



**Rhonda Collins, DNP, RN, FAAN**  
**Chief Nursing Officer**  
**Vocera Communications, Inc.**

Rhonda Collins, DNP, RN, FAAN, began her nursing career more than 30 years ago in Labor and Delivery, caring for high-risk mothers and their babies. After 10 years in direct care for patients, she assumed leadership positions in several hospitals across Texas. She was Vice President for Women and Children’s Services at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas when she made the decision to enter the healthcare business industry as a clinical subject matter expert.

In 2003, Dr. Collins joined Cardinal Health/ALARIS Medical Systems in San Diego, California, where she held several executive positions. For nearly 10 years, she managed and supported business development and client relations focused on medication safety for the Clinical Technology and Services business unit, known as CareFusion.

After her tenure at CareFusion, Dr. Collins became the Vice President of Nursing at Masimo Corporation in Irvine California, and then Vice President and Business Manager for Fresenius Kabi, USA, LLC in Schaumburg, Illinois, where she managed a medical device through FDA clearance and launched it in the U.S. market.

In 2012, Dr. Collins co-founded the [American Nurse Project](#) dedicated to telling the stories of nurses across the country. Since 2014, Dr. Collins has served as the Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer for Vocera Communications, Inc., a leader in clinical communication and workflow solutions. As the CNO at Vocera, she works closely with nurses, physicians, IT professionals, and other hospital leaders around the world to improve the lives of patients, families, and care teams by simplifying workflows and improving clinical communication.

Dr. Collins was named a Fellow by the American Academy of Nursing in 2019 and has earned several industry accolades. In 2021, she was named a “Top 50 Healthcare Professional” by the National Diversity Council, and in 2020, she was named a “Top 25 Woman Leader in Healthcare Software” by *The Healthcare Technology Report* and a “Woman to Watch in Health IT” by *Becker’s Hospital Review*. In 2019 she was recognized as a Women of Influence by *Silicon Valley Business Journal* and one of the Most Powerful Women in Healthcare IT by *Health Data*

*Management.* Additionally, she has made *Becker's Hospital Review* "Woman in MedTech to Know" and "Female Healthcare IT Leaders to Know" lists in 2019, 2018 and 2017.

Dr. Collins earned her bachelor's degree and a Doctor of Nursing practice from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and a master's degree in nursing administration from the University of Texas. She is a published author and a sought-after speaker on the evolving role of nurses, the impact of cognitive overload, and how to use communication technology to improve care team collaboration and well-being.

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