

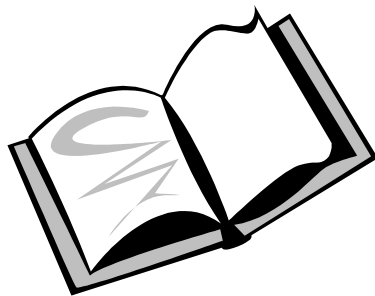
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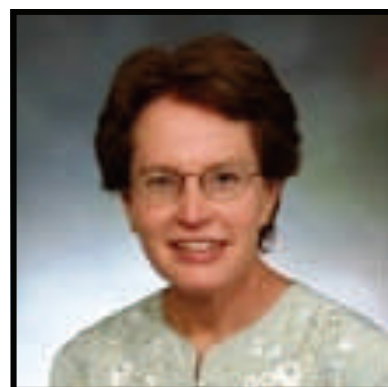
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Scholarly activities and interests: Dr. Osborne loves sports, both team and individual. Has coached baseball and shooting (BB team and precision air). Dr. Osborne's son Daniel is a state champion marksman in precision air. Dr. Osborne research specialty is in the regulation of growth and repair of the gastrointestinal mucosal lining.



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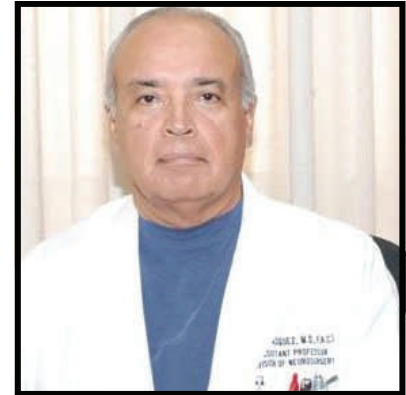
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