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Dr. Roberta Waite's professional career spans working as a nurse in trauma I level academic health systems as a clinician and administrator and in higher education working at Drexel University for the past 19 years. Waite was a tenured professor in Doctoral nursing and Associate Dean of Community-Centered Health & Wellness and Academic Integration at Drexel. She also served as the Executive Director of the Stephen and Sandra Sheller 11th Street Family Health Services of Drexel University, operated in partnership with Family Practice and Counseling Network. Waite's scholarship and research centers on behavioral health, structural influencers of health and racial justice. In May 2022, Waite started at Georgetown University School of Nursing as dean select and tenured professor and her deanship will begin July 2022. Waite also serves as a board director for corporate Trinity Health, a leading, national, multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery system; the Family Process Institute; and Independence Blue Cross Foundation. She recently served as an expert for Governor Wolf's Think Tank to develop guidelines and benchmarks for a Trauma Informed Commonwealth of PA and served as co-chair of the Racial and Communal Trauma Prevention Action Team for HEAL PAs' Trauma-Informed Pennsylvania leadership team. Waite also serves on the Advisory Group for COACH (Collaborative Opportunities to Advance Community Health), a cross-sector collaborative that brings together health systems and community-based organizations to address community health needs in Greater Philadelphia; the Advancing Health Equity National Advisory Committee; and the National Quality Forum's MAP Health Equity Advisory Group.