



**Leslie J. Waltke, PT, DPT** is a physical therapist with a clinical mastery in cancer rehabilitation and Founder of the Waltke Cancer Rehabilitation Academy, a provider of world class cancer rehabilitation continuing education. Since earning her degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Wisconsin in 1988, Dr. Waltke has dedicated most of her career solely to treating the cardiopulmonary, musculoskeletal, integumentary and functional needs of persons during and after treatment for cancer. Over the past decades Dr. Waltke has cared for thousands of people with cancer and has a following of beloved patients. She is respected nationally and internationally as an oncology physical therapist, cancer rehabilitation key opinion leader, author, educator and consultant.

Since 2005 Dr. Waltke has been the Cancer Rehabilitation Coordinator for Aurora Health Care, one of the United States' largest cancer programs and proud holder of the rare Commission on Cancer "Outstanding Achievement Award." Her role, in addition to treating patients with cancer, includes cancer rehabilitation program development, education and training, and best practice and clinical standards development. Cancer rehabilitation programs are now available at each of Aurora Health Care's 14 hospitals and at 27 outpatient Aurora Rehabilitation Centers throughout Wisconsin. The Commission on Cancer and the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers have consistently described her cancer rehabilitation programs as "excellent" "amazing" and "outstanding."

A gifted and impassioned speaker, Dr. Waltke teaches and lectures throughout the world to rehab professionals, universities, medical and oncology providers, cancer organizations as well as cancer patients and survivors. She recently spoke at the 2014 China Cancer Congress and the 2015 and 2017 World Cancer Congresses.

Dr. Waltke is the founder of the YouTube channel "The Recovery Room," a platform of *short* positive, medically accurate educational videos for cancer patients and survivors. She too runs a video series for healthcare providers interested in cancer Rehab titled "Dr. Waltke's Tip Jar."

Dr. Waltke is a former Board Member of the Oncology Section of the American Physical Therapy Association, an APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor, on the Specialization Academy of Content Experts and a is a founding and current board member of ABCD, Inc After Breast Cancer Diagnosis. Recent honors include the "2014 Article of the Year Award" from the *Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews*, the 2015 Academic Excellence and Leadership Award from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, and the 2015 Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Education Recognition scholarship.