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Her clinical research focuses on the translating evidence into medical practice-based. She is the Founding Director of the Metro Louisville Practice-based Research Network. This is a group of 25 diverse primary care practices and includes practices include Federally Qualified Health Centers, standard private practices, rural practices as well as urban locations. To build this network, she trained physicians and their staff to recognize patients with cognitive impairment caused by illness.

Her scholarly research has identified that the majority of frailty observed among middle aged and older minority adults is attributable to environmental exposures rather than genetic endowments. These results are based on collaborations with other researchers in studies of Black Elderly Twin (BETS), the Swedish Adoption Twin Study of Aging (SATSA), the Study of Women Across the Nation (SWAN), the Hispanic Established Population Epidemiologic Studies of the Elderly (HEPESE), and the Established Population for Epidemiologic Studies of the Elderly (EPESE).

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