

Vera Smith, MD was born in the Philippines and grew up there to attend Letran College where she received a BS degree in biochemistry. Following receipt of her Bachelor's degree she attended the University of the East, Quezon City, Philippines where she obtained her MD degree. After receiving her MD degree she worked for two years as Medical Officer for the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Following her duty to the armed forces, she came to the United States, completing a one year internship at State University of New York Downstate and a two year residency in internal medicine at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.



After residency training, Dr. Smith worked for two years as Medical Director for Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton. She moved to Winston-Salem, NC in 1991 to work in an Internal Medicine and Endocrinology private practice. Following three years in private practice she spent thirteen years as a physician at the VA Medical Clinic in Winston-Salem. She served as a Clinical Instructor in Internal Medicine at Wright State University and as a Clinical Instructor at the VA Medical Center in Winston-Salem for 3rd and 4th year medical students of Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Dr. Smith joined Blue Ridge Medical Group in 2007 to practice Internal Medicine. She enjoys handling complex medical problems including, but not limited to diabetes, heart, pulmonary, digestive and rheumatic diseases, especially those involving coordination of care. Dr. Smith also enjoys geriatric medicine.

Dr. Smith resides in the local area. In her free time she enjoys reading, working with plants and flowers and music. She has two college age sons with whom she likes to spend time when they are home from college.

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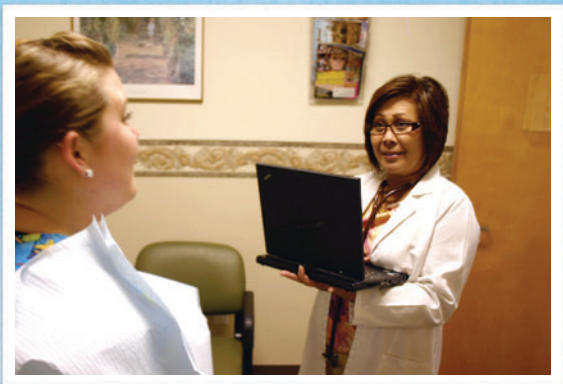
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What is an Internal Medicine physician?

Internal medicine is the medical specialty dealing with the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of adult diseases. **Physicians specializing in internal medicine are called Internists.** Dr. Smith cares for ambulatory patients (out-patients) acting as their primary care physician. In addition to preventive medicine, internists are trained to manage serious and complex illnesses for all ages of adult patients.

Why should I select an Internist as my doctor?

Internists receive additional training beyond medical school, typically three years, in order to achieve Board Certification in internal medicine. This additional training includes conditions of the heart, endocrine system, digestive system, blood, infectious disease, kidney, lungs/ respiratory, geriatric medicine and many other conditions affecting adults.



Why is Dr. Smith a good choice for my doctor?

Dr. Smith has been in practice since 1989 so in addition to her training she has years of experience to offer each patient. Dr. Smith is known for her excellent relations with patients, her ability to listen and her quiet thoughtful personality. Dr. Smith has a reputation with patients as being a very caring physician with an excellent record of practicing high quality comprehensive medicine.

As an internist she works with younger adults encouraging them to lead a healthy lifestyle and with older patients she has the knowledge and experience to handle the issues of aging. Make your appointment today to see Dr. Smith! She is welcoming new patients, is available for same-day appointments and accepts most insurance, including Medicare and Medicaid.

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Why is it important that Dr. Smith is my doctor if I have to be hospitalized?

Dr. Smith is an outpatient provider, but she belongs to Blue Ridge Medical Group which also provides care in the local hospital. If you are hospitalized at the local hospital you will be taken care of by one of our Blue Ridge Medical Group physicians. This provides for seamless care, close communication and excellence in continuity of care as information about your medical history is transferred quickly and completely by our physicians. You can have peace of mind knowing that you will have the highest standard of physician care if hospitalized. This association also provides you with quick access to our Blue Ridge Medical Group specialists in your time of need.

What do other patients say about Dr. Smith?

Patients say that Dr. Smith spends a lot of time with them and they appreciate her patience. She is compassionate, very nice and very thorough. Patients say that Dr. Smith takes the time to answer all their questions, is down to earth, easy to talk to and very comfortable to be around!

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