

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

### PERSONAL DATA

Name: Dr. James M. DeLine  
Title: M.D., Family Practice  
Location: LaFarge Medical Clinic-VMH

### EDUCATION AND DEGREES

Undergraduate:	University of Illinois Degree: Bachelor of Science Physiology	1972-1976
Medical Education:	University of Illinois School of Medicine	1977-1980
	University of Illinois School of Basic Medical Sciences Independent Study	1976-1977
Residency:	Wausau Family Practice Center Department of Family Medicine & Practice Chief Resident	1980-1983 1982-1983
	University of Wisconsin	

**LICENSURE:** State of Wisconsin

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Academy of Family Physicians  
Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians

### CERTIFICATION:

American Board of Family Practice: 1983, 1990, 1997, 2014

Geriatrics Board Certification: 1988, 1998, 2009

### EXPERIENCE:

Private medical practice 1983 to present in LaFarge Wisconsin  
Solo family practice established, fall 1983 in the rural community of 750.  
Group practice since 1988; joined Vernon Memorial Healthcare in 2004

**HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS:** Vernon Memorial Healthcare, Viroqua, WI

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Volunteer faculty, University of Wisconsin, Department of Family Medicine & Practice, part-time teaching of health professional students.

## **HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS:**

Guest speaker, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event, UW Department of Family Medicine & Practice, 1995.  
State Medical Society Physician Citizen of the Year, 1996  
Wisconsin Family Physician of the Year, 2000

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

Mayo Clinic Proceedings 2002 “Clustering of Recurrent Pericarditis with Effusion and Constriction in a Family”  
Annals of Family Medicine; Nov 2012; “Low Primary Caesarian Rate and High VBAC Rate with Good Outcomes in an Amish Birthing Center”  
Molecular Genetics and Metabolism Reports, Sept 2016; “Successful Pregnancy and Delivery in a Woman with Propionic Acidemia from the Amish Community”

## **OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE:**

LaFarge School Board 1998 to 2004  
Medical Director for LaFarge Ambulance 1983 to 2008  
Medical Director for Ontario Ambulance 1995 to 2011

## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

My career has been focused on the needs of all the people of Southwest Wisconsin, optimizing health outcomes regardless of the ability to pay. The guiding principles on which my first practice was based in 1983, supported by Vernon Memorial, has allowed the development of a dynamic and unique practice which is supporting improved health care throughout the region. The practice, hospital owned since 2004, will continue to provide rich opportunities for teaching health professions students. The health care team being developed with local health care workers, the University of Wisconsin, and others gives me a sense of optimism that these efforts will be ongoing as I age and my practice is modified as a result. In the last five years, the practice has developed an even closer relationship with the University of Wisconsin department of Pediatrics as we have made efforts to characterize and treat the rare genetic syndromes in the Amish and Mennonite communities. These children until now have been mostly undiagnosed and untreated, lovingly cared for by their families without the assistance of modern medicine. When engagement with the medical community has occurred, extensive and often futile evaluation has been performed, leading to hundreds of thousands of dollars in costs and little benefit and often no diagnosis. With the advent of low cost genetic testing and the knowledge base developed by a few select geneticists, experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of the rare genetic syndrome in the plain community, we have begun efforts to clarify these disorders in the plain community of the northern Midwest. There are three clinics currently managing these children in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana. They care strictly for these special children. Our practice is the first to attempt to incorporate the diagnosis and care of these rare genetic disorders into a full spectrum family medicine practice. Our ability to care for the obstetrical needs as well, adding cord blood testing for suspected disorders, allows us to initiate care appropriate to the needs of the child immediately from birth. This includes early intervention for treatable disorders and palliative care for properly diagnosed lethal disorders. I am committed to working with UW and other partners locally and beyond to improve access to timely, culturally-sensitive, and coordinated accessible health care.





