

**Linda Gerbig**  
**Vice President of Performance Improvement**  
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Linda Gerbig, RN, MSPH is the Texas Health Resources (THR) Senior Vice President of Performance Improvement and Quality Outcomes. Gerbig serves as the operational executive for clinical, safety and operational improvement, infection prevention and accreditations/certifications for hospitals, short-stay hospitals, LTAC, behavioral care hospitals and employed physicians. She represents THR on national performance improvement efforts such as the CMS/Premier QUEST project, the Baldrige Journey to Excellence and NQF committees. She has key responsibility for planning for and achieving clinical and operational short and long-term goals for the organization.

Prior to joining THR Gerbig served in a variety of clinical and administrative positions at other healthcare systems and payors with a focus on operational and clinical improvement, measurement and managed care. Her clinical experience is in the areas of Emergency Department, Pediatric Intensive Care and Performance Improvement. Her administrative roles include creating managed care plans at US Administrators, Alta Health Strategies and Partners National Health Plan and managing benefit plans for large national and international employers. She served as the Vice President of Risk Management Strategies and Product Development at MMI Companies and as a Partner at Health Care Venture Associates, a nationally recognized consulting firm with a specialty in assisting physicians and hospitals in their participation in managed care organizations..

Ms. Gerbig has a BSN (Nursing) from Murray State University and a MSPH (Health Planning and Policy) from Tulane University. She earned her CCRN through the University of Tennessee and completed an AHA Fellowship in Patient Safety through the University of California, San Francisco.

**Jaime Ritter, MPH, MT(ASCP), CCRP. CIC  
Senior Manager, Clinical Affairs  
Bard Medical**

Jaime Ritter began her career in healthcare after receiving her bachelor's degree in Medical Technology from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. She first worked as a laboratory generalist and then specialized in microbiology. Building on her knowledge of clinical microbiology, Jaime moved into the field of Infection Prevention, accepting the position of Assistant Epidemiologist at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia. Eventually, she became Director of Infection Control for two hospitals within the Graduate Health System. Jaime joined Bard Medical in 1996. Throughout her 17 years with Bard, she has held several positions including Infection Prevention Specialist, Product Manager, and Clinical Marketing Manager. Today, Jaime leads the Clinical Affairs Department defining clinical strategies and executing studies. Jaime has a master's degree in Public Health from Temple University, is certified in Infection Control, and is a certified clinical research professional. She has lectured both nationally and internationally on various infection prevention topics and has been published in both industry and peer-reviewed journals.



**Mary R. Grealy**  
**President**

Mary Grealy is president of the Healthcare Leadership Council, a coalition of chief executives of the nation's leading health care companies and organizations. The HLC advocates consumer-centered health care reform, emphasizing the value of private sector innovation. It is the only health policy advocacy group that represents all sectors of the health care industry. She was appointed to the position in August 1999.

Ms. Grealy has an extensive background in health care policy. She has led important initiatives on the uninsured, Medicare reform, improving patient safety and quality, protecting the privacy of patient medical information and reforming the medical liability laws. She testifies frequently before Congress and federal regulatory agencies.

From 1995 until she began her tenure at HLC, she served as Chief Washington Counsel for the American Hospital Association, a national organization representing all types of hospitals, health systems and health care networks. In her position, she was responsible for the organization's legal advocacy before Congress, as well as executive and judicial branches of government.

From 1979 to 1995, Ms. Grealy was Chief Operating Officer and Executive Counsel for the Federation of American Hospitals, a trade association representing 1,700 investor-owned and managed hospitals and health systems. She coordinated legislative and regulatory policies as well as lobbying activities for the Federation.

Ms. Grealy has a bachelor degree from Michigan State University and a law degree from Duquesne University. She is a member of the Board of Directors of TeamHealth, one of the largest providers of outsourced physician staffing solutions for hospitals in the United States, and the Board of Directors of Duquesne University serving on the Executive Committee. She is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association. She also serves on the advisory boards of Duke University Health Sector Advisory Council, Women Business Leaders in Health, the March of Dimes Public Policy Council and the Annapolis Wellness House. She is a frequent public speaker on health issues and has been ranked many times by *Modern Healthcare* as one of the 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare and has been named to *Modern Healthcare's* list of the Top 25 Women in Healthcare for 2009.

**Dianne Radigan**  
**Vice President of Community Relations**  
**Cardinal Health**

Dianne Radigan is vice president of community relations for Cardinal Health. Under her leadership, Cardinal Health has refocused its philanthropic efforts around three pillars: 1) enhancing healthcare effectiveness; 2) building healthy and vibrant communities; and 3) connecting the company's employees to their communities. The scope of this work is Cardinal Health's footprint including the US, Canada, Puerto Rico, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, China and Thailand.

Nationally, this strategic focus led to the launch of the Cardinal Health Foundation's Patient Safety Grant Program, which is now celebrating its sixth year and producing measureable results to improve the quality of healthcare and save millions of dollars from errors averted.

This new focus also led to the Foundation's support for Solutions for Patient Safety, a collaborative between the business community, children's hospitals and government to improve health care quality. This work, piloted in Ohio, is now spreading throughout the nation with support from CMS.

Under Radigan's leadership Cardinal Health works in partnership with local, state and national organizations to address the issue of prescription drug abuse by increasing awareness of this issue and motivating individuals to act. Again, this work has produced quantifiable outcomes that are being spread across the country.

Radigan previously served as chief operating officer of Children's Hunger Alliance, an anti-hunger organization.

She is a board member of Access HealthColumbus and a Trustee of Columbus State Community College.

Radigan earned a master's degree in nutrition from Michigan State University, her undergraduate degree from Miami University and she is a registered dietitian.