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## **Norm Peterson, MD, founder of Peninsula Behavioral Health, dies**

Peninsula Behavioral Health is saddened to learn of the passing of our founder, Dr. Norman F. Peterson, earlier this month. Dr. Peterson established our agency in 1971. Today, the seed that he planted has grown into one of Clallam County's major employers with a \$6.5 million budget and a staff of over one hundred serving approximately 4,000 clients in offices in Port Angeles and Sequim.

In 1978, after stepping down as our Director, Dr. Peterson continued to serve our clients as Physician Consultant—a contractual relationship that he maintained until 2005. Thereafter, he continued to serve Clallam County residents in private practice.

After earning a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Dr. Peterson graduated as an M.D. from the University of Washington. He was on the Medical Staff of Olympic Medical Center and, for many years, served as Regional Medical Consultant to Region VI of Washington State's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Psychiatric Consultative Examiner for the State's Office of Disability Insurance.

Dr. Peterson was a Fellow and Diplomate, American Board of Medical Psychotherapists and Fellow, American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians. He held memberships in Clallam County Medical Society, Washington State Medical Association, American Medical Association, Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine, American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians, and the American Board of Medical Psychotherapists.