

Brian Ellis:

I'm Brian Ellis. I'm a family physician here at Danville Family Physicians. And I have been with Ephraim for over 20 years and I've been in Danville for 28 years. I grew up in Western Kentucky in a very small town, Benton, Kentucky in Marshall county.

I like to garden. I like to exercise. I like to be out in the woods and I like to hang out with my family.

Well, I grew up in a small town and my father was the small town family doctor where I grew up in. So that was kind of something that I saw modeled well, and I wanted to do that. And I always thought it was a good idea to be in a small community and to try to give back in various ways to the community. So I feel very fortunate to be in Danville for this long and have my career here.

Probably a teacher and a coach.

I graduated from Marshall county high school in Kentucky, and then I went to Centre college here. That's sort of how I found Danville, I went to Centre. And then from there I went to the Medical College of Georgia and then I did my family practice residency at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Well, I liked even in medical training, I always liked the different ages. I love taking care of children. I love taking care of the elderly. And to me, it was just a nice fit to be able to take care of a wide range of ages and also to get to know families, to get to know the entire generations. And I think that's a fun and rewarding part of my practice.

Oh, I think just the people I enjoy getting to know people. I enjoy taking care of friends and consider many of my patients, my friends. And so it truly is something that I like walking into the room and knowing all about the person and knowing that maybe some of these people have known for many, many years. And to me that's very rewarding.

Well it's a busy place. So they may expect a lot of commotion, particularly up front. We have a lot of people coming and going and then hopefully they expect providers that will listen and try to deal with their concerns. I think that's the most important thing.

I think it's hard to answer as far as what my practice style is. I hope I listen well, because that's always a challenge is for me to hear what patients are saying and that's important to me. So hopefully I listen well, and I try to deal with not only the problem that the patient may have, but also things in their history that we need to deal with. So my job is to sort of discover that and maybe bring things to the patient's attention that they are not aware of, but also to listen to what their concerns are. That's what I hope my style is.

All the patients, I think just helping people through problems is always the most rewarding thing.