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- OB/GYN with Ob-Gyn & Infertility, Maple Grove and Edina.
- MMA member since 2018
- Grew up in Duluth. Went to the University of Minnesota-Cities, then to medical school at University of Minnesota-Duluth. Residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Joined Park Nicollet after residency, then transitioned to private practice at OGI in 2017.
- Married to Brian Schultz. They have three children: Elise, Quinn and Coen, and a dog named Benny who is a Coton de Tulear, as well as a bearded dragon named Victor.



Became a physician because ...

Growing up, I hated anything related to the body and actually pretended to be sick to avoid school so that I did not have to dissect a cow's eye—and I passed out during fifth-grade sex education. Instead, I had political aspirations and planned to go to law school. Thankfully, my career aspirations pivoted towards medicine late in high school. I had a wise dermatologist who made a positive impression on me. I also had a supportive anatomy teacher tell me that I would make a great doctor. They engaged my interest and, over time, I realized medicine was the path that was right for me. I became

intrigued with the inner workings of our bodies. I love to learn; I knew medicine would engage my brain and that I would be able to continue to learn throughout my career. I felt that I would be able to advocate for patients on a personal level. And I wanted to help people live better lives.

Greatest challenge facing medicine today ...

One challenge that faces physicians would be negotiating with payers. The larger the group the better negotiations and reimbursement. It becomes nearly impossible to succeed in an independent practice. The physician voice can be lost, the art of medicine can be diminished, the physician demands can be increased and the physician reimbursement can be decreased.

Favorite fictional physician ...

I may have been better at answering this in my twenties. I don't watch a lot of TV/movies anymore (unless it's sports or Disney/animated) and I sometimes intentionally avoid medical shows, given that I live it real life. But I could name numerous real physicians that have become my favorites.

If I weren't a physician ...

I would want to be a teacher. I am passionate about educating my patients and feel this alternate career would fit my strengths and fill my heart.

STACY COFFIN, MD, FASE

- Staff anesthesiologist, St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth.
- MMA member since 1995
- Born in Storm Lake, Iowa. Attended Robbinsdale High School, then the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities for both undergraduate and medical school. Started residency at the University of Iowa in internal medicine, but finished in anesthesia, then created a cardiac/echocardiography anesthesia fellowship. Was on staff at the University for several years, then moved to private practice in Duluth in 1995.
- Married to Shelley Breyen, MD, a family practitioner; they met in an honors seminar at the University of Minnesota 40 years ago. They have three children—all University of Minnesota graduates—who, with their spouses, live in Seattle, Minneapolis and Boston. Coffin commutes to work on his bicycle year-round, and was one of the first to introduce studded tires for winter riding in Duluth.



Became a physician because ...

In high school, I worked in a nursing home as a janitor. I enjoyed taking the time to visit and occasionally dine with the residents. In college, I became a CNA, solidifying my desire to work directly with people. I thoroughly enjoy and value every life, especially the elderly,

and felt I could help validate and improve their lives. During my first year as an internal medicine resident, I realized I was more suited for critical care medicine.

Greatest challenge facing medicine today ...

I believe our society should have basic quality healthcare for all. As wealthy as our country is, there remain unacceptable inequities in healthcare. We need to resolve the racial, economic and LGBTQ+ disparities.

Favorite fictional physician ...

Like my oldest, who proclaimed at age 7, "I prefer the non-fiction section of the library," I don't really have a favorite fictional physician. I have found real life is often stranger than fiction so I think I have not missed out on much. I do have high esteem for the many physicians who give their life and time truly caring for their patients, family and friends. There is nothing fictional about that.

If I weren't a physician ...

I might have been a coastal environmental consultant, as I had planned to study oceanography in graduate school before I took the MCAT instead of the GRE. Or, perhaps I would be in international business, as I have always found a fascination with other cultures, countries and values as well as an interest in business.