



## **Dr. Angela Varrin Biography**

Growing up in a small area like Griffith, and attending the one-room school of Holy Rosary, Angela remembers thinking that that the leap to St. Joseph's High School in Renfrew was going to be a big one. But it wasn't until she left home for University that she really appreciated just how small Griffith really was.

Angela first attended the University of Waterloo where she graduated on the Dean's Honours list with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Psychology with a Biology minor. She then continued on to a Master of Science degree in Molecular Biology during which she performed cancer-related studies of the cell cycle. It was during this research that she presented at various conferences and was first author to a research article published in the peer reviewed journal: *Molecular and Cellular Biology*.

After completion of her Master's, Angela moved back to the Ottawa Valley and became an Ambulance Communications Officer at the Renfrew Central Ambulance Communications Center. Shortly thereafter, she was on the move again when she gained admission to the University of Ottawa Medical School. After completion of her M.D., she was accepted at Queen's University, where she is currently undertaking her residency training in the Department of Family Medicine. After all of this time away in the big cities - and although these have all been wonderful experiences - Angela definitely looks forward to coming back home.