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I attended Mayo Medical School and completed my family medicine residency at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC. I have been in a medical genetics fellowship at Mayo and am now board certified as a medical geneticist as well, doing research on congenital disorders.

I sometimes get funny looks when I tell people I was trained as a family physician and then went into medical genetics. I tell them that the two fields are really very similar; both deal with people of all ages, with all organ systems, with both sexes, and with reproductive issues. The overlap is remarkable. I found it a very natural transition.

Our understanding of the effects of our genes will make knowledge of other family members very relevant. There will also be an expansion of treatment of common disorders based on gene therapy. Some of the medical and

ethical issues involved in gene therapy will need to be translated to the family by a physician because they are so complex. The family physician is the logical person to do this.

Editor's Note

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