

## Biography

The founder and owner of Yellowstone Naturopathic Clinic(YNC), Dr. Beeson is a national leader in efforts to advance the quality of naturopathic care and create bridges between conventional and naturopathic medicine for patient benefit. She brings 40 years of medical experience to her practice, including a career as a nurse, certified midwife, Naval physician assistant, and nutritional consultant.



*Margaret Beeson, ND*

Before completing her naturopathic training at Bastyr University, she served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps, and worked as a hospital and private practice nurse involved in surgery, recovery, acute and chronic care, ICU, psychiatry, allergies, nutrition, and environmental medicine. Dr. Beeson's a thriving family practice was established in Billings, Montana in 1992. There she also has been as a residency site since 1996 and is a Bastyr Affiliated Remote Site Residency Director. She has supervised over 30 ND graduates in completion of their 2 & 3yr residencies.

Dr Beeson's joint Oncology residency with St Vincent Hospital is now in its 15th year. These residents see patients at Frontier Cancer Center and utilize naturopathic therapies and principles to address the impact of conventional oncology treatments and to advise appropriate supplement use during treatment. They also see family practice patients of all ages at YNC.

Dr Beeson was on the Montana State Alternative Health Care Board for 12yrs, where she also served as the Chair. In 2005, with Dr Tori Hudson she established the Naturopathic Education & Research Consortium (NERC), a non-profit which has created 20 new clinic residency sites and raised support for over 80 naturopathic residents. She also established the Paul Gardner's Veterans Pain Relief Foundation (PGVPRF) in 2012, to offer a comprehensive alternative program to opiates for Veterans. This includes an IRB approved study to that end.

In 2016 she was honored by her colleagues in receiving the AANP Naturopathic Physician of the Year Award and in 2017 she was a Billings YWCA Salute to Woman Honoree. Currently she has been spearheading the NMC Naturopathic Summit, this yearlong conversation to bring forward the concerns of the profession and to identify and empower our common vision.