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Dr. Grimley is responsible for the professional nursing practice and care delivery across UCLA Health. She is dedicated to using resources and relationships to reinvigorate excellence, teamwork and camaraderie. Under her leadership, a Safer U was established to improve the safety and well-being of staff, patients and families. She also led the development of a comprehensive workforce strategy that has resulted in nursing engagement and excellence scores exceeding the national benchmarks in at least six of seven categories across the system. Dr. Grimley is also credited with repurposing a program called, Reigniting the Spirit of Caring – a relationship-based care initiative designed to strengthen nursing and health care worker support into an intentional self-care retreat for nurses.

Dr. Karen Grimley received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire and a master's degree in business administration from Anna Maria College in Paxton, Massachusetts before earning a Doctorate in Nursing from Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University. In 2022, she was selected to be a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (Academy).