

## Echiverri not a doctor for money

**Melissa Hall**  
**Carlsle** — "I wasn't thinking of money when I went into the medical field, because in my native country doctors don't bring in a lot of money, they do it for the challenge and personal satisfaction," said Alfredo V. Echiverri, M.D.

Echiverri was born in Ponce, Ponce Norte in Northern Luzon, where he attended Luzon Academy.

"It was a poor country, but the eight members of my family were very happy.

"We produced what we needed by raising farm animals, going fishing and growing our own garden.

"Since there was no refrigeration, we prepared only what we needed for each meal.

"We didn't have a lot of sophisticated things but we had what we needed," he explained.

"My brother was a naval engineer in the United States and I too planned on becoming an engineer.

"My brother told me if I would go to medical school, he would help me out. So, I did and I've never looked back," he said.

Echiverri received his undergraduate degree in liberal arts as well as attended medical school at the University of Santo Tomas.

He came to the United States to find a more comfortable life than he was accustomed to.

Echiverri did his intern at St. Mary Elizabeth Hospital in Louisville.

He completed his surgical residency at St. Joseph Hospital in Louisville also.

While working toward his goal of becoming a doctor, he met his future wife, Lynda, from Jefferson, Indiana, was attending nursing school in Louisville when

they met.

The Echiverri's now have five children: Tracy, 28 years old; Christina, 25 years old; Annie, 23 years old; Lucy, 22 years old; and Freddie, 21 years old.

The doctor worked for at St. Joseph Hospital in Louisville for four years.

He then began working at St. Anthony Hospital, also in Louisville, while he took the state board. He was employed with them for three years.

In 1967, Echiverri and his wife moved to Paris, Ky. where he set up his own practice.

They stayed there until 1964, then moved to Monticello and again set up a private practice.

In 1968, they came back to Paris where he is still located.

"When I started coming to Carlsle in 1971, I worked at the old hospital where I did a lot of operations.

"I work in Carlsle now, on Wednesday and Saturday," he said.

His wife works with him in

the office of their private practice.

Helping patients in need is not the only pastime Echiverri enjoys.

"I used to do a lot of golfing but I haven't got to do as much lately, he said.

"I also enjoy doing a little hunting and fishing when I get the chance, he said.

Echiverri said that many things had changed in the medical field since he started practicing.

"With so many new regulations from the government and insurance companies, it has taken a lot of the glamour away from the profession.

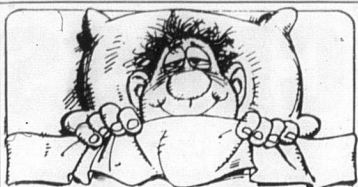
"I couldn't wait to get into the operating room 30 to 35 years ago, but now a lot of times patients expect too much.

"They all expect a miracle and that has taken some of the incentive away.

"All we can really do is the best we can and let the next generation take care of themselves and their patients," Echiverri said.



Dr. Alfredo V. Echiverri



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