



## **Barbara Jean Doty, M.D., Named University of Washington School of Medicine Assistant Clinical Dean for Alaska**

Barbara Jean Doty, M.D., has been named assistant clinical dean for the University of Washington School of Medicine Alaska WWAMI program. Dr. Doty takes the position recently vacated by Thomas Nighswander, M.D., who retired from this role in July 2017.

In her new role Dr. Doty engages with the medical communities and associations, higher education, and medical groups and associations, as well as students. She works closely with Jane Shelby, Ph.D., assistant foundations dean for Alaska WWAMI as well as UWSOM clerkship directors to oversee coordination of required and elective clinical clerkships throughout Alaska. Dr. Doty reports to Suzanne Allen, M.D., M.P.H., vice dean for academic, rural and regional affairs, UW School of Medicine.

“As a graduate of the Alaska WWAMI program, and a founding faculty member of the Alaska Family Medicine Residency, Dr. Doty knows medical education well, and is a dedicated advocate for medical education” said Dr. Allen. “She has been a very popular clinical educator in Alaska, impressing upon students the tremendous impact family physicians have on their communities. Needless to say, we are very excited to have Dr. Doty in this new role.”

An Alaska WWAMI graduate, Dr. Doty completed her medical education at the UW School of Medicine in 1982 with thesis honors. She fulfilled her family medicine residency at the University of Colorado Family Practice Residency in Denver, CO in 1985, a Rural Medicine Mini-Fellowship from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN, in 1993, and a Faculty Development Fellowship at the UW Department of Family Medicine in 1997. Additionally Dr. Doty completed certification for licensure in acupuncture at UCLA Helms Medical Acupuncture in 2007, and an Integrative Medical Fellowship from the University of Arizona in 2010.

Since 1985 Dr. Doty has held a variety of leadership roles at Mat-Su Regional Hospital in Palmer, Alaska, including Medical Staff President. For 25 years she maintained a practice at Providence Alaska Health & Services in Anchorage.

“I am excited to take on this new role with Alaska WWAMI and the UW School of Medicine,” said Dr. Doty. “It’s an exceptional medical education program that I’ve been proud to be involved with for a very long time. I look forward to playing a more strategic role and strengthening the important partnerships we have with the state and the communities in Alaska.”

Dr. Doty is on the Board of Trustees for the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Foundation and is a past member of the AAFP Board of Directors, and past president of the Alaska Academy of Family Physicians. She has been actively involved with WONCA Working Party on Rural – a world organization of family doctors – since 1992, serves on the South East Alaska Area Health Education Center Board, and remains on the Alaska WWAMI Medical Education Program Steering Committee. In 1995 Dr. Doty was named Family Doctor of the Year by the Alaskan Academy of Family Physicians. She resides in Wasilla, Alaska.

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A high-resolution image of Dr. Doty is available on request.



Barbara Doty, M.D.

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