

Faculty Bio



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Sally Lemke DNP, WHNP-BC is the Director of Community Based Practices for Rush University Medical Center, an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, and an Instructor in the Rush University College of Nursing. She received her BSW at Central Michigan University in 1985, her RN and MSN at the University of California, San Francisco in 1995, and her Doctorate of Nursing Practice at Rush University in 2015. Dr. Lemke's work is housed in the Office of Community Engagement, where she is involved in Rush's community-based health equity initiatives. She currently manages six community health clinics and is responsible for the oversight of all clinical functioning, staff supervision, quality assurance and improvement, and Rush University student learning in these sites. Dr. Lemke is a co-investigator for an NIMH-funded study evaluating the effectiveness of a violence prevention intervention for African American youth. She serves on Rush's LGBTQ+ Leadership Council and is the administrative director for Affirm: the Rush Center for Gender, Sexuality and Reproductive Health. She has provided primary and reproductive care for over 20 years, primarily in community-based settings and serves on various committees that address health and health equity including the Illinois School Based Health Alliance Steering Committee, which she co-chairs, and the Trauma-Informed Hospital Collaborative and Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Committees of the Alliance for Health Equity.