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## Practice Groups and Affiliations

Medical Group	Northwestern Medical Group
Physician Category	Northwestern Medicine Physician Network
On Medical Staff At	Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital Northwestern Memorial Hospital

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## Education

Medical Education	MD, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine - 2008
Residency	McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University - 2011
Fellowship	McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University - 2014

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## Board Certifications

American Board of Internal Medicine - Hematology (Certified)  
American Board of Internal Medicine - Internal Medicine (Certified)  
American Board of Internal Medicine - Medical Oncology (Certified)

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## Practice Focus Areas

Breast Cancer	Lymphoma
Colon Cancer	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
Lung Cancer	Pancreatic Cancer
Prostate Cancer	
Testicular Cancer	

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## Ratings & Reviews

At Northwestern Medicine, our patient's feedback is important to us. While different care providers have their own unique strengths, we strive to be as transparent as possible with our quality of care. [Read more](#)

### Care Provider Ratings

Overall rating

4.9



225 Ratings

## Reviews From Patients

192 Reviews

AUGUST 31 2021

**Answers all my questions. Explains my options.**

AUGUST 31 2021

**Articulate service**

AUGUST 31 2021

**Nice, knowledgeable, works with you**

AUGUST 31 2021

**She listens and answers all my questions. She lets me know what I can do to continue staying healthy and cancer free!**

AUGUST 30 2021

**Has a very knowledgeable way about her and receives and answers any questions I ask.**

AUGUST 22 2021

**She was informative and professional.**

AUGUST 22 2021

**She is a competent dr.**

AUGUST 20 2021

**Dr. Nelson seems very knowledgeable. She told me she spoke with the PA to find out the reason why I was there for the visit. All she did was ask me some questions and order blood work. I did hear from her today with the results of one test. I feel I need more answers from her about my blood tests and what they mean.**

AUGUST 17 2021

**Check up Had a kidney removed to cancer few years back**

AUGUST 10 2021

**I hold Dr. Nelson in the highest esteem.**

AUGUST 9 2021

**well informed, put together and knowledgeable.**

AUGUST 9 2021

**The is absolutely no one like her. She is professional, kind, caring, takes the time to listen not just to her patients, but also the family. She has gone above and beyond for both my father and mother these past 5 years, and there are no amount of words to thank her for all she has done for them. We consider her**

**part of the family.**

AUGUST 6 2021

**She is very knowledgeable.**

AUGUST 6 2021

**Kind, professional and listens.**

AUGUST 5 2021

**Very nice and professional. Answered all of my questions.**

AUGUST 5 2021

**Absolutely awesome doctor!**

AUGUST 4 2021

**Really really smart.**

AUGUST 3 2021

**Good follow up and very easy to understand my future care.**

AUGUST 3 2021

**Dr. Nelson is straight to the point but still nice which I like. She was personable and also knowledgeable.**

AUGUST 2 2021

**She knew my whole history and seemed to be extremely intelligent**

AUGUST 2 2021

**She was very knowledgeable and helped me tremendously.**

AUGUST 2 2021

**Dr. Nelson is very personable and checks all the lab or test results prior to my visit. She listens to all my concerns.**

AUGUST 1 2021

**Reasonable. Listens well. To the point in concise terms.**

JULY 31 2021

**Her truthfulness and knowledge is very important.**

JULY 30 2021

**Dr Nelson has been spot-on in her plan to get me well! She is an impressive young professional with us committed to the medical care of her patient that helps me, and in 6+ months, I have gone from developing a blood-clot in my left leg from my knee to the groin that was due to a fall where I broke my left arm. And as of this week when I had a follow-up Venus ultra-sound and learned the blood-clot is now all but gone. Therefore, Dr Nelson has taken me off of the blood-thinner, Eliquis! Music to my husband and my ears! I am 81, and it is an amazing feeling to come as far as I have in these months under Dr Nelson's care! Thanks so much Doctor Valerie Nelson! you are**

**awesome!!!!**

JULY 29 2021

**Because She Is A Nice Doctor**

JULY 28 2021

**She really cares about her patients and is always looking for better treatments to improve the patients outcome**

JULY 28 2021

**Answered my questions and addressed my concerns**

JULY 28 2021

**Dr. Nelson, as always, was incredibly kind. She answered my odd questions without any judgement which made me feel comfortable. She also went over steps since we're at the halfway point in my chemo so knowing what is next is great**

JULY 25 2021

**Dr. Nelson takes very good care of my health and well being.**

JULY 24 2021

**Very patient and explained everything and answered my questions and my husband's questions.**

JULY 24 2021

**Always professional, courteous and respectful.**

JULY 24 2021

**very knowledgeable easy to talk to**

JULY 23 2021

**Dr. Nelson is proactive in my care, attentive to my concerns & one of the best physicians I have encountered in my 77 years.**

