



Dianne began her career in Correctional healthcare in 1986 after closing her family practice in Ft Myers, Florida. While she was happy in private practice, she found her passion in Correctional healthcare. As a medical student in West Virginia, she was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. In part because of this she went into family medicine. Her thyroid cancer resolved, but she became plagued with other cancers during her life.

Every day she demonstrated her passion for her incarcerated patients. She was respected by both the National Commission on Correctional Healthcare and the American Correctional Association. She was awarded the Bernard P. Harrison Award of Merit and on the occasion of her retirement from the Florida Department of Corrections, she was honored by receiving it from Jim Gondles and Betty Gondles of the ACA. In 2004 she was awarded the Armond Start Award by the ACCP.

Throughout her thirty years with the Florida DOC she served in virtually every position. She once stated that all one has to do is keep your institution excellent and well run. When she stepped in as Assistant Secretary for Health Services, she spread that philosophy to all 55 institutions.

Nova Southeastern University began a Correctional Medical Fellowship to intensively train physicians who desired competence and leadership positions in Correctional Medicine. Dianne became the first Program Director for this Fellowship. She shared her life and passion with the Fellows and the medical students who rotated through the Correctional programs. Dianne also served as co-Medical Director for providers in Florida's Department of Juvenile Justice.

Most of us in our lives as Correctional physicians have saved lives. Dianne did this but went one step further: she changed lives. Her spiritual beauty and graciousness was reflected in her last wishes. Rather than flowers, or donations she said simply that she wants those who care for her to go out and enjoy their family and loved ones.

We are quite proud to name the ACCP fellowship program in her honor.