

PHYSICIAN SPOTLIGHT



When Dr. Vilma Rodriguez-Cline first immigrated to the United States from El Salvador, life was quite challenging. She and her parents and siblings didn't speak English, and they lived in several different states before finally settling in Nebraska.

Because Rodriguez-Cline knows what it's like to struggle, she is especially drawn to families who have also had a hard time making ends meet. In fact, she says, if she ever wins the lottery, she wants to open a free clinic where patients don't have to worry about paying for medical care. **"I would also buy a lot of coats to give away when patients come in and don't have one,"** she said.

In the absence of a winning lottery ticket, Rodriguez-Cline is content to continue treating patients at Humphrey and Lindsay medical clinics as a family medicine doctor. **"I enjoy treating families and getting to know their children, parents and grandparents,"** she said. **"I try to treat all patients as if they were family by giving them time to be heard with respect. It is always tough to give bad news to a patient. I always ask them to bring a family member or a friend when there is something serious to discuss."**

Rodriguez-Cline also works with Columbus Community Hospital's Occupational Health Services department, performing pre-employment exams and Department of Transportation exams; reviewing drug screenings, pulmonary function tests and lab results for employee wellness programs; and performing on-site physician services at various industrial worksites.

"By going out to the sites, it helps me understand work injuries, develop prevention strategies and share them with employees," she said.

She and her husband, Randy, have been married since before Rodriguez-Cline started medical school at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. They moved to Columbus five years ago.

In her spare time, Rodriguez-Cline likes to spend time with her family, paint, walk or work in her flower garden. She says if she could have dinner with anyone in the world, she would choose Jesus.

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