

While a student at Murphy Barbara participated in athletics early on and then turned her attention to the performing arts, participating in drama productions. She was also a member of the marching, concert and symphonic bands.

Cochrane was a charter member of the Mobile College/Mobile Infirmiry School of Nursing baccalaureate nursing class. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. in Nursing and was recognized by the faculty for excellence in theoretical and practical nursing. She continued her education at University of Alabama at Birmingham, earning a Masters of Public Health and serving on the graduate Alumni Board. Barbara was selected for membership in nursing honor societies by both her nursing school and nationally.

Cochrane was certified as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in 1980 and was one of the first three in Mobile and one of the first eight in Alabama. Barbara became certified as an Infection Control Practitioner in 1993. She was elected to the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC), and served two terms, including the positions of secretary and marketing director. While a member of CBIC she was appointed as the primary Pediatric Infection Control consultant for both America and Canada and also served as a consultant for Infection Control issues on Construction for the same countries. She was a hospital specialist for the pharmaceutical company Merck Sharp and Dohme and won awards and, also, was administrator of a home health agency.

Barbara was the first consultant and speaker on Bioterrorism in southern Alabama and has presented dozens of lectures at conferences and seminars for nursing and medical groups. She has coauthored articles on Infection Control and hospital Employee Health. She served as an Infection Control consultant to an international company selling respiratory products and as their keynote speaker for their sales representatives. She was founder and past board member of the local Physicians and Community Nurses Association.

She has served in elected positions in other organizations: The National Education Committee for the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Associates (NAPNAP), and the education committee for the Association of Practitioners in Infection Control (APIC). Barbara has been an instructor in the Continuing Education Program of the University of South Alabama for over 25 years.

Barbara was member of her neighborhood garden club (board member and president) She was a room mother and member of the Ladies Guild which did fundraisers for the for her two boys' grade school, and was a Cub Scout den mother and served on the board of the local Boy Scout Council. She loves Mardi Gras and has contributed to its success in Mobile by serving in leadership roles in numerous mystic organizations and as a docent at the Mobile Carnival Museum for 12 years.

We are pleased to add Barbara Cochrane to our Hall of Fame.