

Get to Know Bridget Barnhart, PA-C

WOUND CARE & ONCOLOGY

Memorial Regional Health's Bridget Barnhart is a physician associate practicing alongside General Surgeon, Dr. Dana Miller, for wound care. She also works alongside Oncologist, Dr. Stephen Mayer, for hematology-oncology. Prior to wound care and hematology-oncology, she had been practicing family medicine in Steamboat Springs and Craig, in addition to dermatology.



What is your philosophy as a physician associate?

I believe that everyone's version of normal is different. I like to meet people where they are at and work with them to make changes that fit their lives. I've received feedback from patients that I listen well, don't judge and that they feel comfortable sharing concerns with me.

How did you get involved with wound care and oncology?

The administration of MRH wanted to expand their wound care offerings and asked if I'd like to develop a hospital-based wound care program. With my background in internal medicine and dermatology I was able to apply my skills in recognizing and treating the underlying cause of the wounds, and use my understanding of skin conditions and processes of healing.

Do you have any areas of special training?

I have completed the Society of Dermatology PA's diplomate fellowship in dermatology and am currently completing my advanced wound care certification. In my transition to hematology and oncology, I have completed the Oncology Nursing Society's chemotherapy and immunotherapy course.

What's a highlight from your childhood?

I grew up in Kansas City, Kansas, and I was into road and mountain bike racing from a young age. I raced competitively from age 14 through college, and beyond.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love the outdoors and spend time fly fishing, cycling, hiking, skiing and backpacking. I also am an avid gardener and have been keeping bees and chickens. My partner has a daughter so we like to all get outside whenever we can. When I lived in California, I enjoyed open ocean sailing.

What's something unique about you that others may not know?

I have a Master's in Fine Arts degree, and I worked for the Oakland Museum of California creating digital interactive pieces and maintaining their collections websites. I also spent time in northern Europe promoting my own artwork. Both my parents are in medicine, but all of us four kids went into art. Now, I'm doing both.

What do you like about being a PA?

I like developing real relationships with my patients and seeing positive changes in their health over time. I enjoy working with the whole person and taking time to make those changes happen.



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