

### **Patricia W. Hanson, M.D.**



#### **Education:**

*Undergraduate:*

B.A. in Biology Ohio Dominican College, Columbus, Ohio

*Graduate:*

M.D. Ohio State University College of Medicine,  
Columbus, Ohio

*Other Training/Experience:*

Psychiatric Residency Training, Boston State Hospital and  
Tufts-New England Medical Center. Courtesy Staff,  
Department of Psychiatry, Newton-Wellesley Hospital.  
Psychiatric Staff, Advocates Inc. Psychiatric Consultant,  
Genesis Substance Abuse Clinic. Private practice, Wayland,  
MA.

#### **Areas of special interest/focus:**

I enjoy working with people from the teen years to the golden years. I have no particular area of special interest—enjoy working with all types of emotional problems.

#### **Clinical Philosophy (how he/she approaches work with the people he/she serves):**

**Respect:** I try to respect the people with whom I work and treat them and their families the way I would wish to be treated. I try to remember what it is like to be dependent on someone else for my well-being or the well-being of my family member.  
**Education:** I try to educate people and their families about emotional illnesses, the types of treatments available and the ways to prevent recurrence. I want to demystify psychiatric illness and have it better understood as a medical illness which needs both medicine to treat it and therapy to help people cope more effectively with the life stresses that can aggravate their illness.

#### **What do you consider the most important elements in a successful outcome in working with a person who is in treatment with you?**

I want people to feel better about themselves, to understand their illness and the ways to best control it, to be as symptom-free as is possible and to be living their life to the fullest degree possible.

#### **Other things about you or how you work that you would like to share with people who are considering choosing to work with you:**

I expect that people will come to learn that I care deeply about what I do and that I will always try to do the best that I can for them.