

Kristine Larison, RN, BSN, MBA

Kristine Larison received her bachelors of science in nursing from San Diego State University in 1992 and her MBA from Regis University in 2005. Since 1991, Kristine has worked in Women & Children's nursing as a staff registered nurse, educator, manager, director and chief nurse. Kristine has worked in academic medical centers, community hospitals and the Providence Health System for the last twenty years. Currently, she is the Program Executive of Women & Children for the Providence Health System in Oregon. The Providence Health System is the third largest non-profit health organization in the United States and is committed to providing for the health and well-being of communities in Alaska, California, Montana, Oregon and Washington. This organization includes more than 76,000 employees, and Kristine is an exemplary leader in the service of Women and Children.

Kristine has lectured and published extensively in the field of patient safety specifically regarding communication failures in obstetrics, team performance, induction of labor, simulation based training and SBAR+R. In addition to her ongoing contributions in the Providence Health System, Kristine is a member of the executive committee, treasurer, and executive sponsor of the finance committee for the Council of Women and Infants Specialty Hospitals (CWISH). Kristine has served on the OB patient safety task force for The Doctor's Company since 2010, an organization committed to advancing the practice of safe medicine. Furthermore, Kristine is the co-developer of P.U.R.E. (Purposeful, Unambiguous, Respectful and Effective) Conversations in Obstetrics, a workshop to improve communication between medical professionals in perinatal units. She is a well-known consultant in perinatal care, specializing in medical malpractice, patient safety and risk management. Kristine has personally conducted numerous risk assessments for perinatal care centers across the United States, providing professional insight from years of experience to increase patient safety and operational efficiency.

Kristine's work now focuses on innovative care delivery models for women and children. In 2013, Kristine was a key member of a team that developed and implemented a unique program that marries evidence-based innovations in care delivery with innovations in payment design to transform the delivery and financing of prenatal, labor, delivery and post-natal care. The program is showing promising results in patient satisfaction, cost reductions and quality improvements across the board.