



## Meet Dr. Angela Bohnen: Video Transcript

Dr. Angela Bohnen ([00:18](#)):

My name is Angela Bohnen. I'm a neurosurgeon at Neurosurgery one. I grew up in South Florida, and then in my early adolescent years, I transitioned to Kentucky onto a fully functional farm of about 300 acres. My mom was a stay-at-home mom, and my dad mainly did construction. As I was growing up, my family still resides in Kentucky. I stayed for my higher education, including a medical school at Louisville, Kentucky. After that, I went to Chicago to perform my neurosurgery residency and then down to Jacksonville, Florida for a fellowship in neuro-oncology at the Mayo Clinic. At first, I wanted to be a pediatric neurosurgeon. My pediatric experience is really what led me to adult neurosurgery, particularly brain tumors. I chose brain tumors as my subspecialty because I enjoy helping patients through very difficult situations. It changes someone's world. The minute you tell somebody that they have a mass inside their brain.

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I was brought to neurosurgery one in order to help advance the brain tumor care within Denver neurosurgery. One in its entirety, is a specialized group of people who all do general neurosurgery, but each have their own subspecialties so that whatever a patient comes in with, one of us can tackle the problem. I currently am the only employed female practitioner. There are only about 10% females within the neurosurgery field, and being female in a male dominated field has been quite challenging at times, but have allowed me to develop a really strong inner core. I think that this brings something extra into our program. I have taken up many leadership positions within the hospital and act as a role model for younger females and ultimately, sometimes female patients just want a female practitioner. Neurosurgery one is a group of extremely caring individuals who are always challenging the status quo and trying to make things better for all patients.

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It's very easy to come to work when you enjoy your job and the people that you work with. My favorite thing about my job is the intimate relationship that it allows me to develop with my patients. I want patients to know that I understand how terrifying it can be to have to come to our office and talk to us. My patient philosophy is based on education and shared decision making. I really want patients to understand what's going on within them and be allowed to help make decisions that are going to possibly change their lives. When they come see me, I will give them realistic information, expectations and will treat them like my family. I want patients to choose neurosurgery. One because I want them to understand that they are entering a family of caring individuals that will take care of them from the beginning Through the end, we have a great team that tries to make the process as easy as possible so that patients just have to show up.

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## Neurosurgery One

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We believe in education prior to intervention. Surgery is much easier for patients when they know exactly what to expect. Neurosurgery is an extremely intense field, and the fact that it can have a dramatic impact on a patient's life is what drives me to keep working hard, learning more and doing better. Outside of neurosurgery, I really enjoy traveling and mountaineering. I traveled to France and Italy climbing both Mount Blanc and Grand Paradiso, followed by Mount Kilimanjaro and Africa. I enjoy traveling to other countries and experiencing that city or that region as a true local so that I could learn more about their culture.