

## Don W. Shaffer, MD, FACP

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Don W. Shaffer, MD, FACP has provided cancer care in the northwest Georgia mountain communities and Marietta since 1994 after serving the country in the U.S. Army in Berlin, Germany, Georgia and the state of Washington.

At Northwest Georgia Oncology Centers, P.C. (NGOC), Dr. Shaffer is actively involved in cancer research and clinical trials to find a cancer cure and provide his patients with the most advanced cancer treatment available in Georgia. He has been an active member of Christian Medical Society since 1979 and serves on the board for the Atlanta Area chapter. He enjoys mentoring medical students and traveling on short-term medical mission trips throughout the year.

*“One of the awesome privileges of caring for people with cancer is that I’m quickly given permission to get to the core of my patients’ lives because their lives may be at stake. The ability to be a part of people’s lives through this life-altering process is one of the greatest things I do as a cancer doctor.”*

Dr. Shaffer delivers patient-centered cancer care to NGOC’s **Marietta Cancer Center** and **Jasper Cancer Center**.

<b>Personal Data</b>	Birthplace: Fort Meade, MD
<b>Undergraduate Education</b>	BS, Microbiology (summa cum laude), 1978 University of Central Florida Orlando, FL
<b>Medical Education</b>	Doctor of Medicine University of Miami School of Medicine Miami, FL 1978 – 1982
<b>Postdoctoral Training</b>	<p>INTERNSHIP AND RESIDENCY Internal Medicine Madigan Army Medical Center Tacoma, WA July 1982 – June 1985</p> <p>FELLOWSHIP Hematology &amp; Medical Oncology Brooke Army Medical Center Fort Sam Houston, TX July 1989 – June 1992</p>
<b>Board Certification</b>	American Board of Internal Medicine, Internal Medicine, 1985 American Board of Internal Medicine, Medical Oncology, 1991, 2001, 2011 American Board of Internal Medicine, Hematology, 1992, 2002, 2012
<b>Medical Licensure</b>	State of Georgia, 1992 (Active)

<b>Academic Appointments</b>	<p>Associate Clinical Professor, Division of Hematology Oncology, Medical College of Georgia 1993 – 1994</p> <p>Commissioned, USAR, May 1978 Promotion to Captain, June 1982 Promotion to Major, June 1988 Promotion to Lt. Colonel, June 1994 ETS, September 1994</p>
<b>Professional Societies</b>	<p>Member, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), 2010 - Present Member, American College of Physicians, 1982 – Present Fellow, American College of Physicians, 1993 - Present Member, Cobb County Medical Society, 1997 – Present Member, Medical Association of Georgia, 1995 – Present Member, American Society of Clinical Oncology, 1993 - Present Member, Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology, 1999 - Present Member, American Medical Association, 1995 – Present Member, Southwest Oncology Group, 1993 - Present Member, Christian Medical Society, 1979 – Present Member, Berlin Int'l Medical Society, 1985 – 1989 Instructor, American Heart Association, 1985 – 1997 Affiliate Faculty, American Heart Association, 1989 – 1997 Member, Cancer and Leukemia Group B, 1994 – 1997</p>
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Abstracts: In addition, Dr. Shaffer has (28) twenty-eight abstracts presented at various national meetings; full CV upon request.

**Major Research  
Interests**

Clinical Trials (Oncology & Hematology)