

Jerry A. Mansfield

**Name:**

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Hometown:

I was born in Continental, Ohio, and currently live and work in Charleston, South Carolina.

Current job:

Executive chief nursing officer and chief patient experience officer at the Medical University of South Carolina Charleston

Family:

I met my wife Jane during summer employment at Cedar Point, an amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio, and we have been married 32 years. I have 2 sons, Erik (Arizona) and Evan (Ohio), and a new furry addition named Brady.

Education:

Diploma in nursing from St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing Toledo, Ohio; bachelor of science in nursing from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio; master of science with a focus in nursing administration, chronic illness and community health; PhD in public health—both graduate degrees from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio; and board certified as an advanced nurse executive with the American Nurses Credentialing Center

First job in nursing:

I started my career as a staff nurse in orthopedics at The Ohio State University Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio.

What people, philosophy, books have influenced your thinking:

My nursing education influenced by the Sisters of St. Francis, the Grey Nuns, and the Jesuits were foundational in my early years. Two extremely influential nurse leaders, Mary Jo McElroy and Judy Gilliam, were true role models of how to lead and be accountable for nursing practice. More recently, the Ecologic Model of Health Behavior Change is a lens through which I view social determinants of health—we have much work to do!

My best advice to aspiring leaders:

Network with trusted colleagues and be open to transformative feedback...as difficult as it sometimes is to hear

One thing I want to learn about or do:

Retire and be an artist

One word to describe you:

Tenacious

One word that best describes your leadership:

Connector

Greatest accomplishment:

As president, I led the successful transition of the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows (RWJF-ENF) Alumni Association to an independent 501(c)(3) now known as NurseTRUST, whose mission is to engage nurses in life-changing leadership and vision: we transform health and health care. This is an extraordinary group of nurse executives poised to expand membership!