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Laurel McCourt, M.D. is a board certified family physician. She received her M.D. degree from Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine in 1981. Her residency training was at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio. Dr. McCourt is currently an honorary member of the Medina General Hospital Medical Staff in Medina, Ohio. Her initial career in medicine began in a staff model HMO where she held the position of staff physician until 1991. From 1991-2008, she served as the Medical Director of Brunswick Medical Care Center, a satellite facility of Medina General Hospital. From 2008-2009, she held the position of Physician Quality Liaison at Medina General Hospital.

In 2004, she began her career with The Joint Commission as a hospital surveyor. For the first five years, she continued to practice medicine as well. Since that time, she was further trained in the Comprehensive Manual for Office Based Surgery and in the Primary Medical Home Accreditation Process. In addition, Dr. McCourt has served in the Special Survey Unit to investigate complaints for The Joint Commission. She has served as a team leader for both deemed and non-deemed hospital systems and has surveyed, and now consulted, at a broad range of organizations from rural community hospitals to large academic medical centers.

In September of 2014, Dr. McCourt transitioned to Joint Commission Resources to begin a career as a consultant and ceased being a surveyor. In her new role, she continues to educate healthcare organizations on the Joint Commission standards implementation and compliance.

In her career at The Joint Commission, Dr. McCourt has been active in the speaker's bureau. She has given numerous presentations to a variety of audiences including several national meetings. Her presentations include the hospital and ambulatory accreditation standards and the survey process.

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