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Having studied nursing at King's College London (1994) I then graduated with a master's in advanced clinical practice awarded with merit (2010). I was awarded a National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) Doctoral Fellowship at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust (2010) and graduated with a PhD in Palliative Medicine from the School of Medicine, Cicely Saunders Institute of Palliative Care, Policy and Rehabilitation, King's College London (2015). I have 26 years of clinical experience in nephrology nursing across diverse teams and settings, which provides credibility and context for my research and clinical academic leadership, as well as first-hand experience of the needs of patients and families.

I lead research at the interface between nephrology and palliative care, with particular focus on improving outcomes for patients with chronic kidney disease. I was successful in obtaining an NIHR Clinical Lectureship, one of only 2 nurses in the UK awarded from the 2015 integrated clinical academic round. My NIHR Clinical Lectureship award has enabled me to develop my clinical academic leadership; I provide highly specialist knowledge as a senior clinician which in turn facilitates the ability to understand the future direction of research and innovation that is required to evolve the field of palliative nephrology. In terms of research methods, I am experienced in systematic reviewing, cross-sectional surveys, and observational cohort studies.

I regularly review manuscripts for: American Society of Kidney Diseases, Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrologists, Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation and the Journal of Palliative Medicine. National reviewing: UK Kidney Week and Kidney Research UK. I am an elected member of the executive board of UK Association of Nephrology Nursing (elected August 2021). I am chief investigator of the QUALYCARE Kidney study (funder, HEE/ NIHR) and co-applicant on the Prepare for kidney care study (funder, NIHR HTA programme), a randomised controlled trial comparing preparation for dialysis versus preparation for conservative care.