JULY 21 2021

**Always listens and answers my questions and concerns.**

JULY 21 2021

**This was the 1st time I saw Dr. Nelson, having been a patient of Dr. Foster's. I liked Dr. Nelson right away.**

JULY 19 2021

**She was fine but not special.**

JULY 14 2021

**First time appointment with her. Busy day for her but good medical care**

JULY 14 2021

**Dr Nelson listened to my concerns and provided great feedback**

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JULY 12 2021

**She is very kind and explains all procedures.**

JULY 12 2021

**An amazing doctor who very much cares for her patients' wellbeing.**

JULY 10 2021

**diligent attention to my needs**

JULY 8 2021

**She listened to my story re: exposure to radiation which probably caused my cancer!**

JULY 8 2021

**Dr Nelson has been my oncologist for the past 2 years. She is smart, confident and easy to talk to.**

JULY 6 2021

**Personal interaction**

JULY 5 2021

**Direct approach to the issue with a definite interest in addressing my treatment concerns.**

JULY 5 2021

**Extrudes confidence and professionalism, also friendly**

JULY 2 2021

**Dr. Nelson is precise and to the point. Her attitude made me feel confident.**

JULY 1 2021

**Really seemed to listen and was very down to earth. Felt interested in what I had to say**

JUNE 29 2021

**She is extremely knowledgeable and caring**

JUNE 28 2021

**I have only met her once during my infusion**

JUNE 28 2021

**She is very attentive and caring.**

JUNE 24 2021

**Very accommodating fitting me in her schedule to discuss my concerns. As well as working with my other doctors.**

JUNE 24 2021

**Understandable, clear, helped with fears, humorous, I believe I'll be well taken care of**

JUNE 23 2021

**Everybody so nice an accommodating**

JUNE 23 2021

**Very patient friendly - thoroughly informative and explains each question you may have in an easy and knowledgeable way for patients to comprehend**

JUNE 23 2021

**Dr. Nelson listened to us, understood our concerns and made sure we all agreed on a care plan. Truly wonderful in all aspects. Thank you!**

JUNE 22 2021

**Direct with a good bedside manner**

JUNE 22 2021

**Efficient, competent doctor**

JUNE 22 2021

**Easy to talk to, honest, knowledgeable.**

JUNE 22 2021

**She is very thorough.**

JUNE 17 2021

**I'm just meeting this oncologist as the 4th doctor and I was bonding well with my last one.**

JUNE 17 2021

**She was ok**

JUNE 17 2021

**Does everything right, and has me convinced.**

JUNE 17 2021

**Good quality conversation about my condition/issues**

JUNE 16 2021

**She listens to me and addresses my concerns. I am allowed to use my voice in my care.**

JUNE 16 2021

**Very easy to talk to about patient medical problems.**

JUNE 15 2021

**Knowledgeable, thoughtful, and helpful understanding.**

JUNE 15 2021

**This is a joke right? Have you met her? She's awesome. She laughed at my stupid jokes, took time to answer my questions, and asked about things I forgot to bring up. I feel like I'm in incredible hands and I'm so thankful I got lucky and have her as my oncologist. I'm not thrilled about having cancer, but she's**

**I'm so thankful I got lucky and have her as my oncologist. I'm not worried about having cancer, but she's working on fixing that. Clearly, it isn't her fault I have cancer, just wanted to make that clear. I'm not putting that on her. Keep on keeping on.**

JUNE 14 2021

**She's very knowledgeable, caring responsive and explains everything very well.**

JUNE 12 2021

**She was both pragmatic and pricy**

JUNE 10 2021

**Still love my doctor.**

JUNE 10 2021

**Dr. Nelson is extremely knowledgeable and great to work with. She helps explain things in an understandable way.**

JUNE 10 2021

**She knows my case very well. She is able to answer all the questions I have.**

JUNE 9 2021

**Dr Valerie M. Nelson demonstrates her commitment to her patients by keeping them aware of their progress and including them in the decision-making process for their treatment.**

JUNE 8 2021

**Great doctor and great human**

JUNE 8 2021

**Always professional, courteous, respectful, listens to my point of view.**

JUNE 7 2021

**Thorough in explaining issues.**

JUNE 2 2021

**She was clear and and helpful**

JUNE 1 2021

**Professional and to the point**

JUNE 1 2021

**Went over all my records. I was completely satisfied**

JUNE 1 2021

**Dr. Nelson was understanding to have CT results released early & changed her schedule to accommodate mine. When I met her, she was super knowledgeable & patient.**

MAY 29 2021

**She spends time with you answering your questions. Dr. Nelson does not rush the visit. She tells it like it**



**is. I like that.**

MAY 27 2021

**Just getting to know her. Met her only two times.**

MAY 26 2021

**Knowledgeable**

MAY 26 2021

**Very personable, knowledgeable, and straight forward.**

MAY 26 2021

**10 very likely I will recommend her**

MAY 25 2021

**I can sense that she is getting to know me. And I can feel her care. I respect her knowledge and opinions.**

MAY 25 2021

**She is giving me the clinical results I need to attack my cancer.**

MAY 25 2021

**Dr Nelson is smart, caring and kind.**

MAY 25 2021

**Excellent rapport**

MAY 19 2021

**I was very comfortable talking to her. This was my first visit with her.**

MAY 19 2021

**Friendly, professional. A big plus was that she explained in a clear and understandable way as we went along in the investigation of my blood situation.**

MAY 19 2021

**First appointment with Dr Nelson.**

NOVEMBER 14 2020

**She is knowledgeable, personable, and most reassuring.**

NOVEMBER 14 2020

**Scheduling was easy, the environment is very professional, and Dr Nelson is a caring and competent physician.**

NOVEMBER 12 2020

**Dr. VALERIE NELSON IS SO GREAT! She is so patient and gives wonderful solutions and suggestions. I would highly recommend her. THANK YOU**

NOVEMBER 12 2020

**She listens and shares of herself. That is important for us patients to connect with our doctors.**

NOVEMBER 12 2020

**The care and relationship I have with my doctors**

NOVEMBER 11 2020

**She was right to the point and showed being knowledgeable in the field of my interest**

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## **Website**

<https://nm.org/breasthealth>

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## **Faculty Profile**

<http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/faculty-profiles/az/profile.html?xid=30405>