

Dr. John-Emmett...: My name is Dr. John-Emmett Mahon or Dr. Mahon and I've worked with Ephraim McDowell with Mercer Pediatrics for about two months now.

Well, I'm married to a woman way above, way out of my league, and we have two beautiful children. We have a two year old son and a one year old daughter and my wife is pregnant with our third, so we will have three under three. And so most of my time outside of work is spending time with my wife and my kids.

I'm originally from Nebraska so I'm a Cornhusker fan, unfortunately. It's a tough time for Cornhusker fans.

Well, I really love to spend time with my wife and kids. We watch football or we watch Netflix. I really like Green Arrow our Netflix, so oftentimes we'll watch that and just spend time with family and friends.

Well, originally, I was one of those kids who always said they wanted to be a doctor. I've always had this desire to help people but then as I got older, I also really was interested in science and I was interested in just the human body and how to help people feel good, not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually as well. I felt like medicine was kind of the great... The avenue that I could go down in order to help people like that.

I probably would've gone into some kind of ministry work of some kind. I've thought about that. That's probably the avenue that I would've ultimately gone down.

I went to undergrad at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and then I went to medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha and then I trained a pediatric residency in Louisville, Kentucky.

I think kids, teenagers, are just, they're great patients. I'm just really passionate about helping parents and families be healthy and whole and I think you're able to address that in pediatrics, in the ways that you don't get to address that as much in the other areas of medicine. I love the education piece of it. I like just reassuring parents and families that, "Hey, you're doing a great job." "You're a great mom. You're a great dad. You're a great grandparent." "You're raising this future generation the best way that you know how." I like to just be that resource for families to either reassure them or to guide them, when necessary, to keep their children healthy.

I just think some of the funny things kids say. I think one of them, an example of that would be this one child I asked him what he liked to eat and he said he really likes to eat the Mike Tyson nuggets. He meant just like the Tyson chicken, but he said Mike Tyson nuggets and I thought that was really funny. So, you just hear stories like that coming from kids and they're just really pure of heart most of the time; very, honest in how they're feeling and what's going on with them

and I just really enjoy that piece and the relationships that I form with the families.

They should expect to be greeted by our very friendly staff. We really try to our best to get you back to a room as soon as possible. You'll be seen either by me, or Jessica Lester, the nurse practitioner that I work with and we can address anything and everything pediatric related. Whether you have a child who is healthy and has no really no issues and we're just making sure that they stay that way, or you have a child who has multiple chronic medical conditions. This is a place where you can be seen and my promise is that I will always try to do my best to provide the best care possible for your child.

I think again, what we're really trying... What we have here at Mercy Pediatrics is a culture of really just trying to show families kindness and be welcoming as much as we possibly can. We try to accommodate, as much as possible, for families where we can and just an environment where we respect one another and we respect the families that come through our door.

The most rewarding part is just seeing a child who maybe was going through something, whether that be emotionally, physically, and being able to provide a treatment or therapy for that child, and then having them return to the clinic a few months later and seeing that they're doing so much better. That's the most rewarding part. Or, we're talking to a parent who has a child who's struggling and providing that help, providing that reassurance and then just expressing that gratitude. It is very... That's the most rewarding part, hands down and those relationships that you form with your patients and with their parents.