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Athena Philis-Tsimikas is the Corporate Vice President of the Scripps Whittier Diabetes Institute at Scripps Health in San Diego, California. With over 25 years of experience, she leads the Diabetes Care Line which creates programs, conducts research and delivers diabetes services across 5 Scripps hospitals, 25 outpatient facilities and the community which serves over 50,000 patients with diabetes. She is board certified in the subspecialty of Diabetes and Endocrinology and is an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCSD's Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism. She developed and implemented the innovative Project Dulce program which cares for underserved populations with diabetes utilizing nurse care management and peer educators in partnership with the primary care physicians to improve outcomes. Dr. Philis-Tsimikas and Scripps Whittier Diabetes Institute are actively promoting and training community physicians and community health centers to participate in community-based clinical research that will bring innovative health care solutions to their communities.