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Practice Philosophy:

Based on a passion to help people, Dr. Dontje began her career in nursing over 30 years ago and has been a Nurse Practitioner for over 20 years. She is currently an Associate Professor at the College of Nursing and a Nurse Practitioner at the MSU Family Health Center. She has worked at MSU for over 20 years in a variety of clinical settings. She began her career as a Staff Nurse and Team Leader on the Medical Surgical Unit at the Owosso Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Dontje's practice philosophy focuses on developing a partnership between the patient and Nurse Practitioner. The establishment of this partnership is based on the belief of four core concepts which impact this relationship. They are; holistic patient care, shared decision making, empowerment of the patient, and evidence based practice.

In collaboration with other faculty she developed the Sustained Partnership Model of Nurse Practitioner Practice. This model is one in which the patient is viewed holistically and the Nurse Practitioner works with the patient to develop self management skills and provide continuity of care.

Dr. Dontje was a participant in the Health Information Technology Scholars Program in 2010, to develop the electronic health record for inclusion into the Nurse Practitioner Program.