

# Meet the Doshier Trustee: Q&A with Scott Starks, MD

**Question #1:** What brought you to Smithville Township and how long have you lived here?

**Dr. Starks:** A travel agent I was treating recommended Bald Head Island in 1993. I rented there for five annual vacations before purchasing my current home in 1998. I can't get enough of the island experience in its Brunswick County setting.



*Scott Starks, MD*

**Question #2:** As a retired orthopedic surgeon, what's the biggest change you've witnessed in healthcare since you stopped seeing patients on a regular basis?

**Starks:** The increasing influence of the insurance industry to dictate limits on effective health care is extremely disturbing. Peer review should remain the standard. On a more positive note, the addition of trained mid-level professionals such as Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants allows excellent medical care to be offered to a greater and more diverse group of people than ever before.

**Question #3:** What would you like the public to know about Doshier Memorial Hospital?

**Starks:** Our community is incredibly fortunate to have and to support Doshier. In short, we have been judged by others to be among the best at what we do in providing comprehensive medical care....and we are here to stay.

**Question #4:** What is most surprising since becoming a Doshier Board Member?

**Starks:** The overall level of patient satisfaction voiced regarding the quality of comprehensive care offered by Doshier. In short, the citizens of Smithville Township largely feel their tax assessments for the hospital is money well spent!

*Doshier Memorial Hospital is the only independent, critical access hospital in North Carolina. It is governed by a Board of Trustees elected by the public, and Dr. Starks is the newest on the seven-member board.*

