Dr. Turnipseed focuses on the treatment of cardiac patients. He developed the Chest Pain Emergency Room/Cardiac Short-Stay Unit, where patients remain outpatients during a more extensive evaluation of their chest pain, thus avoiding unnecessary hospitalization. Dr. Turnipseed has assessed the benefits of immediate exercise on a treadmill for lower-risk cardiac patients, and evaluated syncope during this early diagnostic phase. He has studied the risk of ischemia in amphetamine-abusing patients who experience chest pain, and he also has researched dose-range safety and the effectiveness of specific pharmaceuticals in severe head-injury cases.

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