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**IRENE ALEXAITIS, DNP, RN, NEA-BC**, is vice president, nursing and patient services at UF Health Shands Hospital.

Dr. Alexaitis has more than 30 years of nursing experience, with 28 years in administrative/management positions. She joined UF Health Shands Hospital in 1989 as a nurse manager and has held various positions, including director of nursing from 2003 to 2008. In February 2008, she was named vice president, nursing and patient services.

Dr. Alexaitis received her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of South Alabama in July 2013. She received her Master of Science degree in nursing administration from UF in 1997 and her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of South Florida in 1978. She received Nurse Executive Advanced – Board Certified credentials in December 2007.

Prior to joining UF Health Shands Hospital, she held a variety of staff and management positions at Tampa General Hospital from 1980 to 1989.

Dr. Alexaitis is accountable for coordinating and evaluating UF Health Shands Hospital's nursing services and participating in coordination of activities throughout the UF Health Shands family of hospitals in Gainesville. She has responsibility for nursing policy development and standards, planning, employee relations, public relations and marketing, professional practice and performance management.