

Suzann M. Bonzo, MD

Dr. Suzann Bonzo was born and raised in Sciotoville. She is the youngest child of the late Gilbert & Agnes Bonzo. She completed high school at Portsmouth East, and then obtained a Bachelors of Science in Chemistry at Ohio University. She was accepted to, and graduated from, the Medical College of Ohio, Toledo. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the Pensacola Educational Program in Pensacola, FL. In 1981, following her residency, she began private practice in Portsmouth. At that time she was the only practicing female physician, except for Dr. Skitarelic a pathologist. During her 35 year career she has been an active staff member and held several offices.

Early in her career, there were few specialty physicians in Portsmouth she and other Internists were the specialists. Dr. Bonzo was asked to cover the dialysis unit for 2 weeks between doctors leaving and arriving; however, due to unforeseen circumstances it turned into 2 years of coverage. She also was involved in the early TPA trials while medical director of the ICU at Mercy Hospital. For over 15 years, Dr. Bonzo chaired the Ethics Committee and participated regularly in consultations for difficult cases.

The major accomplishment during her career has been founding the Hospice program at Southern Ohio Medical Center. This has grown from a single patient to a daily census of 130 patients in 5 counties. The inpatient unit is presently undergoing plans for expansion from 12 to 16 beds.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Bonzo enjoys cooking, especially sweets and breads! Gardening is a pastime for spring through fall and she likes to bring flowers to the office. Swimming is her favorite form of exercise. Family remains very important to her and the times of family get-togethers are marked by food, fun and storytelling.



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