

Steven Bankler, CPA

Client Spotlight

Oak Hills Women's Center

Specializing in Gynecology and Related Surgery

While other six-year-old boys were catching frogs for fun, Bernard Cavazos, a *Ben Casey* fan who never missed the TV show, was dissecting them.

"I anesthetized the frogs in jars with alcohol, and anatomized and compared them to pictures in World Book Encyclopedia," recalls "Dr. B," who says he always knew he would become a doctor.

Wife and business partner Carolyn—"Dr. C" to her patients—adored life sciences and studied zoology as a college student. Inspired by her mother, who was a bank vice president, Carolyn then attended medical school.

The pair of budding obstetricians and gynecologists met as senior medical students at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. They completed internships and residencies together at the then Robert B. Green Bexar County Hospital, often working 36-hour shifts.

July 1, 1978, marked the interns' first on-call duty day. It found them early that Saturday morning in an empty

delivery ward. "But by the time we left Sunday afternoon, we had seen 80 patients, discharged half of them and delivered 30 babies!" recalls Dr. C.

Dr. B and Dr. C completed their residencies, married and began private practice all in 1982.

Bernard R. Cavazos Jr., M.D., and Carolyn Lewallen Cavazos, M.D., are Fellows of the American College of Obstetrics-Gynecology, board-certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and licensed since 1978 by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. Oak Hills Women's Center is their multi-generational practice that sees patients of all ages. They initially provided clinical and surgical care to obstetric and gynecology patients but in 1997 decided to discontinue obstetrics to specialize in gynecology and related surgery.

Specializing allows the "docs" to focus on patient-doctor relationships and refine their gynecological skills.

"We want to be on the forefront of technology to benefit our patients and to spend more time with each patient," says Dr. B.

And that is what sets them apart at a time in medicine when healthcare providers force high-volume workloads that cause many doctors by default to leave patients at a loss. "In light of that challenge, in our practice, we are committed to making eye contact with and listening to our patients and taking the time they need," says Dr. C.

"It's not that we're smarter or better, it's simply that we care and enjoy what we do," explains Dr. B. "Even in this economy, we take care of our patients before worrying about the bills. When our patients leave, they comfortably know what they have and what can be done about it. We take away the fear factor."

This medical and surgical team is proud to offer the very latest in minimally invasive procedures—laparoscopic surgery—using modern tools designed for amazing things. "With

today's technology, we can surgically remove sizeable tumors through small key-hole incisions, resulting in less blood loss, less pain, less recovery time and a happier patient," says Dr. B.

Dr. B and Dr. C met Steven Bankler 20 years ago upon referral by another physician. "We were looking for someone with more experience," says Dr. B. "We hired Steven to manage our business accounting and to advise about retirement planning. He keeps us in good shape with taxes. And as to planning for retirement, Steven is outperforming other investment advisors we've worked with." Dr. C agrees. "Steven is available when we have questions, and year after year, he gives us great service! He is sharp and well-qualified."

Oak Hills Women's Center is located in San Antonio at 9639 Huebner Road. Find out more by calling (210) 692-3636 or visit www.oakhillswomenscenter.com.



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