

## **Rebecca L. Strickland MD**

Geriatrics, Hospice and Palliative Medicine Certified

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### **Undergraduate Education:**

Bowling Green State University: Bachelor of Science in Biology with Chemistry Minor  
Bowling Green, OH  
August 1985 - May 1987  
August 1988 - May 1991

Queen's College of City University of New York: Undergraduate course work  
Flushing, NY  
January – May 1988

### **Medical School:**

Medical College of Ohio – Medical Doctorate obtained June 1997  
Toledo, OH  
August 1993 – June 1997

### **Postgraduate Training:**

Internal Medicine Residency: Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center  
June 1997 – June 2001  
Geriatric Fellowship: Chief Geriatric Fellow at Wake Forest University Baptist  
Medical Center – J. Paul Sticht Center on Aging  
September 1, 2000 – August 2001  
Medical Center Boulevard  
Winston-Salem, NC 27157

### **Professional Licensure:**

Ohio License – 35-08-3452S  
NPI – on file

### **Specialty Certification:**

- American Board of Internal Medicine Diplomat, Certified 2000, Recertified January 2011 - December 2021
- American Board of Internal Medicine Diplomat with a Certificate of Added Qualification in Geriatrics, Certified 2001, Recertified November 2011 to 2021
- American Hospice and Palliative Medicine Certification, Certified 2003 Recertified November 2010 to 2020 with change to ABIM format

**Professional Employment:**

***AVITA Health System employed Physician***

Clinical office: 1323 E. Mansfield St. Bucyrus, OH 44820

November 1, 2012 to Present

- Geriatric Consultation, Hospice and Palliative Medicine Consultation with emphasis on dementias, behavior issues, end-of- life issues, pain and comfort control. Performed in office, home visits and at ALF's and nursing homes
- Hospital Consults and on active staff at Bucyrus Community Hospital and Galion Community Hospital
- Continued physician advisor for Falls Committee
- Wound Center Panel Physician – per diem

***Bucyrus Community Hospital Campus of AVITA Health System***

*Chief Medical Officer*

629 N. Sandusky Ave. Bucyrus, OH 44820

March 2011 to April 2017

- Physician Champion of newly created Women's Health Program "AVITA for Her" regarding breast cancer health and osteoporosis
- Falls Team Advisor for AVITA Health System
- Physician Advisor for Infectious Disease Department
- Assist administration with input, projects related to the Avita Health System with clinics, hospital and public relations. Perform physician orientation and training for Avita employed physicians
- Physician liaison to medical staff

***Altercare Nursing Center and Rehabilitation***

*Medical Director*

1929 Whetstone St. Bucyrus, OH 44820

September 29, 2005 to Present

- Oversight of 80 bed facility with primary care of the majority of the residents, Continuous Quality Improvement Committee, nursing education as needed, rounds performed weekly and as needed.

***Palliative Medicine Consultant***

*Independent Consultant for Southern Care Hospice in Lexington, OH.*

June 2006 to July 2014

- Performed intermittent/ monthly reviews and recommendations for new hospice admission charts as well as occasional recommendations for uncontrolled symptoms in current patients when nurses requested help.

***Medical-Legal Case Review***

2009 to Present, per diem.

- Review medical malpractice cases and render medical expert opinions with reports and testimony for open legal cases.

- ***Clinical Assistant Professor of Geriatric Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine of Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine***

January 2011 to Present

- Preceptor for third- or fourth-year medical students for Geriatric Assessment Clinic, Hospice and Palliative Medicine Clinic and Nursing Home rounds exposure.
- Adjunct Member of the Palliative Care Clinical Division Medicine- OU Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine.

***Maple Creek Medical, Bucyrus, OH - Self-employed***

June 1, 2010 to October 31, 2012

- Independent practice with my husband and an employed nurse practitioner.
- Geriatric Consultation, Hospice and Palliative Medicine Consultation with emphasis on dementias, End-of-Life issues, pain and comfort control.
- Hospital Consults and on active staff at Bucyrus Community Hospital
- Continued Physician Member and Advisor for Skin Care Team.
- Wound Center Panel Physician – per diem. Initial wound certification and training including hyperbarics through National Healing Corporation.

