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Shirley Johnson, R.N., M.S., M.B.A., chief nursing and patient services officer, guides the strategic direction of nursing and patient-care services and leads City of Hope's efforts to continually enhance care provided to patients, giving special attention to the humanistic aspects of medicine. Johnson joined City of Hope from Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, where she was executive director of Siteman Cancer Center. She was responsible for the strategic direction of the cancer center's clinical programming initiatives. During her tenure with Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Johnson accomplished a variety of improvements, including the planning of a 24-hour outpatient oncology clinic and assistance with the planning of an offsite facility for medical oncology and radiation oncology. She also expanded the inpatient cancer program from a 16-bed bone marrow transplant unit to a 166-bed entity with 420 full-time employees and an operating budget of \$32 million. Johnson is a past president of the Association of Cancer Executives and chair of the BMT Program Administrator's Steering Committee for the American Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation. She recently completed a six-year term on the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons and was a member of its Program on Approvals Committee. Johnson received her Master of Business Administration degree, Master of Science degree in management and bachelor's degree in nursing from Maryville University in St. Louis.

Since joining City of Hope, Shirley has fostered the expansion of 54 in-patient beds and was instrumental in the design and opening of the Out-Patient Surgery Center and the Hematology and HCT Day Hospital, which is now providing bone marrow transplants and first in human stem cell products in the out-patient setting. Shirley has implemented a strategic plan for the Division of Nursing with a milestone of achieving Magnet status for Nursing through the American Nursing Credentialing Center in 2017. She was the 2013 Healthcare category winner for the California Women of the Year Award bestowed by the State of California. She is a frequent invited speaker on topics of cancer care delivery and nursing practice and has authored numerous papers related to strategies to reduce falls and cancer program development.

While Shirley may no longer be geographically close to her mid-western roots, she has enjoyed becoming an urban farmer and has welcomed a flock of chickens into her garden. Married to Gary, a human resource and leadership development consultant, she enjoys spending time with her two daughters, one in the Los Angeles area, and one Montana.

Disclosures: None