

America's Best in Medicine Spotlights Caitlin Burnett: Advancing Surgical Critical Care Through Nursing Leadership

Board-Certified Family, Emergency, and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Delivers High-Acuity Patient Care and Mentors the Next Generation of Nurses in Gainesville, Florida



Jacksonville, Florida Mar 11, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Caitlin Burnett, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, ENP-C, AGACNP-BC, RN, is a distinguished Doctor of Nursing Practice recognized for her expertise in surgical critical care and her commitment to delivering exceptional care in some of the most demanding medical

environments. With board certifications in family, emergency, and acute care nursing, Dr. Burnett represents a rare combination of clinical versatility, leadership, and dedication to lifelong learning.

Currently practicing in Gainesville, Florida, Dr. Burnett specializes in surgical critical care, where she serves as a consulting provider for complex postoperative patients. Rotating through multiple intensive care units, she oversees advanced medical management, performs specialized procedures, and collaborates closely with surgeons, attending physicians, multidisciplinary specialists, and patients' families. Her work requires rapid decision-making, precise clinical judgment, and strong communication skills—qualities that have earned her respect among colleagues and patients alike.

Dr. Burnett is known for thriving in high-pressure, high-acuity environments. Her ability to maintain composure while navigating complex clinical situations allows her to deliver thoughtful, evidence-based care while guiding patients and families through some of the most challenging moments of their lives.

“What I enjoy most about practicing medicine is the opportunity to care for patients during some of their most vulnerable moments and help guide them through complex, high-stress situations,” says Dr. Burnett. “I value the blend of critical thinking, teamwork, and compassion required to deliver thoughtful, evidence-based care. Most rewarding is knowing that my work can make a meaningful difference for patients and their families when it matters most.”

Dr. Burnett's journey into advanced nursing practice reflects resilience and intellectual curiosity. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Chemical Science from Florida State University in 2015, where she published research on polymorphs of succinylsulfathiazole through the CHM2211L Organic Chemistry Lab. She later earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Jacksonville University in 2018.

Inspired by personal experiences—including her mother's battle with cancer and her own recovery from a serious motor vehicle accident—Dr. Burnett pursued a career that blends science, compassion, and service to others. She began her healthcare career in emergency medical services and as a medical assistant before transitioning into registered nursing roles in emergency departments at UF Health Jacksonville. There, she provided care to both adult and pediatric populations, developing the clinical instincts and adaptability that would later define her career in emergency and critical care.

To further advance her expertise, Dr. Burnett earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Emory University, completing advanced training as both a family and emergency nurse practitioner. She later obtained a post-certificate in acute care from Jacksonville University, allowing her to transition into intensive care medicine. In the ICU, she has managed some of the most complex cases in modern medicine, including patients requiring lung transplantation and advanced mechanical circulatory and respiratory support.

Beyond her clinical responsibilities, Dr. Burnett remains deeply committed to professional service and education. She volunteers with the Jacksonville Emergency Medical Auxiliary and serves as an Adjunct Professor at Jacksonville University, where she mentors nursing students and shares her expertise with future healthcare professionals. She is also engaged in ongoing research and scholarly publications aimed at advancing patient care and strengthening the field of advanced practice nursing.

Through her work in critical care, education, and professional service, Dr. Caitlin Burnett exemplifies the integration of knowledge, resilience, and compassion—raising the standard for modern advanced practice nursing and making a lasting impact on the patients and communities she serves.

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