

Biographical Overview

Michael R. Bleich, PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN

Dr. Bleich initiated his own business, *NursDynamics, LLC* in April, 2016 and serves as its President and CEO. This follows an academic career as President and Dean of the Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes Jewish College, Dean of a five-campus system at Oregon Health and Science University, Associate Dean at the University of Kansas, and Chair of Nursing at Mount Senario College in Wisconsin. In service leadership roles, Dr. Bleich was the Chief Executive Officer for KU HealthPartners – an academic practice that included a safety net clinic – and acute care roles as Chief Nursing Officer/Vice President for Patient Care Services and Chief Accreditation Officer for Health Midwest in Kansas, and CNO for Bryan Memorial Hospital and Saint Mary's Medical Center, in Nebraska, and Wisconsin, respectively. Other roles included Vice-Provost for Interprofessional Education (OHSU), Chair – Department of Health Policy and Management in the School of Medicine (KU), and Consultant for Quality Healthcare Resources (affiliated with JCAHO).



He has been recognized nationally and internationally for expertise on nursing and healthcare trends and issues tied to leadership, health systems and policy development, curricular innovation, and workforce supply, demand, and competencies. To this end, he served as one of five nurses who contributed to and authored the seminal report, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health* issued through the Institute of Medicine and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Dr. Bleich received the Luther Christman Award from the American Assembly for Men in Nursing, the McArthur Award for contributions to the IOM report from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the University of Minnesota's Humanitarian Award, and the Anthony J. Jannetti Award for extraordinary contributions to healthcare from the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses.

In 1976 he received his diploma in nursing from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing. He subsequently earned a BSN from Milton College, an MPH in nursing and patient care administration from the University of Minnesota, and a PhD in human resource development from the University of Nebraska. He completed formal fellowships from the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows program, the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and the WK Kellogg Foundation in public health. He has been inducted into the American Academy of Nursing and the National Academies of Practice.

As a clinician, he held roles working in long-term care with individuals with developmental disabilities and chronic mental health disorders. In acute care he cared for orthopedic and neuro-surgical populations, emergency and in float nursing positions.

He is an active member in the American Organization of Nurse Executives, the American Nurses Association, the American Association of Men in Nursing, Sigma Theta

Tau, and the American Academy of Nursing; he currently has major leadership roles with the Council of Graduates of Foreign Schools of Nursing (CGFNS, International) and the Friends of the National Institute for Nursing Research (FNINR). He has championed organizational and health systems research and its rapid uptake through implementation science, notably in the areas of workforce planning and global migration, interprofessional education and practice, and diversity and inclusion. Each of these areas constitutes his research and scholarly publications, which number over 100.

He has been and is a grant and manuscript reviewer for several organizations and publications. He serves on the editorial boards for the American Journal of Nursing and the Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing, where he authors a monthly column on leadership and development.

Summary Introduction:

Dr. Michael Bleich is a Wisconsin native who has held clinical, consultative, service, academic, and association leadership positions. A recognized scholar and thought leader, Dr. Bleich has addressed national and international audiences that include nurses, executives, governance bodies, associations, and the media. Four contributions are especially important to the advancement of the discipline – his engagement as one of the five nurses on the committee that wrote the seminal report, *The Future of Nursing, Leading Change, Advancing Health* issued through the Institute of Medicine, *Wisdom at Work: the Importance of the Older and Experienced Nurse in the Workplace* published through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, *Men in Nursing: Understanding the Challenges Men Face in this Predominantly Female Profession*, and *Analysis of the Nursing Workforce Crisis: a Call to Action*, both published in the American Journal of Nursing.

Dr. Bleich has a diploma, BSN, MPH and PhD from Midwestern Schools. He has completed Fellowships with the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program, the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and the WK Kellogg Foundation. An inductee of the American Academy of Nursing and the National Academies of Practice, he proudly serves as the current President of both CGFNS, International and FNINR, both advance science and ensure workforce mobility, quality and safety.