenn., near Memphis. Having graduated from University of Tennessee-Martin, she completed her M.D. and residency training there as well. Serving as Chief Resident in the OB/GYN department, she joined Medical Park having partly trained under Drs. Dylan and Mary during medical school.

Leslie and her husband, Danny Evans, consider themselves "blessed to feel so welcomed by the community." As the group's second female physician, Leslie is already establishing herself in the vein of empowerment through information that courses through the practice. "Whether it be a routine annual exam, a difficult pregnancy, or a surgical issue, I want to be a trusted advisor who through education and counseling can help my patients make their best healthcare decisions."

The Place Where Family Means So Much!

Medical Park OB/GYN is located behind Thomas Hospital in Suite 6 of the Medical Park. Their office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you would like to know more about Medical Park OB/GYN, you can go to www.fairhopeobgyn.com or call them at 251-928-1222.



Dr. Gary Nelson and family



Dr. Leslie Evans and husband, Danny