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Previously, she has worked as an oncology and pain clinical nurse specialist and a research nurse scientist at University of Colorado Hospital, where she mentored nurses and other professionals on evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and research projects. While employed at the University of Colorado Hospital Authority and in collaboration with Dr. Kathy Casey, her research endeavors include the development and testing of an instrument (Casey-Fink Graduate Nurse Experience) to measure graduate nurse transition into clinical practice. Dr. Fink also developed an instrument to measure readiness for practice (Casey-Fink Readiness for Practice Survey) and nurse retention (Revised Casey-Fink Nurse Retention Survey).

Other clinical innovations have included the development of a nationally distributed pain assessment guide (WILDA), equianalgesic reference card, and pain assessment DVD to hospitals, hospices, and home care agency staff. She has specific expertise in key research areas including quantitative and qualitative analysis, instrument development, survey research, focus groups, and secondary data analysis.

A national and international lecturer on pain, oncology, palliative care, and EBP with multiple peer-reviewed publications and books, she has focused her 45+ year career on caring for persons with cancer and pain. Research grants include: "Improving Pain Management in Nursing Homes," "Improving Palliative Care Outcomes for Latinos with Advanced Cancer and Serious Life-Limiting Illness, including Dementia," "Improving Advance Care Planning in Colorado." She conducted a palliative care needs assessment in rural Rocky Mountain hospitals, replicating this work in 15 Middle Eastern countries.

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