***Bucyrus Community Physicians employed by Bucyrus Community Hospital Medical Practice in Bucyrus, OH***

November 2003 to May 31, 2010

- Geriatric Consultation, Hospice and Palliative Medicine Consultation with emphasis on dementias, End-of-Life issues, pain and comfort control.
- Hospital Consults and on active staff at Bucyrus Community Hospital.
- Physician Member and Advisor for Skin Care Team.

***Hospice and Palliative Care Center of Winston-Salem, NC***

***Hospice and Palliative Medicine Physician***

September 2001 to September 2003

- Responsible for admitting and caring for patients in the Kate B. Reynolds 20 bed acute care hospice facility including participating in the Interdisciplinary team meetings, family conferences and counseling patients and their families.
- Managed patient care including patient-controlled analgesia pumps for pain, nausea, vomiting, terminal delirium, dyspnea and general end-of-life-care.
- Performed basic procedures for patient care including paracentesis, central lines, wound debridement and dressings.
- Served as Medical Consult on Interdisciplinary teams for a Hospice Home Care team and the Comfort Care Team. Provided medical oversight of home patients and 60-80 patients in the nursing homes and assisted-living facilities in the local area.
- Co-director of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics committee

- Educational lectures and presentations given to rotating medical students, Internal Medicine and Family Practice Residents, Geriatric and Hematology-Oncology Fellows of Wake Forest University.
- Intermittent lectures to hospice staff
- Performed home visits for hospice patients
- Performed Palliative Medicine consults at Forsyth Medical Center as well as in the local nursing homes and patient homes.
- Compiled the Physician Orientation Guide for new hospice physician employees

***Wake Forest University Physicians***

*Clinical Instructor of Geriatrics*

Section of Geriatrics

Department of Internal Medicine

September 2001 to September 2003

- Provided primary care to the frail elderly in the outpatient clinic setting for 9 months
- Provided primary care to nursing home patients for 4 months
- Preceptor of geriatric fellows in their primary care clinics for 13 months
- Preceptor of Internal Medicine interns and third-year medical students participating in an ambulatory medicine rotation, both in clinic and in the nursing homes
- Nursing home call coverage and call coverage for the Transitional Care Unit (Subacute rehabilitation unit with wound care emphasis as well)

**Additional Training:**

BLS: Last Certification May 2018

ACLS: Last Certification May 2018

Certified EPEC Trainer after completion of EPEC's Train the Trainer Course October 2002 in New Orleans, LA

Completed 40-hour course on Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine under National Healing with HBO Certification-Spring 2010

Completed 50-hour CME course on Addiction and Substance abuse in the Elderly with additional focus on curriculum development, December 2000, Hanley-Hazelden Foundation, West Palm Beach, FL

**Professional Memberships:**

American Medical Association

American Geriatric Society

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Ohio State Medical Association

**Community Service:**

*North Central Ohio Alzheimer's Association "Walk to End Alzheimer's"  
Chairman of the walk committee- for September 15, 2018 walk, still on advisory  
committee*

*Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging Foundation  
Board Member December 2011- December 2017  
Facilities Committee Member*

*Board of Trustees of Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging  
6 years of service (2005-2011), President of Board one year*

*Multiple Community Speaking Engagements for American Cancer Society,  
Bucyrus Community Hospital, local churches, North Central Ohio Chapter of the  
Alzheimer's Organization, Nursing Homes, Rotary, Kiwanis, Northeast Ohio  
Consortium for Aging. Local high school career exploration day.*

**Honors:**

*Annual House Officer Award from the Wake Forest University School of  
Medicine Class of 1999.*

Given to the house officer from any department at any training level who has  
taught the Class of 1999 the most during the first year of clinical training.

Received May 1998

**Presentations:**

**"Care of our Elders"**

Educational talk for Avita Health System nurses, social workers and ancillary  
staff. December 2018

**"Alzheimer's Disease vs. Other Dementias: An Update"**

Keynote speaker for the Annual meeting for the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the  
Alzheimer's Association, Ontario, OH. June 2017

**"Update 2015: Alzheimer's disease"**

Keynote speaker for the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Alzheimer's  
Association, Mt. Gilead, OH. June 2015

**"Delirium and Falls in the Hospital Patient"**- *Presented to nursing staff as part of  
ongoing educational series in the Avita Health System.*

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