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Pat Sullivan, PhD, is Vice President of Quality and Patient Safety at the University of Pennsylvania Health System where she is responsible for clinical effectiveness and quality improvement efforts. Prior to this role, she led the implementation of clinical risk reduction efforts including the creation of an Office of Patient Affairs as well as the adoption of a Patient Advocacy Reporting system that uses patient complaints to identify and intervene with providers who are at risk.

Dr. Sullivan has over 25 years of healthcare experience ranging from bedside nurse to hospital senior leader. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Hunter College, a Master's in Public Health from Columbia University, and was awarded a Ph.D. in Health Policy and Management from New York University in 2003.

Dr. Sullivan currently serves as the Chair-Elect, Board of Directors, American Heart Association, Great Rivers Affiliate. She is a frequent speaker for national organizations including the University Health System Consortium, Harvard Risk Management Foundation, American College of Healthcare Executives and the American Organization of Nurse Executives. She joined the HCIF Board in 2018.