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MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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**TWO STURDY MEMORIAL OB/GYNS ACHIEVE  
UROGYNECOLOGY SPECIALTY STATUS**

Receive Board Certification In Female Pelvic Medicine And Reconstructive Surgery

ATTLEBORO, MA, September 24, 2013—Millions of women in the United States suffer from pelvic conditions such as incontinence, overactive bladder, urinary frequency, and pelvic pain, which can impact quality of life and sometimes lead to more serious disorders. To strengthen management of female pelvic conditions in support of women in the Sturdy community, Dr. Ralph Philosophie and Dr. Barbara Stricker, board-certified ob/gyns, recently achieved board certification in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS).

The FPMRS subspecialty certification, jointly administered by the American Board of Urology and American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology, requires three years of extra, rigorous training and education after a basic residency, the passing of both a written and oral examination, and fulfillment of annual recertification requirements. The elite few who have received FPMRS certification provide consultation and comprehensive management—involving diagnostic and therapeutic procedures—for patients' total care of complex benign pelvic conditions and pelvic floor dysfunction.

Dr. Philosophie practices at The Foxboro Center for Women's & Family Health. Dr. Stricker is with OB/GYN Associates of Attleboro. Both practices are among the 16 practices that make up Sturdy Memorial Associates (SMA) and are associated with Sturdy Memorial Hospital.

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