



MICHAEL S. JACKSON, MD — OBSTETRICS and GYNECOLOGY

The lights in his office are subdued and warm. Pictures of his family dominate his bookcase and the top of his desk. "Family - being a dad - and my faith are the most important things," said Dr. Michael Jackson.

"Faith keeps me on task. Helps me remember to do the right thing. It also helps me make those difficult, quick decisions we sometimes have to make in obstetrics and gynecology."

And it was family that led him down this career path. "I always looked up to my folks. Dad was an engineer and my mom was a labor

and delivery nurse." Jackson began college intending to follow in his father's footsteps as an engineer, but after several years he switched to zoology and then decided to head to medical school. "I was fascinated by the body and how it worked, what we knew and didn't know. During medical school we followed a patient through her entire pregnancy. Watching the process and being around for the delivery fascinated me. It lit a fire. I was so excited to see what my mom had done in her work."

A competitive swimmer throughout his high school and college years, Jackson was always goal-oriented. So when he found a career path he loved, he was bound and determined to succeed. After completing college at

Iowa State University, he returned to his hometown of Omaha for medical school at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

Jackson made his way to Wichita to do his obstetrics and gynecology



I really enjoy being in a field that allows me to build a relationship with my patients and to be a part of the expansion of their family.

— Dr. Michael S. Jackson

(ob/gyn) residency at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. "There's a great community of ob/gyns in this town. During my residency, I worked with the other doctors at Wichita Clinic and decided that they would be excellent partners. When I was starting out I knew I could count on them to help me if I ran into a challenge. I do my best to deliver every one of my patients, but I have wonderful partners that I can count on when I do have to be gone."

Every day is different and Jackson finds a unique challenge in the variety of his practice: from meeting face-to-face with a new patient and explaining what lies ahead during pregnancy; to making those quick decisions that are sometimes necessary during surgical work.

One of the experiences Jackson values most is the opportunity to journey through pregnancy and birth with a woman and her family. "It's a privilege to be a part of something so important. You get to form a bond with the family, to share special moments with them."

When a mother-to-be comes into his office for a first visit, Jackson dedicates a block of time to talking to her, learning about her medical history and explaining the schedule of upcoming office visits. Jackson knows the value of communication. "I see my patients every time they come in and I spend time with them answering questions, explaining procedures, measuring their bellies. I work with great nurses and we all strive to provide outstanding care. And when a patient calls with a question (even if it's after hours), we always take her concern seriously."

Jackson has a wife, three sons and a daughter. So you know he means it when he says, "I treat my patients the way I want my family to be treated."

