

## Access to Experts



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Barb Spurrier received an undergraduate degree (BA in Economics) from St. Olaf College and a Masters in Health Care Administration (MHA) from the University of Minnesota. She held various administrative training positions at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, the Minnesota Department of Health, the Aga Khan Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya, as well as the Department of Veterans' Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Following her training, she has held professional appointments from 1990 – 1997 as Chief of Ambulatory Care at the Department of Veterans' Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, as well as Senior Administrator at HealthPartners in Bloomington, Minnesota.

She joined Mayo Clinic in Rochester in 1997 and served as an Operations Administrator for many clinical practices. Barb was named Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine in 2003 and in 2008, was named Administrative Director of Mayo Clinic's new Center for Innovation.

Barb has continued her involvement with the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health MHA, serving as a preceptor for summer interns, a member of the MHA Alumni Board and participating as a guest lecturer. Barb completed her Leadership Quality Blackbelt Certification from the University of Minnesota's Juran Institute in 2005. Barb participated in the People to People Health Care Ambassador Delegation to South Africa in 2007. She is immediate Past President of the 2,200-member Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) Academic Practice Assembly and currently serves on the MGMA Board of Directors. Barb became a Certified Medical Practice Executive (CMPE) in 2008.

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