

# Northeast OB/GYN welcomes new addition

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Sailaja Blackmon, M.D., joined the staff and physicians of Northeast OB/GYN on Sept. 1.

Dr. Blackmon left a private practice group in Marion, her husband's hometown, after nine years. Her husband has worked in Fort Wayne for the past five years which required a daily north and south trek along I-69 which depleted their precious family time. The Blackmons now call Fort Wayne their home.

Born in Guntur, India, Dr. Blackmon's family came to the United States when she was four years old. Her parents — both physicians — completed their medical residencies in Detroit. Her father became a general surgeon, her mother an obstetrician and gynecologist.

The family settled with their three children in Pikeville, Ky., where Dr. Blackmon, her sister and brother went to school. She attended the University of

Kentucky, where her heart was stolen away by a young, handsome basketball star from Marion, Ind., by the name of James Blackmon. The rest, as they say, is history. James majored in social work and played basketball while his wife-to-be studied medicine and wrote health-related articles for the university and School of Medicine newspapers.

James Blackmon works with Fort Wayne Community Schools as a conflict mediator and administrator. He still bleeds and breathes basketball and has coached at the University of Saint Francis and Bishop Luers High School. The Blackmons stay busy with their three sons ages nine, seven and two. Dr. Blackmon admits that her home is like a mini-basketball camp at times, as her sons have inherited their father's love of the game. She smiles and shakes her head when asked if she can dribble a basketball.

The Blackmons hope to take their children on an excursion to India at some point so they may experience the diverse

cultural aspects of their American-Indian heritage.

"Education is first priority in India," Dr. Blackmon said. "I want my children to learn that most things can be done differently ... and still be right."

Sailaja Blackmon, M.D., is a board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist. She believes in a holistic, caring and sensitive approach to patient care. Her main medical interests include routine and high-risk obstetrics, laparoscopic surgeries, evaluation of infertility and treatment of PMS, menopause, depression and endometriosis. "I love getting know my patient through nine months of pregnancy and the delivery of her baby," she said. "It makes me feel as if I am part of a miracle each time."

Dr. Blackmon is currently accepting new patients. Northeast OB/GYN offices are located at 11123 Parkview

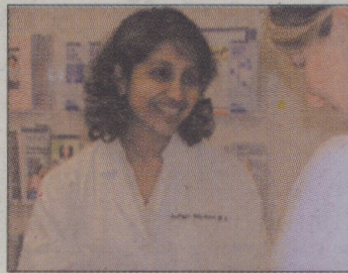


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Dr. Sailaja Blackmon talks with a patient at Northeast OB/GYN, where she recently joined the staff.

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Call 422-7455 to schedule an appointment to see Dr. Blackmon or any other physicians of Northeast OB/GYN.