

Katharine Leppard, MD

Dr. Leppard began her career caring for patients as a physical therapist in the 1980s. She received her medical degree at Wayne State University in Detroit Michigan. She completed her residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor Michigan. She was chief resident her senior year. Dr. Leppard is board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Neuromuscular Medicine, and Electrodiagnostic Medicine.

Dr. Leppard specializes in EMG (electromyography) and nerve conduction study nerve testing. This is a test used to diagnose conditions such as carpal tunnel, cubital tunnel peripheral neuropathy, radiculopathy, sciatica or muscle disease. This test can be uncomfortable, Dr. Leppard strives to make the test as comfortable as possible while arriving at an accurate diagnosis. Proper diagnosis is critical for proper treatment.

The challenges of medicine continue to become more difficult. When Dr. Leppard started practicing medicine in 1996, scheduling was done in a handwritten notebook in pencil, appointments were erased and rewritten as needed. Medical notes at that time could be a hand written short paragraph. Medical billing was more straightforward.

Fast forward to 2018, and electronic medical records are now the norm. The amount of detail that is involved has improved dramatically. The quality of the medical notes has improved, however the amount of time required to complete electronic charting does take away from the time that a doctor can spend with the patient. Insurance companies now deny payment or down code charges regularly.

Despite these challenges, she enjoys a busy solo practice in Colorado Springs. Dr. Leppard sees every patient herself, she does not have a physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

“Helping patients with diagnostic challenges is the most rewarding part of my job.”

Dr. Leppard is honored to be selected as one of Colorado Springs top doctors for the six year in a row. ■



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