

## PATTI GARIBALDI RN, BA

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Patti Garibaldi grew up appreciating the elderly—the positive influence they had on her life, and the priceless gifts of time and attention they gave. She's always had compassion for the challenges of aging, and has devoted virtually her entire professional life to long-term care. Now as Director of Clinical Consulting for Consonus Healthcare, this self-described "science geek" is one of the profession's foremost experts.

She's been with Marquis Companies and Consonus since 1991, and it's her job to be the clinical authority on all aspects of nursing in long-term care environments. Drawing on more than 30 years of experience, Patti visits customer facilities to review processes, maximize reimbursement and improve care quality. She particularly enjoys survey preparation, and helps leadership teams find a path to compliance through what she calls "conversations of care."

Patti's nursing career has included time in oncology, hospice and other acute care settings. Within long-term care, she's held virtually every possible nursing job description, including resident care manager, charge nurse and director of nursing services, giving her unique credibility to offer guidance and support. Besides her nursing degree, she holds a Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management from George Fox University.

Long term care entities frequently turn to Patti for collaboration in developing programs and standards of practice, and she has worked closely with state agencies and international organizations on quality improvement initiatives. The highly respected leadership program she recently created for nurses has been embraced by associations in California, Oregon and Washington.

Patti is in high demand as a speaker and panel member on topics ranging from medication management and MDS 3.0 to fall prevention, wound care, Quality Indicator Survey and Medicare PPS. She's an accomplished trainer and analyst whose presentations help cut through inefficient systems and overwhelming paperwork to get to the critical goal—quality patient care.

