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Paula Marie Crone was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky and was raised in Hermiston, Oregon. Paula's interests in medicine began early as she spent her summers following her physician Grandmother doing hospital rounds. A lasting commitment to the wellbeing of others was instilled by these experiences.

She graduated from the University of Portland in 1986, with a BS in Biology. She went on to medical school at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California, graduating in 1992.

During her graduation ceremonies, she was honored with the Dyer Memorial Award for best exemplifying humanism in her approach to medicine. She returned to Portland, Oregon, to do her Residency in Family Practice at Eastmoreland Hospital, where she was Chief Resident.

Following the completion of her residency and board certification with the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, she opened a private medical practice called Creekside Family Practice, LLC which she continues to work at today.

Dr. Crone has always been interested in teaching and medical education. She has been a preceptor to medical students, interns and residents since starting her practice. She served as the Family Practice Residency Program Director from 1999 to 2004. She has served on countless hospital committees, including Family Practice Department, Medical Education Committee, Medical Staff Executive Committee and Quality Assurance Committee. She currently works as a consultant to the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners and serves on the Medical Education Committee of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon (OPSO).

She completed a program for medical educators at the Costin Institute in Chicago and gives students lectures for Western University of Health Science at a quarterly didactic program.

In 2003, Dr. Crone received the prestigious "Rising Star Award" from the Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation. The following year she received OPSO's "Physician of the Year" award. Dr. Crone received the "Osteopathic Preceptorship" Award in both 1996 and 1999.

She recently accepted the role as Executive Associate Dean of COMP-Northwest located in Lebanon, Oregon. It is the new medical school campus of Western University of Health Sciences.

She and her husband, Dr. Paul Aversano, currently live in Portland, Oregon, but, will be making the transition to Lebanon over the next year.