

**2026 Setting the Pace
Speaker Information Form**



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Biography

Terry M. Foster is a well-known “nurse humorist” and sought-after speaker for his light-hearted, poignant and professional perspectives on clinical care topics and emergency nursing in general.

He currently works as a critical-care clinical nurse specialist in the emergency departments at St. Elizabeth Healthcare, a Magnet-designated hospital, in northern Kentucky. He is an ambassador for the St. Elizabeth Foundation, having been continuously employed in this six-hospital system since 1975.

He has held positions of volunteer, ward clerk, staff nurse, charge nurse, critical-care instructor, clinical director and night supervisor, at both the Mercy Hospitals of Cincinnati, Ohio, and at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in northern Kentucky. His primary areas of nursing practice have always been in the Emergency Department and Critical-Care Units where he has four national certifications in critical-care nursing, emergency nursing, pediatric emergency nursing, and trauma nursing.

Terry is also a previous recipient of the Judith C. Kelleher award; received the ENA Lifetime Achievement Award for contributions to emergency nursing; and is a Fellow of the Academy of Emergency Nursing.

Presentation

Emergency Nursing: The sacred and the profane, all rolled into one!

Summary

As emergency nurses, we experience both sacred and profane interactions on a daily basis. On the front lines, we regularly see the best and the worst aspects of our society. This lecture focuses on some of those unforgettable moments and lessons learned in emergency nursing.

Learning Objectives

1. The participants will be inspired to reflect on their own emergency nursing careers
2. Identify personal practice changes that could improve nursing outcomes for those in your care
3. Be entertained while learning!

References

1. The Learning Channels (TLC) national TV program "Untold Stories of the ER."
2. A life well spent caring for others