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Joseph Falise is associate chief nursing officer for the transplant, medical, cardiovascular and dialysis service lines at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. He is a nurse leader and a catalyst for cultural and operational transformation in healthcare. His evidence-based

leadership is best exemplified by his work in infection prevention, and leading systemwide interventions that achieved an 88% reduction in healthcare-associated infections, reducing the total count from 157 to 19 by FY25 (YTD). This improvement included decreases in CLABSI (39 to 3), CAUTI (38 to 1) and MRSA (42 to 9). He models AACN's Healthy Work Environment Standards, pioneering initiatives such as the Nurse-Driven Device Management Committee and the Infection Prevention Champion Program, which increased the staff's quality initiative participation by over 40%. Joseph is deeply committed to mentorship, developing dozens of nurse leaders and serving on the AACN Board of Directors and AACN Certification Corporation board.