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Vicki is a Board-Certified Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner and the Director of Clinical and Quality Outcomes at Providence Anesthesiology Associates in Charlotte, NC.

She is responsible for the implementation, oversight, and expansion of the Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) program to include 17 service lines, and 10 facilities within 3 hospital systems. Additionally, she has restructured preoperative clinics to optimize patients preoperatively as well as reduce the day of surgery delays and cancellations. Vicki is on the ERAS Cardiac Society Executive Board and was named the organization's Director of International Relationships. She sits on the Critical Care Board of Directors for the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS).

Additionally, she has been named to the faculty of multiple organizations including Evidence Based Perioperative Medicine (EBPOM), the Morpheus Consortium, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), Perioperative Quality Initiative (POQI), and is a regular TopMedTalk contributor. Vicki speaks nationally and internationally on the implementation of ERAS and long-term sustainability strategies as well as numerous perioperative care topics. She has published on ERAS and Perioperative Surgical Home (PSH) implementation strategies. She is currently collaborating with the ERAS Cardiac Society Board members on the revised Guidelines for ERAS in Cardiac Surgery for future publication. Vicki's areas of interest and research include multi-modal analgesia, opioid-related adverse events, reduction in opioid consumption of the surgical patient, blood conservation, and postoperative cognitive disorder.

She attended the Queens University of Charlotte for her BSN and later attended the Medical University of South Carolina for her master's in nursing and Doctorate in Nursing Practice, completing her doctoral dissertation on Enhanced Recovery After Surgery for Pancreaticoduodenectomy. Vicki worked as a critical care nurse for 15 years before leaving the bedside to pursue her advanced degrees.