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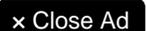
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Dr. Deborah Turner has joined Planned Parenthood of the Heartland as associate medical director, to serve as the primary abortion and health services provider in Nebraska.

Turner is a gynecologist who specializes in cancer treatment. She said access to health services for women at critical times in their lives is important. That includes pap smears, mammograms, breast exams, and safe, nonjudgmental abortion care.

She said in taking the job with Planned Parenthood, she was at a point in her life where she was ready to change gears but continue to do meaningful work.

"This is an opportunity to expand on a mission of serving those in need with compassion -- the thing that makes practicing medicine worthwhile," Turner said in a news release.





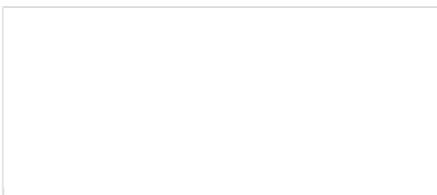
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University of Nebraska, University of Iowa and Medical College of Wisconsin.

She worked as assistant professor from 1985 to 1986 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and as attending physician at that same time at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Omaha.

In addition, Turner has worked as a practitioner and medical director of gynecologic cancer treatment at hospitals throughout Iowa. She retired from Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines in 2015.

Since that time, Turner has served as vice president of International Programs for The Outreach Program, providing medical care in Tanzania.

“Dr. Turner’s experience and achievements in medicine are monumental, and we look forward to her contributions to the

and a doctorate in medicine from the University of Iowa, where she completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology. She completed a gynecologic oncology fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Institute in Texas.

Turner also earned a juris doctorate from Drake University and has served on the Iowa Board of Regents. She has served as president of the Iowa League of Women Voters and was recently elected to serve on the national board of that organization.

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland serves women and men in

Nebraska, Iowa, Arkansas and Oklahoma with a full range of reproductive health services through 17 health centers and Education Resource Centers in Des Moines, Lincoln and Omaha.

Dr. Jill Meadows is the medical director for the organization and is based in Iowa.

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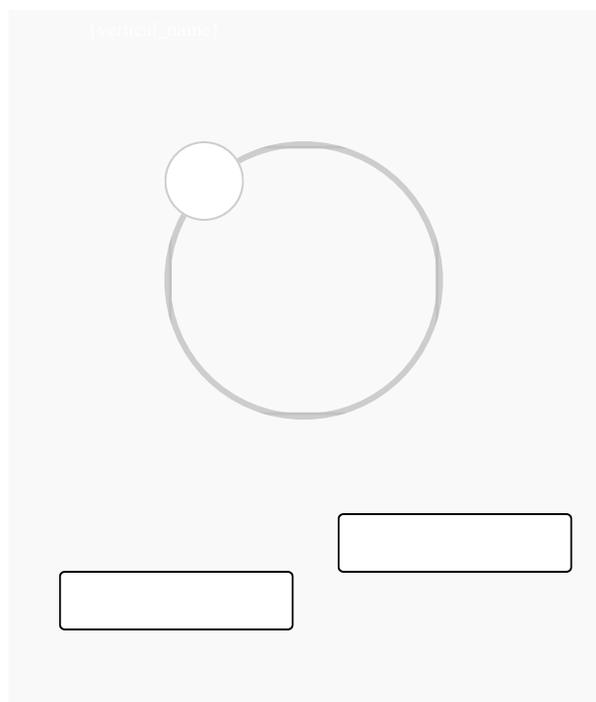
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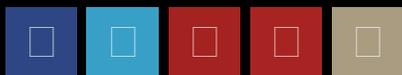
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