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About Us



Thomas S Backer, MD

Dr. Backer is a native of St. Louis, graduated Magna Cum Laude of Missouri Columbia in 1976, with a Bachelor of Science degree. He completed his medical degree at St. Louis University in 1980 and his residency and fellowship in cardiology at the Naval Hospital in San Diego. He completed his Navy scholarship duty in 1988

and has been in practice in north metro Atlanta since that time. Dr. Backer believes in the strength and importance of a meaningful patient-physician relationship.

Dr. Backer sees patients at the following hospitals:

• **Emory-St. Joseph's**

• **Northside-Forsyth**

Non-Invasive Cardiology Services:

☒ *Echocardiogram*

☒ *Carotid Ultrasound*

☒ *Event Monitors*

☒ *Holter Monitors Exercise*

☒ *Stress Test*

☒ *Nuclear Cardiology*

☒ *Cardioversion*

☒ *MCT Monitor*

Invasive Cardiology Services:

☒ *Pacemaker*

☒ *Angioplasty*

☒ *Cardiac Catheterization*

☒ *Insertion Stent*

Katie Steffen, MMSC, PA-C

Katie was born in Florida and moved to Georgia at the age of 1. She completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Georgia where she pitched for the varsity softball team for 3 years and completed her medical training at Mercer University in Atlanta, GA, graduating with Highest Honors from the physician assistant program with a Master's Degree in Medical Science. She was one of only seven students inducted into Pi Alpha, the National Honor Society for Physician Assistants (PAs). She was also inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, recognizing the top 10% of the graduating class. Her graduate capstone project was selected to be recognized at the GA Association of Physician Assistants (GAPA) conference in 2016. Katie is currently a member of the AAPA, GAPA and ACC.

