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Rosie Bartel

PFAnetwork Member

TOPICS OF INTEREST

- Storytelling with Purpose
- Infectious Diseases
- Healthcare Environments
- Hand Hygiene

HOME STATE

Wisconsin

WHY DO I DO THIS WORK?

My focus is on developing my patient story so that it can improve the patient experience for all patients and their families. My aim is to include diversity, equity and inclusion in healthcare for the improvement of the human experience.

HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCE

Rosie is a widow, mother, grandmother and an educator. In August of 2009 She underwent a total right knee replacement that developed into a MRSA staph infection. This healthcare acquired infection has lead to 58 surgeries, over 200 hospitalizations, 100 blood transfusions, a right leg amputation six inches above the knee, then two years later a total hip amputation with the removal of part of her pelvic bone during another surgery. She also experienced sepsis and septic shock twelve times.

ADVISORY CONNECTIONS

- Global Patient and Family Advisory Board (GPFAB) of the Beryl Institute
- PFAnetwork Advisory Board
- Bellin Health Patient Advisor
- PCORI Ambassador
- and many more!

WHAT DO I LIKE TO DO FOR FUN?

Read James Patterson novels because I love a good murder mystery especially when someone dies without the first few pages.

WHAT AM I MOST PROUD OF?

I am proud of the work I do as a patient advisor. In my past life I worked for the church and I loved the work because I thought I was making a difference. I probably did but the work as a patient advisor is so much more rewarding.