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in Critical Care

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Area Director of Nursing & Midwifery for South Metropolitan Health Service, Director of Nursing & Midwifery, Fiona Stanley and Freemantle Hospital Group. Perth. 2021 – current.
Chief Nursing Officer, SEHA, Abu Dhabi. 2014-2020.

Adjunct Professor of Nursing, Griffith University, Curtin University. Australia. Emeritus Professor, Universidad de Santander, Colombia.

Founding Chair/Past President, World Federation of Critical Care Nurses

Founding President, Australian College of Critical Care Nurses

Former Director, World Fed. of Societies of Intensive Care and Critical Care Medicine

Ged was appointed Area Director of Nursing & Midwifery, South Metropolitan Health Service, Perth, Australia in February 2021. This is a public health service provider with 5 hospitals and community health services and around 11,000 employees.

From 2014 -2020, Ged has been the Nursing and Allied Health Consultant for SEHA, the public health service for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates while concurrently he has completed extended secondments as Chief Nursing Officer to 3 of the major teaching hospitals in the group. Most recently he has overseen the commissioning of Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, the largest and newest tertiary teaching hospital in the country.

From 2007-2013 he was Executive Director of Nursing (EDON) at Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service, Australia where he was responsible for transforming the nursing workforce to align with the building and expansion of two contemporary hospitals (combined building cost over \$2.2 Billion). He is also Adjunct Professor of Nursing with Griffith University, Queensland and Emeritus Professor, La Universidad de Santander, Colombia.

Previously Ged has been the EDON at Maroondah hospital, Melbourne from 2004-2007 and Alice Springs Hospital, in Central Australia from 1996 - 2003 and concurrently held the position of Principal Nurse Consultant for the Northern Territory jurisdiction from 2000 - 2003.

Ged is a registered nurse with qualifications in midwifery, critical care nursing, Public Sector Management, Company Directorship, Master in Health Administration, and Master in Law. He is a Fellow of the Australian College of Nursing; Australian College of Health Service Managers and the American Academy of Nursing. He is a member and graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors; Australian & New Zealand School of Government; and Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, USA.

Ged is the Founding Chair of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) since 2001 and continues to work with WFCCN globally and is currently board advisor to the African, South Asia, SE Asia and Latin American Federations of Critical Care Nurses as well as board member to the African Sepsis Alliance. He also served as Director of the World Federation of Societies of Intensive Care and Critical Care Medicine for 8 years from 2001. He has received many acknowledgements throughout his career including Honorary Life member of the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses in 2001 and a Lifetime Fellow of the WFCCN in 2016 as founding president for both organisations respectively.

He spent four years on the Nurses Board of the Northern Territory and has been a surveyor with the Australian Council of Healthcare Standards and an International Advisor to the American Nursing Credentialing Centre (Magnet Hospital program).

Ged's research and publication interests are broad including clinical practice and safety, workforce planning, education and training program development and other management and leadership issues in nursing and health care generally. He has presented hundreds of presentations in more than 40 countries and published over 85 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters. He is regularly involved in strategic nursing and health care activities at the state, national and international level.

Ged's passion for capacity building, community development and professional empowerment has expressed itself practically through his work with nurses, doctors and other health professionals and communities both in Australia and globally.

He never stops thinking how to make things better!