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Mathy Mezey, hold a BSN from Columbia University Nursing (1960) and an MEd, (1973) and EdD (1977) from Teachers College, Columbia University. She has spent the last 50 years in nursing, first working in home care (at the Visiting Nurse Service of New York) and at a city hospital in New York (Jacobi Hospital, NY Health and Hospitals Corporation), and then having a career as a nurse educator, at Lehman College, City University of New York (1973 to 1980), at the University of Pennsylvania (1980-1991), and at New York University, beginning 1991. She is currently Emerita Professor at NYU.

The focus of Dr. Mezey's interest and scholarship has been on care of older adults, and assuring that nurses have the necessary skills and knowledge to provide quality care to this potentially vulnerable population. She has directed 2 major national initiatives focused on care of older adults, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Teaching Nursing Home Program (1981 to 1987) and the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing, NYU College of Nursing (Founding Director from 1996-2009). She has written or edited 16 books and written over 75 articles on topics related to geriatric nursing, the education and practice of geriatric nurse practitioners, care in nursing homes, and ethical decision making at the end of life. Among her many recognitions, Dr. Mezey holds honorary degrees from Case Western Reserve and Fairfield University, is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and the Gerontological Society of America. She is Emerita on the Board of Directors of the Visiting Nurse Service of New York, and is Trustee Emeritus, Columbia University.

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