



DR. RIAN WILLIAMS ANGLIN

The voice on the phone was urgent: “We need you for a meconium-stained delivery in Room 3.”

When Dr. Rian Williams Anglin heard those words, she knew what that meant. The infant had passed meconium, her first stool, while still in her mother’s womb and the baby had likely sucked hazardous material into her lungs. For a pediatrician, a meconium-stained delivery can be a true emergency. She bounded up two flights of stairs to Labor and Delivery, and ran to the delivery room. There she put on her gown and gloves, and prepared to take the infant from the obstetrician. Within seconds of the delivery Dr. Anglin intubated the infant, placed a breathing tube into the tiny infant’s airway, to suction the hazardous material out of her lungs. But there was a complication.

“Ordinarily once the airway is cleared, an infant will start breathing,” Dr. Anglin said. “But this baby didn’t.” Dr. Anglin then began breathing for the baby with a bag-mask device. After only a few puffs of oxygen, the baby started breathing on her own. “It was a happy ending! Within 48 hours, that infant was a normal, happy, healthy baby and was ready to go home with her family.”

For Dr. Anglin, such pediatric success stories were frequent and affirmed for her that she'd made the right choice of a profession. Her journey to becoming a pediatrician began as she completed high school at Springwood School in 2000 with honors. She chose to attend Auburn University and during enrollment was asked to select a major. "I knew I wanted to do something involving science that would make a difference in people's lives, but I wasn't sure what that was." During college, Dr. Anglin worked with children in various volunteer projects and at a child development center. One day while talking on the phone to her Grandmother, Mary Jean Adamson of Lanett, and walking down the concourse at Auburn University her path became clear. "I knew what I wanted to do. I wanted to combine science and helping kids. Being a pediatrician seemed the natural course." After this decision was made, Dr. Anglin pursued her studies with a renewed vigor. She graduated from Auburn University in 2003, *summa cum laude*, with a degree in Molecular Biology. Dr. Anglin then attended the University of Alabama School of Medicine, where she graduated as a Fearn Fellow in 2007 with her MD. Dr. Anglin completed her residency at The Children's Mercy Hospital (CMH) in Kansas City, Missouri. CMH is a 314-bed exclusively children's hospital that consistently ranks among the best pediatric hospitals by *U.S. News & World Report*. Dr. Anglin selected this hospital because of the valuable learning opportunities it afforded her. "I was blessed to have the opportunity to study at an outstanding pediatric facility with world famous experts in various pediatric fields. I not only had the opportunity to see many children with common illnesses such as asthma or the flu, but I also had the chance to take care of many children with rare and unusual problems." Doctor

Anglin took care of many children with childhood cancer, congenital heart disease requiring open-heart surgery, and kidney disease. She had the opportunity to help make critical diagnoses for children with subtle symptoms and rare diseases. She believes that her experience with uncommon cases will benefit her patients in private practice.

“Part of my job,” she says, “was helping the parents through the journey from sick child to fixed child. Parents come to you and they’re worried. I could see that in their eyes. What could happen? What will happen?”

For Dr. Anglin, translating the medical jargon for the parents to ease their fears was only part of the job. Some parents needed a hug, others needed more information and reassurance. Dr. Anglin helped each one based on the needs of the parents and the patients. In the process she came to love and be loved by many of those families.

“To be a part of something really important, and know that what you do matters to parents and to the kids, I don’t know how any job could be more rewarding.”

Dr. Anglin is excited to be returning to the Valley area where she grew up. She is the daughter of Randy Williams of Auburn, and Ginger DeWitt of Jefferson City, MO. She is the Granddaughter of Mary Jean Adamson of Lanett. She is the God-Daughter of Bernice Porter of Lanett. She is married to Paul Anglin, of Valley, and has a 9-month-old son, Ethan.

As Dr. Anglin begins her practice at Pediatric Associates in Valley, she will bring the experience she gained at Children’s Mercy Hospital with her. “I am excited

to bring my experience and knowledge to my hometown. My goal is to help children and their parents by providing the best care possible.” Dr. Anglin begins her pediatric practice with Pediatric Associates on October 1, 2010.

LANIER HEALTH SERVICES is very pleased to announce that Dr. Rian Williams Anglin will be joining PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES. “Dr. Anglin will be an enormous asset to our practice”, stated Dr. Charles Casarona. “We are looking forward to having Dr. Anglin join our team, and the fact that she is returning home to begin her pediatric practice is a wonderful thing for our community”, Dr. Tonya Lyles replied. Dr. Anglin may be reached at 334.756.5137.