

Walette Widener



Walette Widener, Ph.D. is a Board-Certified Family Nurse Practitioner for Savannah Neurology Specialists in Savannah, Georgia. With over 20 years of clinical, research, and teaching experience, Widener is a highly skilled, provider, in neurology and the acute care setting.

Her education includes a bachelor's and master's degree in Nursing from Armstrong Atlantic State University, where she specialized in Adult Clinical Nursing. While teaching as a Clinical Nurse Specialist, Widener decided to pursue the Nurse Practitioner degree, which at that time, required another master's level degree, to obtain a Post Master's Certificate, fulfilling the requirements to

become a Family Nurse Practitioner. Widener then went on to obtain a Doctorate of Philosophy in Nursing in 2019, at The Catholic University of America, in Washington, DC.

As a clinical nurse specialist, Widener subspecialized as a neuroscience nurse, later transitioning to become a family nurse practitioner. She then, narrowed her interest within the field of neurology to Multiple Sclerosis (MS), seeking knowledge and expertise, to eventually become a Multiple Sclerosis Certified Nurse (MSCN). During her career, she has dedicated herself to comprehensive patient care, gaining a wealth of practical and research experience with Multiple Sclerosis treatment and care, acting as a sub-investigator on several MS pharmaceutical efficacy trial studies. She has also participated in clinical studies for migraine, epilepsy, dementia, stroke, as well as pediatric neurologic conditions.

Widener has managed and trained teams of nursing staff and taught trauma classes as a part of multi-disciplinary. Employing the guiding philosophy that the best classroom is at the bedside, she trains incoming nurses and staff on the importance of evidence-based research and how it influences and informs clinical practice to help make good decisions on patient care.

She is a member of the International Organization for Multiple Sclerosis Nurses (IOMSN), an organization supporting the needs of nurses worldwide who care for patients with MS through mentoring, education, and research. Widener is currently serving on the IOMSN Board of Directors (2019-2022) and an active member of the Consortium of MS Centers since 2013. Additionally, she serves on the Multiple Sclerosis Nurses International Certification Board (MSNICB), helping to develop criteria for certification, re-certification and administration of the Certification Examination for Multiple Sclerosis Certified Nurses not only in the U.S. but countries all over the world.

Widener dedicates her free time to the world of medicine with her service on the Executive Board for a local charity, the (SMA) Angels Charity, who raise and donate money locally and around the state to Spinal Muscle Atrophy (SMA) patients and their families and SMA research.

Widener is also a member of the National MS Society's Community Engagement Council in Savannah that assists local volunteer efforts in raising money and awareness throughout the local region.

Widener resides in Savannah, GA. and holds several additional professional memberships, to include Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor's Society of Nursing, American Nurses' Association, American Association of Neuroscience Nursing, and the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers.