

## Barbara A. Peterson, DNP, AGNP-C, Nurse Practitioner with the Medical Oncology Speciality Clinic

Get to know Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Dr. Barbara A. Peterson, who serves patients in Iowa City, Iowa.







practitioner (AGNP-C). She works in the Medical Oncology Speciality Clinic of Mercy Iowa City. Mercy Iowa City is an acute care hospital and regional referral center that draws patients from throughout southeast Iowa. It is one of three hospitals in the city - the others being the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and the Iowa City VA Medical Center. Barbara shares Mercy's Mission of Excellence in care while providing the best patient experience.

Dr. Peterson is also affiliated with several hospitals and medical centers in the area, including UnityPoint Health, the University of Iowa, and Mercy Medical Center.

Dr. Peterson is certified by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

In the field of nursing, Dr. Peterson specializes in hospice care. Hospice care is a type of care and philosophy of care that focuses on the palliation of a chronically ill, terminally ill or seriously ill patient's pain and symptoms and attending to their emotional and spiritual needs.

Dr. Peterson received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from the University of Iowa in 2001. She then went on to earn her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from the same University in 2018.

In order to stay up to date in her field, Dr. Peterson maintains a professional membership with the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, and the Iowa Nurse Practitioner Society.

An AGNP, like Dr. Peterson, is a nurse practitioner who specializes in continuing and comprehensive healthcare for adults across the lifespan from adolescence to old age. AGNP nurses must obtain further specialized education following their certification as registered nurses (RNs). Because an AGNP works across a broad patient population, there are many varied opportunities for these types of nurses.

Dr. Peterson's favorite medical journals are the Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (JNCCN) and the Journal of Clinical Oncology (JCO).

Dr. Peterson attributes her success to her tenacity, drive, as well as support from her educators and her family. She chose a career in nursing because it was the best decision for her and her family and because it offers the dedication to patient care that she had always wanted to give.

In her spare time, Dr. Peterson enjoys nature kayaking, hiking, and paddleboarding with her spouse.

## Learn More about Dr. Barbara A. Peterson:

Through her online profile, <u>https://todaysnurse.org/network/index.php?do=/4143776/info/</u>

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