

## Dr. Rod Barnes

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A native Kansan, Rod Barnes was born in Ottawa, although he considers Council Grove to be his hometown. During his high school years in the 1960s, he dreamed of living in California. Later, in his college years, he wanted to call Colorado home. But soon thereafter, he realized the beauty of Kansas and has never thought twice about his decision to stay in the state.

Dr. Barnes studied pre-med at Kansas State University and still bleeds a little purple after almost 30 years of being a Lawrence resident. He obtained his medical degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City, after which he completed a residency in Family Practice in Wichita at Saint Joseph Hospital (now know as Via Christi). In 1978 he moved to Lawrence and has lived here ever since.

During his medical career of nearly 30 years, Dr. Barnes has has delivered more than 3,000 babies. He also has had a particular interest in Sports Medicine, recently passing an American Academy of Family Practice exam for an advanced certificate in the specialty. Dr. Barnes is now working part time. He is in the office on Monday and Tuesday each week.

Dr. Barnes entrusted his nursing responsibilities to Joni Lawrence, RN, over 30 years ago. That relationship continues today and provides continuity of care.

With his wife, Mary, Dr. Barnes has four grown children and three grandchildren that keep both of them very busy. He continues to pursue an adolescent passion for vintage sports cars, muscle cars and motorcycles. And he has managed to remain healthy enough to play on a city league softball team for the past 25+ years, which he plans to quit only when he runs out of excuses for poor play.

"It is my sincere privilege to be associated with my partners at Lawrence Family Medicine and Obstetrics," Dr. Barnes believes. "Their wisdom and support has made my career fulfilling. I am also fortunate to have the support of a caring, sincere and inquisitive patient population who has continued to enlighten me. I only hope that my patients have learned as much from me as I have from them."