

Gary Winchester, M.D.



Dr. Winchester is a lifelong resident of Tallahassee, Florida. Some of his interests outside of the medical field include running daily, spending time at the beach, growing orchids, and attending University of Florida sporting events. He began attending at the age of 12 continuing a family tradition of involvement with the University of Florida.

Dr. Winchester has been married for 36 years. He has 3 children: David, 28 a second year resident in Internal Medicine at the University of Virginia, Michael – 25 who is currently working on a Master's in Business Administration, and Sarah – a junior majoring in advertising.

Dr. Winchester received his medical education from two different schools in Florida. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and received his Medical Doctor degree from the University of South Florida. He chose to focus in family medicine because he enjoys interacting with people.

Dr. Winchester has been highly involved in the medical community. He has served as the Board of Medicine chairperson, chair of numerous Board committees, and is currently completing his 4th appointment to the Board. When asked why he applied to serve on the Board of Medicine, he stated that he did so because numerous people that he knows had asked him to apply. Recently, he reapplied because he had enjoyed the time he spent as a former Board Member. Some of the highlights of his time on the board have been:

1. As a member of Quality Assurance committee he helped to ban the drugs Fenfluramine and Dexfenfluramine (Fen-Phen) , one full week before the Federal Government
2. helped to pass narcotic prescriptions guidelines
3. Helping to establish the Office Surgery Registration Program

Dr. Winchester has served as a delegate to the annual meeting of the Florida Medical Association for the past 20 years, served as a delegate of the American Medical Association, and as a licensed Risk Manager. He has served on the medical staff,

executive committee, and Board of Directors for Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare (TMH) in Tallahassee, Florida.

When asked what influenced him to become a physician, Dr. Winchester replied, “I started in architecture and took a summer job working at TMH. Just being around the hospital and people is what made me want to become a physician.” He also stated that he foresaw a couple of problems with regards to medicine as part of Florida's future. These problems were, he believed, that technology would exceed the need that exists which would create waste in terms of unnecessary procedures and that longer life spans would create a strain on an already fragile system.