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Barbara E. Barnes, MD, MS graduated with a BS degree in Psychology from the University of Maryland, received her MD from the MS Hershey Medical Center of the Pennsylvania State University, and obtained an MS in Health Services Administration from Gannon University. She is board certified in internal medicine and a fellow of the American College of Physicians, having practiced in a small community and a variety of other under-served areas. Prior to coming to Pittsburgh, Dr. Barnes was Senior Vice President for Provider Relations at Saint Vincent Health Center in Erie, PA. In her current roles of Associate Vice Chancellor for Continuing Education and Industry Relationships and Associate Dean for CME at the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Barnes coordinates continuing education programs for the six health sciences schools; oversees the CME program for the School of Medicine; and administrates the Pennsylvania Governor's School for Health Care and Office for Oversight of Anatomic Specimens. She is also Vice President of Sponsored Programs, Research Support, and Continuing Medical Education for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). In this capacity, she directs CME across the health system and manages the clinical trials office and the system's portfolio of extramurally funded projects.

In October, 2006 Dr. Barnes was appointed as co-chair of the Industry Relationships Task Force for the University of Pittsburgh Schools of the Health Sciences and UPMC. Since adoption of the policy in November, 2007, she has coordinated implementation across the six professional schools and health system (which includes 20 hospitals and over 500 outpatient sites). She was also a member of the AAMC Task Force on Industry Funding of Medical Education.

Dr. Barnes has also participated in a number of national organizations. She is past president of the Society for Academic CME and was a member of the board of directors of the Alliance for CME. She has been a surveyor for the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education since 1996, chaired the Accreditation Review Committee, and is currently vice chair of the board of directors. Dr. Barnes is also a surveyor and vice chair of the Pennsylvania Commission. Research interests include the use of educational technology and integration of continuing education into performance improvement initiatives.