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Scott, whom Grady Health recently promoted to chief operating officer, has been widely recognized for numerous accomplishments, including creating a positive work environment; eliminating the use of contract agency nursing; leading teams in the successful implementation of the electronic health record; improving the visibility of nursing in the workplace with the return of the traditional white uniform; implementing shared governance; establishing top-rated nursing recognition programs; and partnering with colleges and universities to increase the number of bachelor- and graduate-level nurses.

Scott has experience as a critical care nurse, educator, clinical nurse specialist, entrepreneur, author, researcher, consultant, and administrator. She serves on the Georgia Board of Nursing, as an appointee of Gov. Nathan Deal. Past positions of note include president of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists and member of the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice, which advises the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary and Congress on national nursing issues.

Scott received her bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; master of science in nursing from Rush University, in Chicago; and doctorate in nursing science with a focus on advanced practice nursing and health care administration from Georgia State University. She also is a graduate of the Johnson & Johnson – Wharton Fellows Program in Management for Nurse Executives from The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia. Scott is board certified in nursing administration by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.