Brenda Martone is an adult nurse practitioner and certified advanced oncology nurse practitioner at Northwestern Medicine in outpatient GU oncology. I began my oncology career over 34 years ago in gyn-oncology, then transitioned to inpatient nursing caring for both hematology and solid tumor patients at Loyola Medical Center. I earned my MSN from Loyola University and practiced as an oncology nurse specialist. I then served in a leadership role in clinical trials at Loyola Medical Center. I continued as a CNS in clinical trials at Northwestern University in Chicago IL with a focus on GU oncology and melanoma.

I returned to school to earn my post master's certificate as an adult nurse practitioner from Rush University in Chicago IL.  I have been an APP for over 27 years, and have spent the last 15 years as an NP in the GU oncology clinic.

I was nudged into public speaking by a very supportive Pfizer rep and began presenting on numerous speakers bureaus in renal, bladder and prostate cancer and fell in love with sharing and teaching others. Then I had this great opportunity to co-chair a program with Kathleen Burns, NP at City of Hope, and I learned how exciting and rewarding it was to develop a presentation and program.

I have since had the opportunity and pleasure to present numerous regional and national lectures on topics related to GU malignancies. These include JADPRO LIVE 2020 Advanced prostate cancer and considerations for advanced practitioners. I was also been invited to present the APP's view on several Research to Practice with Dr Neil Love. I have been involved with UroToday and presented on the various topics including [Patients' Understanding of Clinical Trials](https://www.urotoday.com/video-lectures/patient-voice/video/mediaitem/1365-patients-understanding-of-clinical-trials-brenda-martone.html), [Assessing and Managing Toxicities with Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors](https://www.urotoday.com/video-lectures/advanced-bladder-cancer/video/mediaitem/1338-assessing-and-managing-toxicities-with-immune-checkpoint-inhibitors-brenda-martone.html), [Transitioning Patients to an Oral GnRH Antagonist, Optimizing Patient Outcomes,](https://www.urotoday.com/video-lectures/advanced-prostate-cancer/video/mediaitem/2083-transitioning-patients-to-an-oral-gnrh-antagonist-and-optimizing-patient-outcomes-brenda-martone.html)[Optimal Patient Selection for Treatment with Radium-223 in mCRPC Towards Improved Overall Survival and Improved Quality of Life, and](https://www.urotoday.com/video-lectures/treatment-for-bone-metastasis-in-crpc-practical-management-for-patient-selection/video/mediaitem/2144-optimal-patient-selection-for-treatment-with-radium-223-in-mcrpc-towards-improved-overall-survival-and-improved-quality-of-life-brenda-martone.html)[One Patient's Perspectives About Participating in a Randomized Clinical Trial](https://www.urotoday.com/video-lectures/patient-voice/video/mediaitem/1369-one-patient-s-perspectives-about-participating-in-a-randomized-clinical-trial.html). I am a founding member of GU nurses connect and have been involved in podcasts related to prostate cancer.

Most recent opportunities include working with the CCO to provide a program regarding prostate cancer to local ONS chapters, prostate cancer presentation at the Oncology nurse summit, development of a program with PCE at Oncology Nursing Summit about PARP inhibitors and prostate cancer, lead author “Darolutamide can be effectively and safely administered in combination with androgen deprivation therapy and docetaxel in patients with metastatic hormone sensitive prostate cancer” poster presentation at ONS Congress 2023 and being invited by Peerview and the bladder cancer advocacy network (BCAN) as chairperson for a program titled “Meeting patients’ needs through optimal nursing strategies in personalized bladder cancer care” also at ONS Congress 2023.

When I am not working:

I love to walk on the lakefront and completed 2 half marathon walks last summer.

I enjoy taking Pure Barre classes.

I love to travel and I have had the pleasure to visit 5 out of the 7 continents.

My most memorable trips are to Antarctica and last summer to Norway, Faroe Islands (artic circle) and Iceland.