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I love what I do and know there is never a dull moment and that life lessons are ongoing. Nothing touches my heart more than to improve patient well-being, safety, and lives. My joy as an RN has been about caring and being with patients. My love or calling was to be a Maternal Child RN and I spent many years devoted to Labor and Delivery, Pediatrics, Postpartum, and Newborn nursing. Also was fortunate to be nominated to serve and represent our department on various committees that included Patient Safety, Drug Safety, and an awards committee which honored staff and volunteers. As an RN I advocated for safe patient care and continue to do so. Also was so fortunate to travel and work with many special patients culturally and spiritually and some severely medically challenged. I did unfortunately work on some units that were not safe. This was disturbing to me as I view medical care as a space for safe quality care. I don't like to see people/patients fall through the cracks. I hope to embrace and treat the whole person and focus on keeping people healthy.

It is my goal in supporting Health Watch USA TM a Non-Profit Patient Advocacy Organization in meeting its mission which promotes Healthcare Value, Transparency & Quality of Care. Today it is critical to support truth and promotion of research integrity. Because we are all connected it is great to be part of a dynamic team who develops strategies, reviews results, considers issues pertinent to current events, and assists in the direction of the organization. It is great to be involved with partners globally in defining the goal of improving and promoting high-quality, affordable, informed safe healthcare for patients. We must provide and implement clear non-biased best practices, action items and question decisions or data that does not sound correct or may lead to harm. It is important to be a part of an organization that helps to shape challenges and define solutions.

Healthcare presents with some old and new issues and more so since covid, so I hope to shine the light and highlight the importance of compassionate safe healthcare and creative problem-solving solutions. We must create healing environments. Nursing, of which I am a part is known as the largest health profession on earth, and I believe holds the key to unlocking the future promises and hopes in contributing to a grassroots effort of a global moral and ethical community that upholds safe nursing care, healing and peace for our world for all people.