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Susan Crowson (*KRAU-sun*) has specialized in memory diseases since 2006 to develop systematic approaches to recognize and identify loss and behaviors due to dementia.

Susan is a Certified Dementia Practitioner® and Certified Aging Life Care Manager® who has helped a multitude of families grapple with effects of aging, dementia and quality of life. She served as Associate Chaplain at Baptist Memorial Hospital during COVID providing bereavement and Palliative Care for families in the ICU and Emergency Department.

She is Managing Partner of Geriatric Planning, LLC providing Geriatric Care Management and Coordination including Comprehensive Geriatric Assessments with individualized Care Plans for patient and family, ongoing programming and appropriate care solutions and placement throughout the disease continuum.

She was Dementia Specialist providing Cognitive Assessments for The Neurology Clinic Memphis TN and Certified Testing Administrator for Alzheimer's clinical trials Phase 2 and 3: Biogen Evolve, Engage and Tango studies; Genentech Tauriel.

Susan was Manager of Baptist Memory Care Center establishing an outpatient Ambulatory Clinic to provide memory assessments and care consultations under a 4-year grant through Baptist Memorial Healthcare Corporation Foundation.

She was Director of Programs and Advocacy at the Alzheimer's Association Mid-South Chapter and served as an Alzheimer's Association Legislative Advocacy Ambassador, providing testimony for the National Alzheimer's Advisory Council in Washington, DC.

An expert in her field, she is a Dementia Education Consultant and Gerontology Course Instructor having taught in several US cities and internationally at the 13th World Congress on Alzheimer's and Dementia, Amsterdam in 2019.

Susan credits her experience to her Father who died from Alzheimer's disease in 2010 and for whom she was his primary caregiver for his final 6 years.

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BRIEF BIO

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Her practice, Geriatric Planning, provides Comprehensive Geriatric Assessments with ongoing Care Management that involves family members as an integral part of their loved one's journey.

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GERIATRIC PLANNING, LLC

July 2018 – present

Managing Partner

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Certified Dementia Practitioner® (CDP) – National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners

Certified Aging Life Care Manager® (ALCA) – National Assoc of Professional Geriatric Care Manager

Comprehensive Cognitive Assessment and Geriatric Care Management

Programming for Care Management and Coordination throughout the disease continuum

- Early Stage/Mild Cognitive Impairment
- Younger-Onset Alzheimer's
- Behavioral Variant and Atypical Dementias
- Dementia Stages, Hospice, Palliative Care
- Caregiver Education and Support
- Appropriate Care Solutions and Placement

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - Desoto

October 2020 - present

Associate Chaplain, Pastoral Care, PRN

ICU, Emergency Department

- Provides pastoral and bereavement support to patients, families and colleagues during a crises, deaths, codes, and medical crises. Provides counsel to patient families to embrace Palliative/Comfort Care when appropriate.
- Completed THA Tennessee Hospice Association Palliative Care Mentorship Program

NEUROLOGY CLINIC, Memphis TN

March 2018 – January 2019

Dementia Specialist – Comprehensive cognitive assessments for clinic dementia patients

Clinical Research – Biogen Evolve, Engage and Tango studies; Genentech Tauriel study

- Phase 2 - Multicenter, Randomized, Parallel Group, Double-Blind, Controlled Study of Aducanumab (BIIB037) in Subjects with Mild Cognitive Impairment due to Alzheimer's Disease and Mild Alzheimer's Dementia to Evaluate the Safety of Continued Dosing in Subjects with Asymptomatic ARIA (Biogen - Evolve)
- Phase 3 - Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Aducanumab (BIIB037) in Subjects with Early Alzheimer's Disease (Biogen - Engage)
- Phase 2 - Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group, Efficacy, and Safety Study of MTAU9937A in Patients with Prodromal to Mild Alzheimer's Disease (Roche/Genentech - Tauriel)
- Phase 2 - Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group Study to Assess the Safety, Tolerability, and Efficacy of BIIB092 in Subjects with Mild Cognitive Impairment due to Alzheimer's Disease or with Mild Alzheimer's Disease (Biogen - Tango)

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE CORPORATION, Memphis TN

2014 –2018

Baptist Memory Care Center, Program Manager

Outpatient Ambulatory Clinic to provide memory assessments and care consultations

- Established procedures, protocols and standards for grant-funded clinic
- Utilized electronic medical software for scheduling, analysis, and documentation
- Established ongoing rapport with BMG primary care physicians and clinic managers
- Maintained extensive network of industry service providers, vetting to ensure quality services
- Created resource library of content to support patient care plans
- Developed evidence-based reporting to validate patient outcomes
- Community outreach speaking at educational seminars and conferences
- Provided written media marketing, TV and radio interviews
- Maintained high patient satisfaction scores of 3.98 out of 4.0

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ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, Memphis TN

2012 –2014

Mid-South Chapter, Director of Programs and Advocacy

Community education, outreach and legislative advocacy for National Alzheimer's Association chapter

- Provided ongoing community education seminars and conferences
- Organized and coordinated annual community Caregiver Conferences
- Collaborated with and trained local and regional Support Group leaders
- Ongoing coaching of family caregivers, by phone and in person, throughout the disease process
- Trained and led state and federal advocates, meeting with legislators, supported local district efforts

FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Frederick MD

2007 - 2012

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, Frederick MD

Gerontology Course Instructor and Alzheimer's Education Consultant

Provided CEU credit instruction for Social Work Licensure and Family Caregivers

- Produced and delivered classroom instructional materials for social work licensure
- Provided fee-based consultation coaching for social workers and family caregivers
- Organized county-wide community advocacy events for local Congressional representatives

PRIMARY CAREGIVER, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, Frederick MD

2006 - 2011

In addition to her professional experience, Susan was primary caregiver for her Father who died from Alzheimer's disease in 2010.

When Susan's mother died, it became obvious that her father was unable to function without high level of intervention and supervision. With her sudden loss, Susan was thrust into crisis mode to determine the cause for her father's extensive impairment. Covered over and diminished by their marriage partnership, when Warner lost his wife, he also lost his caregiver. Unbeknownst to the family, his wife had been compensating for his deficits with little explanation to the family. Susan chose to make a career of being her father's Primary Caregiver; moving him to live in her home until he passed 6 years later at the age of 93.

Using methodical documentation of her father's disease progress and ever-increasing care needs, she developed a systematic approach to recognize and identify loss and behaviors due to dementia that she continues using to guide families with her expertise.

Memberships, Certifications, Education

- Aging Life Care Association Professional member, *formerly National Assoc of Professional Geriatric Care Managers*
- Professional Network on Aging member
- Certified Dementia Practitioner[®], Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia Care, NCCDP
- Palliative Care Mentorship Program, Tennessee Hospice Association, THA
- Biogen Evolve, Engage, Tango Certified Rating Administrator
- Genentech Tauriel Certified Rating Administrator
- Alzheimer's Association Care Consultations Level Two
- Alzheimer's Association essentiALZ[®] Certification
- Alzheimer's Association CARES Certification
- Distinguished Toastmaster, Toastmasters International
- Bachelor of Architecture, Business Major, Dean's List, University of Tennessee Knoxville