

Nebraska Nursing Hall of Fame



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Brenda Bergman-Evans, Ph.D., APRN-NP/CNS, FAANP is the Vice President of Advanced Practice and the Continuing Care Network for CHI Health. She holds multiple gerontological certifications from the American Nurses Credentialing Center as a Generalist, Clinical Nurse Specialist, and Nurse Practitioner. Her clinical and research concentration areas include medical management, advanced directives, avoiding unnecessary hospital transfers for older adults, and development and integration of advanced practice nurses into practice. Current professional leadership roles include the Strategy Committee for the CHI National Advance Practice Clinical Leadership Council Chair and the editorial board of the *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*. Dr. Bergman-Evans was a faculty member for 13 years before coming to CHI Health to design and

implement the Nursing Home Network (NHN), a nurse practitioner model for caring for skilled nursing home residents, which has cared for thousands of patients and maintained re-hospitalization rates far below the national average.

Dr. Bergman-Evans was honored in 2017 with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Nebraska Nurse Practitioners (NNP). In 2016, the Nebraska Hospital Association named her among the Women in Leadership Roles in Nebraska, and in 2015 she was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). In 2007 and 2014, she was awarded the AANP State Award for Excellence. She has been an active member of the Nebraska Nurses Association (NNA) for 47 years, served as Vice President of Nebraska Nurses Association (NNA) District 2, and received the Association's Distinguished Service Award and the Nurse Educator of the Year. Dr. Bergman-Evans has been a mentor and role model to countless nurses and nurse practitioners, and a dedicated advocate for older adults.