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Dr. Byerley became dean of the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine in January 2022. Shortly thereafter, the Geisinger College of Health Sciences was created, bringing together the academic mission areas within the Geisinger system. The college now includes the MD program, a master's program, a nursing education program, and work within the research institute. As chief academic officer, Dr. Byerley oversees the management of educational experiences for learners throughout Geisinger, including graduate medical education, nursing, pharmacy, advanced practitioners, and other health professions.

Geisinger's world-renowned research environment that includes more than 50 full-time research faculty and more than 30 clinician investigators responsible for groundbreaking medical advancements such as the MyCode Community Health Initiative. Geisinger's research expertise spans precision health, genomics, informatics, data science, implementation science, outcomes research, health services research, bioethics, and participation in hundreds of clinical trials each year.

Dr. Byerley previously served as vice dean for academic affairs at UNC School of Medicine, where she oversaw the school's educational enterprise and the Office of Faculty Affairs and Leadership Development. Earlier in her career she served as the director of medical student education in pediatrics, the pediatrics program director, the vice chair for education in the pediatrics department, and the vice dean for education at UNC. For 2021 she served as interim dean of the UNC Adams School of Dentistry.

She has focused her work in medical education developing innovative programs that provide high value to the community efficiently. She served as PI on a HRSA grant that expanded the pediatrics residency at UNC by creating a primary care tract, and within the UNC SOM she developed the office of rural initiatives, an additional branch campus focused on serving southeastern North Carolina. She served as co-PI on two grants in the AMA Accelerating Change in Medical Education initiative and co-chaired the executive committee of that group.

Dr. Byerley earned her bachelor's degree in physics and a teaching certificate from Rhodes College. After a brief time as a high school teacher, she attended medical school at Duke University. She completed her pediatrics residency and chief residency at UNC-Chapel Hill, where she also earned a master's degree in public health with a focus on maternal and child health.

Julie enjoys spending time with her husband and two adult sons, especially in outdoor activity.