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Michael Bleich began working in healthcare in 1970 and has continuously worked in administrative, education and consultative roles to the present. A Wisconsin native, Bleich received a nursing diploma from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, a Bachelor's degree in nursing and liberal arts from Milton College, a master's degree in Public Health (Patient Care Administration) from the University of Minnesota, and a PhD in Human Resource Development from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

Dr. Bleich is Professor and Associate Dean for Clinical and Community Affairs at the University of Kansas School of Nursing, serving also as the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of its faculty practice plan, KU HealthPartners, Inc. In 2006 he was appointed as chair for the Department of Health Policy and Management in the School of Medicine, the first nurse to hold this role in Medicine.

Areas of expertise includes the strategic and operational management of academic clinical enterprises, clinical systems design, work analysis and recognition, quality improvement and outcomes metrics, leadership development, and regulatory standards interpretation.

Bleich has published more than 50 articles, book chapters, and monographs on the topics of leadership, academic-service partnerships, and workforce supply and demand in a wide range of peer reviewed and professional venues; two of his book chapters received the AJN Book of the Year Award. In 2002, Dr. Bleich was appointed to the editorial board for the *Journal of Nursing Education* and in 2007 to the board of the *Journal of Nursing Continuing Education*. He is also a reviewer for the *Online Journal of Issues in Nursing (OJIN)*, the *Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing*, *Nursing Economic\$* and other distinguished journals, in addition to serving as a grant reviewer for HRSA and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Dr. Bleich completed the Johnson & Johnson/Wharton School of Business Nurse Executive Program in 1996 and the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program (2000-2003). The University of Kansas School of Nursing, under Dr. Bleich's leadership, received the "Outstanding Faculty Practice Award" in 2002 from the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF). In 2006, he was inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and named an honorary nursing alumnus of the University of Kansas School of Nursing. He holds appointments on the JCAHO Nursing Advisory Council and the National Advisory Council for the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program and memberships in the American Organization of Nurse Executives, American Nurses' Association, Sigma Theta Tau, the Plexus Institute, and other health services organizations.

Dr. Bleich was described in the publication *Emerging* as, "passionate, effective, and eternally optimistic . . . a model of complexity principles in action. In the process, he is transforming how some health care organizations approach nursing, healing, and collaboration."