

Conference Day Keynote

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I am a healthcare executive, trauma clinical nurse specialist, consultant, educator and military officer. Having attended the University of Maryland as a Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing Scholar, was commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel with the 9A Proficiency Designator. It has been my privilege to hold executive leadership positions with joint faculty appointments in major academic medical centers including the Vice President for Hospital Services at the University Hospitals and Health Systems in Cleveland, Chief Operating Officer in the University of Alabama System and and COO for the Nebraska Heart Institute before returning to Florida. Graduate degrees are earned in nursing from Duke University and in Business Administration from Cleveland State University prior to the Ph.D. in Public Health with a concentration in Health Policy and Management at USF. Board certification are held in health care administration, quality management and health care legal consulting and is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, Beta Gamma Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi and Delta Omega honorary societies in addition to the American College of Health Care Executives, the American Public Health Association and the American Association of Nurse Executives, among others. I serve on several community Boards, attend St Ann Church am a frequently invited consultant and speaker and author in health care administration and public health.

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