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**Personal Statement:** I am a behavioral medicine psychologist who works with patients and teams across the Geisinger system to improve health behaviors and overall functioning for individuals managing medical issues. In my opinion, this work is critical to changing the overall health care system to one that is more collaborative and effective. To watch patients take charge of their health and become an integral member of the health care team is extremely rewarding to me.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Traveling; walking; reading; cooking/baking; gardening; time at the beach!

**Why this project is important to me:** I believe strongly in collaborative care with patients and see shared decision making in renal patients as a vital part of helping them fully understand and be actively involved in their health care.