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Philosophy of Care

Dr. Melnikow became a family practitioner because she likes caring for the whole patient in the context of his or her family and community. She is particularly interested in women's health care, especially preventive health maintenance. She enjoys caring for patients of all ages, especially children. She is pleased that the Family and Community Medicine clinic enables her to serve many in the community who are in need of health care, including maternal-child health care and preventive health services.

Clinical Interests

Dr. Melnikow is particularly interested in women's health care, including prenatal care, breastfeeding and preventive health maintenance. Her research areas include preventive services, prenatal care, patient compliance and physician behavior. She also studies underserved populations and ways to improve cost effectiveness in women's health care.

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Select Recent Publications

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