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Energetic, visionary, and insightful, Dr. Rhonda Foster is a published and highly sought-after, hospital consultant with a penchant for driving change, quality and organizational improvement. While serving as the Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer for the Children's Hospital of Michigan, Dr. Foster's collaborative and transformative leadership style led to innovative, patient-care programs and the esteemed Magnet® recognition. Dr. Foster is thorough in conducting readiness assessments and other consultative services and is a knowledgeable, supportive guide on her clients' journey to excellence.

An expert in a variety of healthcare topics, Dr. Foster has been a featured presenter at American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) conferences and seminars and over the course of her esteemed professional career, Dr. Foster has traveled the globe conducting lectures and seminars on quality healthcare delivery, hospital administration and leadership. During her tenure as Chief Nursing Officer of the St. Joseph Health System of Sonoma County, Dr. Foster was considered an empathetic advocate and was lauded for her ability to inspire and motivate others toward a common vision.

Dr. Foster's primary strength is her ability to put theory into practice. Understanding the benefits of technological advances in healthcare administration, Dr. Foster, a catalyst and early-adopter led the implementation of an electronic medical record system which provided computerized physician order entry, ease in nursing documentation and medication administration. In addition, prior to becoming a widely accepted practice, Dr. Foster implemented a nurse residency program for new graduate nurses that resulted in a 40% reduction in turnover.

Credible and scholarly, Dr. Foster's work can be found in the Journal of Nursing Management, Oncology Nursing Society Publishing and other reputable publications. Dr. Foster has a Master of Science from Georgetown University, a Master in Public Health from the Northwest Ohio Consortium and a Doctorate of Education in Leadership Studies from Bowling Green State University. She and her son Cameron reside in Santa Rosa, California.