



Pamela J. Oatis, M.D. ('69) has been a practicing pediatrician for nearly 40 years, serving inner-city families as a physician with Mercy Health St. Vincent Family Care Center in Toledo. She began with the Mercy as a primary care pediatrician caring for children in the office and in the hospital in 1986 and has served as the Medical Center's Medical Specialist for Ethics since 2009.

Pam started the Mercy Family Care Team in 2005. She and the team trained over 700 public health nurses, early intervention workers, and Head Start teachers statewide via a three-year federal grant teaching about Medical Homes and Hand in Hand Parenting. They targeted those who serve children and youth with special health-care needs. She has received numerous awards in the areas of service, research, and teaching; including being named Ohio Pediatrician of the Year in 2012 and the March of Dimes Physician of the Year in 2013.

Her nominator calls Pam a compassionate individual who puts her heart into action, helping and healing children and families. She is also an author, presenter, medical researcher, gardener, proponent of regenerative agriculture, solar energy, and an Olympic-distance triathlete. Pam has three grown sons, three grandchildren, and lives in Dundee, Michigan with husband John Kiely.