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Marcia Ryder's extensive experience in nursing includes positions as Clinical Director of a Special Care Unit and a Cardiovascular/Thoracic Unit, Clinical Nurse Specialist in Nutrition Support, and Director of Nursing in Home Infusion. Dr. Ryder received her nursing diploma from the Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh, Pa. and her Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees from the University of California, San Francisco. Her dissertation research investigated the effect of pulsed electrical fields on biofilm bacteria.

After many years as an independent consultant, researcher and educator, Dr. Ryder is currently the Research Coordinator of the USC Center for Medical Biofilm Research at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. She is a nationally recognized expert in the use and management of vascular access devices; served as president of the Association for Vascular Access (AVA) and now serves as co-chair of APIC's Research Foundation's Scientific Research Council and member of the Editorial Advisory Board for APIC's publication "Prevention Strategist". Dr. Ryder was honored last year as the recipient of the "2007 Educator of the Year" awarded by Infection Control Today.