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Personal Statement: I earned a PhD in the philosophy and ethics of medicine from Georgetown University in 1996 and worked at Georgetown for approximately 20 years (as director of strategic planning, medical school associate dean for evaluation and assessment, and senior research scholar in bioethics). After leaving Georgetown and prior to joining Geisinger in September 2012, I worked for six-plus years in the federal government, first as executive director of the national bioethics commission and then as a senior advisor at NIH for bioethics and policy. I was recruited to Geisinger a little over three years ago to establish a program in bioethics with both research and clinical components.

Hobbies/Interests: Photography; painting; travel; hiking; anything that enables high quality time with my family

Why this project is important to me: Although I've worked in various aspects of bioethics, my heart, soul, and mind belong, in the main, to clinical ethics and specifically to helping patients, their families and their clinicians navigate the ethical challenges encountered in advanced illness and at the end of life. I am excited by this project because it offers us—and our patients and their families—an opportunity to operationalize shared, informed decision making and patient-centered care in the context of chronic disease. I'm engaged in a number of parallel activities and I anticipate that there will be amazing opportunities for cross-fertilization.