

## Ira F. Combs, R.N., B.S.

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Ira F. Combs is the community liaison nurse and project coordinator for the Internal Medicine — Oncology/Hematology section at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. In this role, he serves as a liaison between the African American community and the project director, developing relationships in the community, facilitating health care services aimed primarily at screening and interventions for minority and the underserved population. Combining his medical knowledge with his marketing and computer skills, Combs also developed the “Many-Mini Health Fair” and “Minority Focused Marketing” concept for the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

In 1974, Combs received a B.A. from Grace College of the Bible and a CDA from Iowa Western Community College. He received an EMT-Paramedic certificate from Creighton University (1988), a B.S. in health care management from Trinity University and an ADN from Metro Community College (1991). Combs underwent advanced nurses training in the intensive care unit at St. Joe Hospital (1992), where he also received his peritoneal dialysis nurse certification (1993). He is BLS certified, NHS certified in chemotherapy administration/oncology nursing, ACLS certified and was an ACLS instructor (1992-1995).



As founder and volunteer director of the all-volunteer health organization, Omahealth, Inc., which offers free health screenings and education programs, Combs' responsibilities include coordinating operations; editing NOAH, a monthly newsletter; designing the Web page; and producing a monthly cable health program, “The Prevention Gang.”