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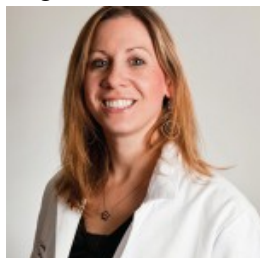
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For Jennifer Turkish, M.D., a medical career seemed a likely next step in life. “I grew up in a medical family,” says Dr. Turkish. “I used to go to the hospital with my dad, accompanying him on rounds, hanging out at the nurses’ station,” she recalls.

Her father, Dr. Sheldon C. Turkish, is an obstetrician/gynecologist. Her brother Jonathan is also an OB/GYN, in practice with his father. Both father and brother are on staff at Raritan Bay Medical Center, as is Dr. Turkish. “My mom is also a nurse,” adds Dr. Turkish. “So I guess you could say there was a medical influence while I was growing up at home.” Dr. Turkish grew up in East Brunswick and currently lives in Morristown, N.J.

Dr. Turkish first considered becoming a veterinarian. “We always had animals around the house when I was growing up,” she recalls. “If any got sick, we all nursed them back to health.” Over time, Dr. Turkish realized she liked taking care of people more than animals. “I love animals but taking care of people is more rewarding,” she maintains.

Jennifer received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She received her medical degree from Medical University of the Americas in Saint Kitts and Nevis.

Dr. Turkish completed her medical residency at Warren Hospital, Coventry Family Practice, where she was chief resident. In this leadership role, she was responsible for overseeing all residents as well as handling scheduling, completing daily reports and working on quality improvement initiatives as she continued her residency, focusing on inpatient medication and critical care.

“At Bay Family Medicine, people are my passion,” says Dr. Turkish. “I take care of everyone from babies to geriatric patients, and I treat each one as my priority. I always try to answer questions thoroughly, and when I need to call a patient I try to do it promptly. I treat each patient like a person, and I am concerned about their individual care and well being.”

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