

Vicky is currently the Chief Nursing and Patient Care Services Officer at Duke Regional Hospital in Durham, North Carolina. She received her Doctorate in Nursing Practice from Duke University School of Nursing, her Master's Degree from St. John Fisher College, her BSN from Nazareth College of Rochester and a Nursing Diploma from the Albany Medical Center School of Nursing. Prior to becoming a registered nurse, she spent three years in the U.S. Army as Specialist 6 in the 28th Combat Support Hospital, Ft. Bragg, NC.

Vicky's clinical experience includes: Critical Care, Med/Surg Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing, inpatient Women's Services, and Clinic Nursing. Throughout her clinical experiences, leadership was always a passion and she spent many years in clinical leadership roles. These roles prepared her for her years as a Nurse Manager, Director of Nursing, and her current CNO position.

Active participation in professional nursing organizations is an integral part of her career. Some of the accomplishments related to this include being a founding member of the Fingerlakes Organization of Nurse Executives Chapter of Nurse Manager Affiliates, and the Nazareth College of Rochester Nursing Honor Society. During her tenure with the New York Organization of Nursing Executives, Vicky and other NYONE members presented the rationale for the BSN degree throughout New York State. She was elected to several leadership positions in NYONE including President Elect. She was also elected as the Region 2 representative to A.O.N.E. for New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Activities for A.O.N.E. include serving on several committees, including the Education Committee, Bylaws Committee, and most recently the committee for the 50th Anniversary celebration at the 2017 annual meeting.

Vicky has been awarded numerous honors including the AACN Circle of Excellence Leadership Award, and The Duke University Health System Friends of Nursing Award for nursing excellence.

Her quality improvement projects have been published in "The Journal of Nursing Care Quality", "Nursing Management" and "Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing". She enjoys presenting locally and nationally on innovative solutions to quality concerns and leadership best practices.

The most exciting part of Vicky's career is mentoring nurse leaders to take their place in guiding the future of the nursing profession.