



## **Lynn Erdman, MN, RN, FAAN**

With more than 25 years in the hospital setting and 10 years in the healthcare and nonprofit sectors, Erdman is a highly skilled national healthcare leader and nurse. Erdman previously held key senior national leadership positions with four global health organizations: the American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen, the American College of Surgeons and the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses where she served as CEO. Erdman has also served in top leadership positions with several hospitals and healthcare systems including Carolinas HealthCare System and Novant Health.

Erdman began her nursing career as a neonatal intensive care nurse and quickly moved into oncology nursing focusing her career on working with patients and families battling cancer. She pursued her graduate degree in oncology nursing. Erdman has worked in roles including staff nurse, clinical nurse specialist, nurse manager, nursing director and vice president in hospital systems. In Charlotte, Erdman was the founding Director of the Presbyterian Cancer Center.

Throughout her career, Erdman has built numerous programs and partnerships to improve women's health by providing access to care, successfully advocating for legislative changes, leading research studies and implementing prevention, treatment and early detection programs related to cancer. She was the first nurse appointed by the Governor of North Carolina to chair the North Carolina Cancer Board as well as the Cervical Cancer Task Force. Erdman was also the first woman and first nurse to serve as chair of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Committee for the American Cancer Society nationally.

Nationally recognized as an engaging speaker, Erdman has given more than 800 lectures in the U.S. and internationally on topics including women's health, cancer care, advocacy and living to your fullest potential. Erdman has spoken in India and China, on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court and on the TODAY show. She frequently has blog posts published in the Huffington Post and been quoted in the New York Times and U.S. News and World Report.

Erdman's talents have been tapped by volunteer organizations across the country. She has served on national boards and committees for many organizations such as the American College of Surgeons, the Oncology Nursing Society, the American Cancer Society, the Association of Community Cancer Centers and the American Nurses Association. Locally, Erdman has served on the board of directors for the American Cancer Society, CanCare, Hospice at Charlotte, Child Care Resources, Charlotte Rescue Mission and The Ivey.

Erdman currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the Duke University School of Nursing and she serves on the Board of Trustees for William Peace University.

Erdman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a Masters in Oncology Nursing from the University of South Carolina. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities from William Peace University in 2016 after delivering the university's Commencement Address.

Erdman has written numerous articles in nursing and medical journals. She has also received numerous awards and honors including being named Distinguished Alumni for the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 2017. She is a Fellow in the prestigious American Academy of Nursing.

Lynn is married to David Erdman, a prominent Charlotte Attorney and noted historian. They have two married daughters, a nurse and a teacher.