

# 40 Under 40

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## **Greg Robert Shiver**, Age 37, Camilla Physician Assistant • Phoebe Family Medical Center, Camilla

I am a Physician Assistant with Phoebe Family Medical Center in Camilla, which is a rural family practice setting. I work with patients ranging from the pediatric population to the geriatric population, with a focus on adolescent care. I also work with our local hospital and convalescent centers to provide patient care in those settings as well.

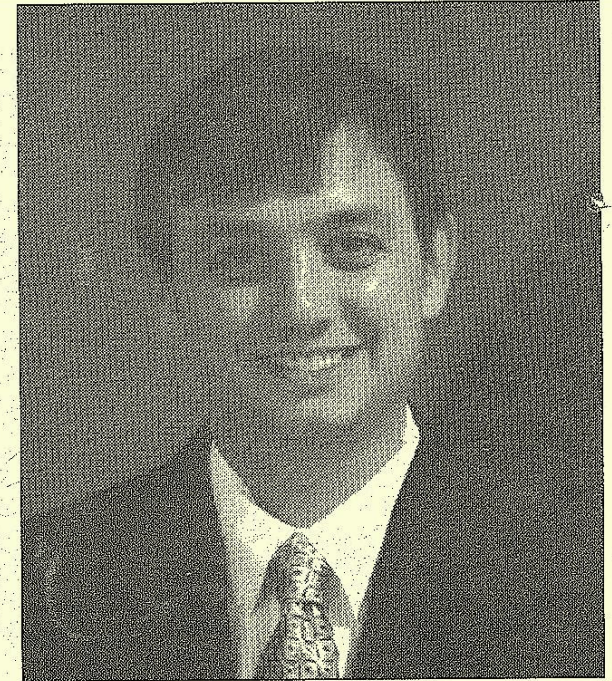
My biggest challenge is to navigate the regulations and requirements of the current health care system while maintaining personalized, quality health care for all patients. I'm also challenged on a daily basis in finding the resources to ensure the best care, medication, and procedures for all patients, regardless of various financial circumstances. I am committed to making sure each patient has access to what they and their families need to maintain a healthy life.

My father is a physician who has practiced in our community for over thirty years. I grew up watching him practice medicine, at times even on our porch or in our neighbors' homes. My early goals were to have a positive impact and

affect the lives of people in my hometown in a lasting way. There's nothing more rewarding than helping people deal with both mental and physical health issues during their most difficult times.

The Mitchell County tornadoes of 2000 indelibly affected my perception of my job and community. While working at the local hospital under difficult conditions, I witnessed countless courageous, unselfish acts of medical personnel, rescue workers, victims, and citizens there offering help. I learned the value of my small town and the goodness of people who step forward when most needed. I've learned that doing what's right is its own reward, although it may not always be recognized.

My wife Marilyn and I have a five-month-old son, Gavin. I graduated with a Masters in Medical Science from the PA Program at Emory University. Since returning to Mitchell County, I have had long term involvements with the Mitchell Baker ARC, the Board of SOWEGA AHEC, the Board of Head Start for Mitchell and Baker Counties, and the Westwood Schools



Athletic teams. I also enjoy volunteering my time for other area schools sports physicals. My wife and I co-chaired the creation of the Cleve's Quails Memorial Quail Hunt and Fundraiser, which has raised over \$65,000 for positive youth development in southwest Georgia in just two years.