

Susan M. Fitzgerald, RN, MSN, CPNP: A Champion for Adolescent Health at Boston Children's Hospital

Leading the Charge in HIV Care and Adolescent Primary Health Services



New York City, New York Aug 12, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Susan M. Fitzgerald, RN, MSN, PPCNP-BC, is being recognized for her exceptional contributions to pediatric nursing and adolescent health care. Susan has been working at Boston Children's Hospital since July 2006. As a Registered Nurse and Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Susan has devoted her career to improving the health outcomes of children and adolescents, particularly those living with HIV.

In her role as Program Director of the Boston HIV Adolescent Provider and Peer Education Network for Services (HAPPENS) and Associate Director of Adolescent Primary Care within the Division of Adolescent/Young Adult Medicine, Susan leads a dedicated team that focuses on comprehensive HIV care for adolescents. "We are a multi-disciplinary team specializing in supporting youth and young adults who have HIV, working to get them to a level where their HIV is undetectable and becomes a non-transmissible disease," says Susan. Their innovative approach includes providing pre-exposure prophylaxis for those at risk of HIV infection and offering essential follow-up care for young individuals who have experienced sexual assault.

Susan emphasizes the importance of empowering young people in their health care journeys: "I see my job as giving all young people agency over their health care and helping them to be advocates in the care they receive." Her commitment to creating a supportive and educational environment for adolescents has made a significant impact, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility for their health among her patients.

Her educational background is a testament to her dedication to nursing and pediatric care. Susan earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Northeastern University in 1983 and later advanced her expertise with a Master of Science in Nursing Degree in Pediatric Nursing from Boston College in 1990. Throughout her career, she has remained passionate about addressing the unique challenges faced by children and adolescents, particularly those navigating the complexities of living with HIV.

Susan Fitzgerald's unwavering commitment to pediatric health care and her expertise in the field have positioned her as a leading figure at Boston Children's Hospital. Her work continues to inspire colleagues and empower young patients to take charge of their health, ensuring a brighter future for the next generation.

Learn More about Susan M. Fitzgerald:

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