

# Experience & Cutting-Edge Knowledge

Dr. Carola Fleener and her daughter Barbara join forces to provide quality pediatric care.



Sarasota Children's Clinic has helped two generations of children grow up healthier since it opened 43 years ago and now, as a third generation of patients is born, this practice welcomes a second-generation pediatrician – Dr. Barbara Fleener has joined her mother, Dr. Carola Fleener, in practice. Once upon a time Miss Barbara, 9 months old, was seen as a patient in this very office.

Dr. Barbara is an alumna of Pineview and went on to graduate with honors in violin music at Florida State University, following which she obtained her medical degree at Ponce School of Medicine in Puerto Rico.

Dr. Barbara completed her pediatric residency training this June at the highly ranked Washington University School of Medicine program at St. Louis Children's Hospital in Missouri. She is on staff at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, where she routinely makes an early acquaintance with the next generation of babies in the nursery. Mother and daughter have been "talking medicine" for several years now. "My daughter brings today's cutting edge knowledge to the practice, and I am sharing my 23 years of experience," says Dr. Carola. "We are very committed to providing our pediatric patients with the best medical home to give the children a healthy future." The practice continues to follow its patients into young adulthood (24 years of age) in

order to give them a familiar face and continuity of care should they become ill as they transition into college and other activities. It draws patients from many different cultures; Dr. Barbara, Dr. Carola, and most of the staff are fluent in Spanish, contributing to patient comfort in a medical setting.

Rounding out the trio of providers is Lisa Ann Bernard, ARNP, a pediatric nurse practitioner who has been with the Sarasota Children's Clinic for 14 years. The providers and staff strive to create a supportive, informal environment that reduces anxiety levels in parents and children. That includes a walk-in hour at 8 a.m. for those who have had a rough night with a sick child. In addition to the usual well care visits and immunizations, the clinic follows many children with chronic underlying conditions, asthma, and , and manages some acute injuries. All three providers love giving back to the community – Dr. Barbara and Lisa Ann recently participated in the Day of Hope program to provide medical services as part of the Sarasota Baptist Church's program to help less privileged children prepare for the upcoming school year. "It's very rewarding to participate in children's health in this community," Dr. Barbara said. She is very excited about joining the practice here. Welcome back, Dr. Barbara Fleener!

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