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Karen Frush, MD, is the Chief Patient Safety Officer of the Duke University Health System. A native of Pennsylvania, she graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, School of Nursing in 1981, and from the Duke University School of Medicine in 1986. She trained in pediatrics and served as Chief Resident in the Department of Pediatrics at Duke. She is now Vice Chair of Strategic Initiatives and Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Duke University School of Medicine, and Associate Professor in the Duke University School of Nursing. She has served as Medical Director of Pediatric Emergency Services and Chief Medical Officer of Children's Services. She completed the National Patient Safety Leadership Fellowship program and was named Chief Patient Safety Officer of the Duke University Health System in November, 2004.

Dr. Frush serves on numerous committees and councils to improve patient safety and the emergency care of children, including the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine, and the AAP's *Safer Healthcare for Kids* Project Advisory Committee. Dr. Frush is a Master Trainer for the Department of Defense TeamSTEPPS team training program; she served on the Pediatric Patient Safety Expert Panel for Joint Commission Resources, the Common Formats Expert Panel for the National Quality Forum, the Board of Directors of the Josie King Foundation, and the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Quality Center.