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Dr. Heiser obtained her Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in child development with minors in statistics and educational research and evaluation. She has worked for over 20 years in continuing medical education (CME), serving as a surveyor for the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and as an American Hospital Association representative on the ACCME's Accreditation Review Committee. In addition to organizing clinical CME, she also directs the Medical Leadership Program, a nationally recognized 22-month leadership program for physicians. As the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Designated Institutional Official, Dr. Heiser has administrative responsibility for 34 residency programs as well as rotating residents from 33 other institutions. She leads the education in clinical informatics for physicians and advanced practice nurses, Pediatric Advanced Life Support/Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and patient safety simulation. As Co-Director of the International Program, Dr. Heiser oversees the selection, program planning, and evaluation of approximately 20 international visiting physician and nursing scholars annually. Dr. Heiser promotes multidisciplinary education by coordinating these medical education programs with her other areas of responsibility: medical/patient/family library and patient, community, and outreach education.