



ON CALL WITH



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What does your role as senior director of perioperative services involve?

I have administrative responsibilities over the operating room suites, endoscopy, sterile processing and linens. I work with the directors and managers of these areas to make sure their areas are running smoothly and that our patients have the support and supplies they need.

What do you like about working at Hahnemann?

The camaraderie and the talent. I always say that Hahnemann is Philly's best kept secret. We have a lot of dedicated physicians, nurses and ancillary staff who bring their best every day. I get the most satisfaction out of my day when I hear accolades about our staff from our patients and their family members.

What made you decide to work in healthcare?

I loved watching "Quincy" as a kid and I always thought I wanted to be a forensic pathologist. I also spent a lot of my informative years in hospitals as my grandparents had cardiac issues. There was one cardiac intensive care unit nurse at Northeastern Hospital who inspired me to pursue nursing.

What do you like to do outside of work?

Paper quilling. This involves creating designs out of thin strips of paper. I make a lot of keepsakes and it's very relaxing. Some of my projects have taken in excess of 40 hours.