



BTMed Medical Program Manager, Kim Cranford, RN, Retires

After 26 years with BTMed, Kim Cranford is retiring from her role as our Medical Program Manager. After working for many years as a hospital nurse, Kim joined BTMed in 1998, when it covered only two sites. Since then, she has played a pivotal role in the program's growth, helping it expand to a total of 35 sites across the country.

Kim's contributions to BTMed go far beyond its expansion. She has been instrumental in developing the protocols that have guided BTMed's success. Notably, Kim was a driving force behind the creation of the BTMed Early Lung Cancer Detection program, managing it from the ground up. Her vision, dedication, and expertise helped lay the foundation for what the program has become today.

As the cornerstone of the BTMed medical office in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Kim has been a constant source of support, leadership, and knowledge. According to Dr. Knut Ringen, BTMed's principal investigator, "Kim has dedicated a great part of her life to BTMed and our participants. Her commitment to our participants and to the success of the program has left an indelible mark on the entire team. For that we will be forever grateful. She has been a truly great colleague."

Kim's retirement is bittersweet, as she will be greatly missed by her colleagues and all the BTMed participants. We wish her all the best in this next chapter of her life and thank her for her extraordinary contributions. While Kim is officially retiring, fortunately she has agreed to stay around as an advisor for a little while as we transition with new leadership in our Oak Ridge Office.



Kim (right) with Janet Shorter, RN, who retired from BTMed last year. Between them, they have over forty years of BTMed experience!

Changes in our Oak Ridge Medical Delivery Office

With Kim Cranford's retirement as BTMed Medical Program Manager, we are pleased to announce the following changes in our Oak Ridge office:

- **Betsey Hill, RN**, is the new BTMed Medical Program Manager.
- **Amanda Hall (née McGhee), RN**, is the new BTMed Assistant Medical Program Manager.

Both of them have a wealth of clinical and administrative experience and will guide the office with steady hands. We thank them for their willingness to take on this responsibility.



Amanda Hall (left) and Betsey Hill.

NEW CONTACT ALERT!

Adverse Events and Abnormal Medical Findings

In the event of an **adverse event**, including complaints from BTMed participants, or **abnormal medical findings**, providers are required to report these within 24-hours to Betsey Hill, BTMed Medical Program Manager, at **865-294-4543** and pbhill@zenith-american.com. She can be reached after business hours at **423-912-6185**.



**ADVERSE
EVENT**

Survival

90% of those whose CRC was found early are alive 5 years later

90%

FIT Test

The FIT test needs only one stool sample and detects 70-80% of CRC

70-80%

Screening Age

Adults aged 45-75 should be screened for CRC

45-75

BTMed
Colorectal Cancer
(CRC)
Screening
Saves Lives

72%

National Participation

Only 72% of Americans needing CRC screening get it

BTMed Participation

88% of former workers getting BTMed exams participated in FIT test screening

88%

Outcomes

BTMed found a 61% lower risk of dying of CRC in participants getting screening via FIT test in our exams

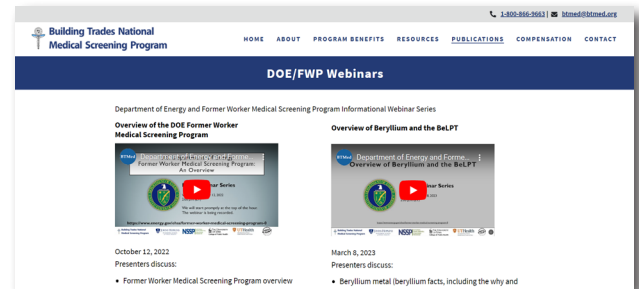
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Department of Energy and Former Worker Program Webinar Series

The Department of Energy and Former Worker Programs, which includes BTMed, partner to host public webinars that provide important information about various topics about the medical screening exams and work-related health conditions. If you missed them, don't worry! Recordings are available on BTMed's website.

Past webinars include:

- Overview of the DOE Former Worker Medical Screening Program
- Overview of Beryllium and the BeLPT
- Early Lung Cancer Detection and Cure for Former DOE Workers
- Hearing Loss and Its Implications on Compensation
- Spirometry: An Overview and Interpretation of Results for Former DOE Workers
- Colorectal Screening Saves Lives! (*upcoming*)



To view past webinars, visit www.btmed.org. Click on the "Publications" tab and select "DOE/FWP Webinars."

A Special Thanks from All of Us at BTMed!

As BTMed embarks on its 28th year, we know that our program's mission wouldn't be possible without you—our medical providers. Your hard work has improved—and even *saved*—the lives of the Department of Energy's former construction workers, a population whose work puts them at risk for occupational illnesses. It's because of you that they not only get screened, but also return for their re-screening exams every three years.



BTMed at its team meeting, November 2024.

Be sure to visit www.btmed.org to see all the resources our program has to offer!