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Bio
Kathy Howell, M.B.A., B.S.N., R.N, NEA-BC, is the Chief Nursing Executive for UCHealth and Chief Nursing Officer for University of Colorado Hospital. She joined UCHealth in January of 2018 and is responsible for the continued clinical integration and advancement of nursing practice across the system.

Prior to joining UCHealth, Kathy was the Senior Vice President and Chief Nurse Executive for Saint Luke’s Health System in Kansas City, MO. As an accomplished health care executive, Kathy led the clinical integration strategy and continued advancement of nursing practice and allied health disciplines across the 10-hospital Saint Luke’s Health System.

Kathy also served as CEO of Saint Luke’s South Hospital in Overland Park, Kan. She joined Saint Luke's South Hospital as chief nursing officer in 2001, and was also the vice president of Saint Luke's Health System Women’s and Children's Services from 2005 to 2009.

Kathy is a member of several professional organizations including the American College of Healthcare Executives and the American Organization of Nurse Executives. She also has served the boards of numerous community, state, and civic organizations.

Kathy received her bachelors of science in nursing from Marymount College in Salina, Kan., and her master's in business administration from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill. She is board certified as an Advanced Nurse Executive through the ANCC.