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Pamela Garlinghouse

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Pamela Garlinghouse is a registered nurse in the Surgical, Trauma & Burn ICU at Ohio State University Hospital in Columbus. She is a recognized leader in evidence-based practice and a DNP-prepared staff nurse with the institution's highest clinical

recognition, clinical ladder IV. Her most important work is a nurse-driven, volume-based feeding protocol for severely burned patients. This critical initiative addressed a patient safety issue by increasing nutritional delivery compliance from a suboptimal 50%-79% to 100% of patients meeting or exceeding the national 80% target. The initiative directly contributed to improved patient outcomes and hospital cost savings. Pamela is also an accomplished mentor. For over a decade, she has co-created and led the Critical Care/PCU Online Journal Club, fostering true collaboration across five hospitals. Her leadership has been recognized with a 2019 AACN Circle of Excellence award and the 2025 Graduate Nursing Student Academy (GNSA) Emerging Leader award.