Our Nurse Practitioners

Virginia Cancer Institute

PERSONAL ATTENTION • LEADING-EDGE CARE



Heather Lewis, MSN, APRN, FNP-C

Heather is a board-certified family nurse practitioner who brings extensive experience in critical care, palliative medicine, and complex disease management to Virginia Cancer Institute (VCI). Heather believes that knowledge empowers patients, and she is committed to ensuring every individual understands their diagnosis, treatment options, and goals of care so they can make informed decisions with confidence.

Before joining VCI, Heather served as a palliative care nurse practitioner with Crater Community Hospice, where she partnered with interdisciplinary teams. She also practiced at VCU Health's Stravitz-Sanyal Institute for Liver Disease and Metabolic Health and Medical-Respiratory Intensive Care Unit, caring for critically ill patients and serving in both clinical leadership and education roles.

Heather earned both her BS and MS in Nursing from Virginia Commonwealth University. Her clinical interests include palliative care and cancers of the gastrointestinal tract, where she is dedicated to improving quality of life through thoughtful symptom management, compassionate support, and evidence-based care. She is board-certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and has been recognized with the AASLD Emerging Liver Advanced Practice Provider Award as well as multiple DAISY Award nominations for excellence in patient care.

Outside of the office, Heather enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband and two daughters, exploring Richmond's food and brewery scene, and listening to music.

Heather's Patient Care Philosophy:

"I believe that knowledge is power. By taking the time to explain each diagnosis, treatment option, and next step, I strive to help patients feel confident, involved, and supported in every decision about their care."

What Patients Say About Heather:

"Heather made even the hardest conversations easier. She took the time to answer every question and helped my family feel informed."

EDUCATION
- BS Nursing, Bon Secours College of Nursing, Richmond, VA, 2016

NURSE PRACTITIONER DEGREE
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