Provider Spotlight: Jessica Hobbs, M.D.

Affiliated with Carroll Hospital since 2015, **Jessica Hobbs, M.D.,** anesthesiology, is a valued member of the hospital's medical staff.

She currently serves as the medical director of the pre-admission testing department, which reviews patients' medical records to ensure they are safe for anesthesia and surgery. She also co-chairs the medical staff quality committee, which evaluates issues regarding patients' quality of care.

While working through the pandemic has been challenging for all healthcare workers, Dr. Hobbs said it has strengthened everyone's dedication to patients and ability to work as an efficient team.

"The pandemic has been very hard on the anesthesia department. We had to create an intubation team to put a breathing tube in every patient in the hospital who needed one during the first surge. But we were able to come together and be innovative during a time when so much was up in the air, and we were able to help our community," Dr. Hobbs said.

Board certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology with a subspecialty in critical care medicine, Dr. Hobbs earned her medical degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. She completed both her residency and fellowship at the University of Maryland Medical Center. She also has received Carroll Hospital's *Physician of the Month* award twice during her tenure.

Dr. Hobbs said it's the sense of community, especially within the surgical services department, that she likes the most about working at Carroll. "No matter what happens, we know that we are an extended family, and everyone works hard as a team to do the best that we can for every patient."