

## **Genevieve Lightfoot-Taylor, BSN, MSN, CFNP, CHPN.**

**Specialty:** Hospice and Palliative Medicine

**Education:** B.A. Honors Degree from Fourah Bay College, University Of Sierra Leone  
BSN Degree from Excelsior College, Albany, New York  
MSN, FNP from Bowie State University, Bowie, Maryland  
Board certified in hospice and palliative care

### ***What is your approach to patient care?***

Meet each patient on his or her level in the continuum of the disease process and provide safe, effective and compassionate care at all times, involving patient , their immediate caregivers and the interdisciplinary team in the plan of care.

### ***What types of patients do you see?***

Regardless of their financial status, religious affiliation or background, I see all patients who are willing to seek hospice or palliative care. I also see patients who require consults for uncontrolled symptoms such as pain, shortness of breath, nausea or vomiting. Finally, I see patients wherever they are (home, facility or hospital).

### ***How is your practice different from others?***

My practice is individualized, incorporating families and close friends as patients' desires. Also, I work with a group of doctors who are not only experts in the field but who meet regularly to discuss standards of care, care plans and progress of patients.

### ***Are you from this area?***

Originally from Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa, I spent most of my childhood in London. I have lived in the U.S. for 23 years and have been working in this area for the past 10 years.

### ***What do you enjoy most about being a doctor?***

I love to assess patient's needs, set mutual goals, provide compassionate, evidenced based care and particularly enjoy seeing the effects of such care in the easing of symptoms and the achievement of comfort for the patient and the family.