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This bio will provide you with details regarding my education, experience, and research interest. I have dedicated the majority of my nursing career to serving patients in critical care and post-acute care environments. My experience includes neonatal intensive care nurse, Director of Nursing for a Skilled Nursing Facility, Corporate Nurse Consultant, Skilled Nursing Facility Administrator, Corporate Regional Manager, Executive Director of Assisted Living Facilities, Director of a large health care system's Subacute Care program (a CMS demonstration project), Clinical Operations/Administrative Consultant, Chief Nursing Officer, Chief Nursing Executive for multi-hospital system, and most recently as the Chief Executive Officer for a specialty hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. My responsibilities have included the overall administrative, operational, financial and strategic direction of clinical and non-clinical departments including, but not limited to, the following departments: nursing, pharmacy, respiratory therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, ancillary clinical services, chaplaincy, performance improvement, safety, quality, case management, medical staff services, accreditation, home health, hospice and palliative care. My primary focus, in the leadership roles that I have held, was to provide a collaborative work environment that supported the professional and clinical development of clinical and non-clinical partners to provide exceptional care to patients. Another primary focus was to create an environment where clinical and non-clinical partners could experience joy in their work. I recently moved into the Clinical Assistant Professor position at Kennesaw State University and look forward to facilitating your learning experience in this role.

In terms of education, I completed my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 1990 and my Master of Nursing degree in 2002 from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, Georgia. I am a doctoral student at the University of Kansas and anticipate completion of my PhD in early 2015. I am also board certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and I am a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. I hold membership in the American Nurses Association, Georgia Nurses Association, American College of Healthcare Executives, Georgia Association of Health Executives, National League for Nursing, and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

My research interests are varied and include care of the chronically critically ill patient and their support system, patients who suffer from total communication failure associated with Guillain-Barre' Syndrome, the process of onboarding clinical staff, nursing productivity, healthcare executive turnover, moral distress and caregiver burden, palliative care and ethics.

I am originally from Augusta, Georgia and have lived in Atlanta for a total of 11 years. I also lived in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina for 4 years from 2009 to 2013. I have a son who graduated from Kennesaw State University in May of 2013 from the College of Science and Mathematics with a Bachelors of Science in Information Systems. I enjoy outdoor activities, particularly in the mountains of Western North Carolina, and I also enjoy digital photography.