



DRS. SEYMOUR GRUFFERMAN and SUE KIMM

"By having related but not identical interests, we pick up a broader perspective. It's like having a personal consultant."

Which One Do You Want?

The Osterhouts frequently receive phone calls and mail intended for the other spouse since they share not only the same profession and same last name, but also the same first initial and post office box.

"If people wonder why something doesn't get done," Shirley explained, "it's because somehow the request never got to the right S. Osterhout."

"Everyone at our offices and at home has been instructed to ask, 'Which Dr. Osterhout do you want?'" she continued. "In July when the new house staff arrives, we often get complete silence."

"One person asked, 'Does he have a father who's a doctor?' Others say *the* Dr. Osterhout," she said. "I'm always tempted to say, 'I'm *the* Dr. Osterhout and he's the other one.'"

Confusion strikes the other M.D. couples as well. There are now three Dr. McCartys in the medical center including Kenneth Sr., a professor of biochemistry. Sometimes the wrong one is paged.

Wrong Direction

What happens to the Deeses is that "a little boy will come to see my husband," Susan said. "The Information Desk expects a child to see me and sends him to pediatrics instead of urology."

"When we first married, I was a house officer and I used my maiden name for the rest of the term," she said. "When we moved here, I changed my name."

The decision to use a husband's name seems to depend on how well established the woman is professionally at the time of the marriage. As Laura Gutman explained, "I hadn't published any papers so there was no important reason to keep my maiden name professionally."

For Jacqueline Hijmans, on the other hand, all her credentials both in her native country of the Netherlands and in the United States were in her maiden name.

Choosing a Name

Although the women's movement may be making it more likely that women will become physicians, it doesn't seem to be influencing them to keep their maiden names.

Dr. Samuel L. Katz, W. C. Davison

professor of pediatrics and chairman of the department, and Dr. Catherine Wilfert, associate professor of pediatrics and microbiology, use different names, but the Buckleys (Dr. Charles E. III, associate professor of medicine and assistant professor of microbiology and immunology, and Dr. Rebecca H., professor of pediatrics, associate professor of microbiology and immunology and chief of the division of Pediatric

Allergy, Immunology and Pulmonary Diseases) and the Krediches (Dr. Nicholas M., associate professor of medicine and assistant professor of biochemistry, and Dr. Deborah W., associate in pediatrics) use the same last name.

About 15 M.D. couples on the house staff use the same last name.

More and more the paging office may be asking, "Which Dr. ---- did you want?"



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