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I am currently the medical director of neonatal services for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston Hospital and an associate professor at Emory University in the division of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine. My clinical interests are related to tertiary care of the surgical neonate, quality improvement, ethics and the ongoing education of care providers and medical trainees.

I have actively mentored several fellows and residents clinically throughout my 16-year tenure at Emory. I have been an active member of several educational committees for the residency and fellowship programs.

A highlight to my academic research includes site PI for the NICHD SUPPORT Trial and publications on vaccinations in the high-risk neonate. As Medical Director of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston Neonatal Services, I continue to be involved in the coordination and application of all research projects in the unit. Our institution has the distinct honor of being one of the founding members of the Children's Hospital Neonatal Consortium and its database. As CHNC/CHND has grown, I have become a member of the executive board and one of the original founding leaders in its quality improvement mission. The database's purpose is to gather information and best practices as well as outcome data on rare disease specific to tertiary NICUs in Children's Hospitals. I have a lot of interest in quality initiatives. I am currently vice-chair of CHNC's Collaborative Initiatives for QI subgroup and headed several national projects. The initial project was SLUG Bug which included development and organizing a 17 Children NICUs quality improvement project for CLABSI reduction. Results of the project has been positive with sustainability and has reached international recognition. This project was followed by STEPP IN, which included over 20 participating hospitals focusing on improvement of transfer of care and euthermia as related to perioperative care and now have moved onto heading a 27 center collaborative project that builds upon the gains STEPP IN.

I am grateful to my many mentors and collaborators that have and continue to support my medical/professional life. However, I am mostly thankful for meeting and being a part of the lives of our special patients and their families that the medical staff and I get to interact with on a daily basis.