



Deforia Lane serves as Associate Director of the Seidman Cancer Center, & Director of Music Therapy at University Hospitals of Cleveland, Seidman Cancer Center and Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. With early intentions of pursuing a singing career, she completed her Bachelor Degree in Vocal Performance at the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and began graduate studies at the Curtis Institute of Music.

She attended Cleveland State University for her Master's Degree and earned her PhD in Music Education from Case Western Reserve University. She holds board certification as a Music Therapist and is certified by the American Music Therapy Association for Faculty Authorization.

Dr. Lane has designed and implemented music therapy programs for such diverse populations as the mentally handicapped, abused children, geriatric clients, behaviorally and psychiatrically disturbed, adult and pediatric cancer patients and the terminally ill. Among the institutions that she has served as consultant are the Ohio Department of Mental Health, Mayo Clinic, Ohio Hospice Organization, the National Department on Aging, and Sesame Street (Children's Television Workshop).

Dr. Lane is a spokesperson for the American Cancer Society for which she composed and recorded the song "We Can Cope". Public notice of her work extends from recognition in publications such as Reader's Digest and Coping Magazine to forums such as National Public Radio, Cable News Network, CBS This Morning, Wall Street Journal TV and ABC World News with Peter Jennings. Some of her many awards include the first grant from the American Cancer Society to investigate the "Therapeutic Effects of Music on Oncology Patients", the Oncology Nursing Society's Mara Mogensen Flaherty Lectureship Award, and the Cleveland Negro Business & Professional Women Award. In 1994 Dr. Lane received honorary membership into the Oncology Nursing Society, the highest honor they confer.

Dr. Lane is distinguished by her ability to empathize with her clients because of her personal struggle with cancer. She is married to Cleveland architect, Ernest Luther Lane, and they have two sons, Curtis, an engineer in Cincinnati and Martin, an engineer in Chicago.

Dr. Lane regularly gives workshops on the use music in teaching Christian concepts to ages 2-10. She is a member of the Board of Trustees at Cleveland's City Mission, at Cedarville College, and at the Board of Directors of International AID, a Christian relief organization that supports hospitals, churches and missionaries around the world.

On a personal note, Dr. Lane states she is the queen of thrift shopping, and is still learning to sing her life's song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGnWyS2Y4r8>