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Dr. Gina Davis, who heads the Service, is a liaison to the specialty clinic, making sure our referred patients are seen by the proper specialist.

Dr. Davis doesn’t just direct traffic, though. Outpatient Medicine thrives with many of its own cases each day. Dr. Davis might start her day with a dental procedure or a spay, and later diagnose lumps or an animal’s lameness. Her days are always different, and that keeps her—and her veterinary aide, Lisa Sullivan—on their toes. “One of the things I enjoy the most about working in the VMTH is the different types of cases we get,” states Dr. Davis. “I enjoy the different challenges, and working with the clients and referring veterinarians to overcome them.”

As a board-certified general practitioner, Dr. Davis handles a multitude of different cases, and knows exactly where to refer cases within the hospital. “One of the greatest advantages of the VMTH is that we have so many specialists whose talents are right at our fingertips,” adds Dr. Davis. “When my patients need to be referred to specialists, it’s right down the hall, rather than across town, or even farther away.”

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