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Dr Skinner, is the Chief Executive Officer for the International Council of Nurses (ICN) which is a federation of 133 national nurses associations representing the more than 20 million of nurses worldwide. Dr Skinner is a registered nurse and a registered midwife, and is a member of the Australian College of Nurses. She is an experienced leader and innovator in health and higher education with expertise in leading innovation across health systems and high impact research to address complex health and social concerns in the area of rural, remote health and Indigenous health.



Dr Skinner holds a PhD from La Trobe University, a Master's in Public Health and Tropical Medicine from James Cook University, a Graduate Diploma in Professional Communications (multimedia) from the University of Southern Queensland and an Executive MBA from Melbourne Business School. She specialises in digital health and has researched and evaluated telehealth services, designed mHealth (mobile health) and eHealth (electronic health) services.

Recently Dr Skinner has been an academic with progressive leadership roles within the University sector, including Director of Teaching and Learning for Charles Darwin University. She has consulting and board experience, Dr Skinner has run her own research and consultancy business for the last four years, for which she was a finalist in the Telstra Business Woman of the Year for the Northern Territory. Dr Skinner has extensive experience on the Boards of not-for-profit member organisations such as Girl Guides Australia and CRANApplus. She is a Fellow of CRANApplus, the Australian national health professional organisation for remote health practitioners and is an Aurora Award recipient for her leadership and advocacy for remote health.

Dr Skinner is passionate about improving access to specialist health care services for people in remote and rural communities around the world. She has worked with health care teams and students in Australia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Singapore, Zimbabwe and China. The health promotion Facebook page she is the Editor for has nearly ½ a million followers in 79 countries.

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