

From Big Rapids, Michigan, Dr. Schell enjoyed her undergraduate work at Kalamazoo College which fortunately diverted her from being a research scientist and led her to graduate from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1991. While there she made many lifelong friends and was president of Doctors Ought to Care and Sigma Sigma Phi National Osteopathic Honor Society. After acting as Chief Intern during her rotating internship at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital/ Bi-County Community Hospital she went on to a Pediatric Residency at St John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit, finishing as Chief Resident in 1997. After 3 years in a large multi-site group hospital owned practice (during the HMO era) she spent the next five years on the teaching faculty of her residency program. She moved to Northern Michigan with her family in 2000, working as a case reviewer for Social Security Disability and a part time employed pediatrician while raising her 3 young children. During that time, she chaired a district wide parent advisory committee for Traverse City public schools and served on the boards of the new Great Lakes Children's Museum as well as the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. In 2011 she opened her own practice with 3 other women at the time of transition to electronic medical records, implementation of meaningful use and subsequent transition to ICD 10. Enjoying the administrative responsibilities and opportunities to improve processes while serving as Chief of Pediatrics at Munson Medical Center from 2015-2019 she began her latest adventure as a Physician Advisor in January 2019. She is board certified by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians and just sat for the certifying exam with the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians. When not helping her colleagues understand the craziness of insurance rules and regulations she loves to read books, play the piano and tambourine and be the funnest hockey mom in the crowd!