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**What factors influenced your decision to become a physician and your choice of specialty?**

I had a desire to help others, as well as an example of an older physician in my hometown. During my rotating internship, I became interested in obstetrics and gynecology, and experiencing the wonder of bringing a new life into the world.

**Did you experience a defining moment that made you feel you had become a physician?**

The experience of treating a variety of medical conditions in the emergency room, enhanced my skills and my confidence.

**As you were training to be a physician, what one piece of advice was most valuable to you?**

Give the same level of care to each patient regardless of their circumstance.

**What is the most significant medical innovation you experienced in your years of practice?**

Electronic monitoring of the fetus antepartum and intrapartum.