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Prior to coming to Cerner, Darinda worked at UPMC (University of Pittsburgh Medical Center) in Pittsburgh, PA and had direct patient care experience in Critical Care; Post Open Heart ICU, Emergency Medicine and Hemodialysis. Her Nursing Management experience was acquired while serving as an Assistant Unit Director and Unit Director of an 18 bed Cardiothoracic Open Heart ICU. During her 15 years at UPMC she served in various roles within the clinical and IT departments. She held the position of Corporate Director of Nursing Informatics for the 19 hospital health system upon her departure from UPMC.

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