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Sharon H. Pappas, RN, PhD, NEA-BC, FAAN is the Chief Nurse Executive for Emory Healthcare. She is a member of Emory Healthcare and the Woodruff Health Science Center's senior leadership teams and is responsible for nursing practice across Emory's hospitals and ambulatory care. With five Emory Healthcare organizations designated as Magnet[®], she works to establish this same nursing excellence as a distinctive competency throughout Emory Healthcare.

Sharon completed her PhD at the University of Colorado, Denver College of Nursing with research focus on clinical and financial outcomes that are sensitive to nursing practice. She holds a Master of Science in Nursing Administration from Georgia College, School of Nursing and a Bachelor of Science in nursing, from the School of Nursing, Medical College of Georgia.

Sharon has authored numerous articles for peer-reviewed journals and done numerous conference presentations throughout her career focusing on the role nurses and the nursing environment play in patient safety and healthcare costs. She also serves as a faculty member for the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing. Sharon is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, International, the American Nurses Association, and the American Organization for Nursing Leadership where she served as a Board member and currently represents AONL on the Commission on Magnet[®] for the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Sharon is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing where she is past chair of the Expert Panel on Building Health System Excellence. She served on the National Academy of Science, Engineering, & Medicine Committee on Systems Approaches to Improve Patient Care by Supporting Clinician Well-being.

Sharon was honored as the recipient of the 2023 AONL Lifetime Achievement Award.