

Doctor of the Month



Candid Moment Photographs

Dr. Gary Quinby Dermatologist

I received a heartfelt email from Jillian Kennedy from East Moline, IL, who declared Dr. Gary Quinby to be the best doctor ever!

Jillian had skin cancer, and got it treated by Dr. Quinby. However, one day, Jillian missed a follow up appointment. A few days later, she received a registered letter. Inside, was a handwritten note from Dr. Quinby, stating it was ok if she had decided to go to another doctor, but he just wanted to be sure that she was still seeking treatment. Jillian was so touched that Dr. Quinby

went to the extra effort and expense of the handwritten, registered letter, she has since declared, "I will never go anywhere else."

It's that thought and effort that earned Healthy Cells June Doctor of the Month.

Healthy Cells: What do you think after hearing Jillian's email about your letter?

Dr. Quinby: Wow! I guess someone did pay attention to me when I sent it out. But what I did isn't out of the ordinary. I'd do that for anyone.

HC: What made you take that extra step for your patients?

Dr.: That's standard procedure. We keep a log of patients, and we want to make sure they are definitely cured, so we track it in the log for follow up. Some people move, have different priorities, or they may think they're cured or they've put it behind them. We just want to follow up with them to make sure everything's ok.

HC: What made you choose Dermatology?

Dr.: I liked the variety of dermatology and it's very visual. Everyday is something different and new challenges. I liked to be able to combine medicine and surgery.

HC: What kinds of patients do you see?

Dr.: A lot of skin cancer and suspicious lesions. Teens with acne and kids with rashes. Really, people of all ages.

HC: Any cosmetic?

Dr.: Some cosmetic. It's not something we push or advertise. We do the service for those that inquire, but overall, only about 10% of my patients are cosmetic.

HC: What's the best part of your job?

Dr.: My staff deserves a lot of the credit. They get as many or more compliments than I do. Without them, I wouldn't be as successful as I am.

And, I like making people happy. Generally, you can do something for everyone. No one who sees me is hopeless. Hearing someone say, "Thank You," and mean it. That gratitude is worth it.

HC: What's the worst part of your job?

Dr.: I would say dealing with insurance companies is number one. And, I don't like to be behind schedule.

HC: So what about your personal life?

Dr.: Well, I don't have a lot of spare time. I like to garden, fish, travel, spend time with family.

I grew up in Rock Island and went to Rock Island High School. I went to medical school in Iowa City and I also have a PhD in biochemistry, so I'm a MD and a PhD. I have two boys, teenagers. They're fun, but challenging, they're great.