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Dr. Mayo is currently the site PI for the DHHS-funded MAiN Project, an intervention for babies born to opioid-dependent mothers. Her research interests include cancer prevention and control and health disparities among minority and underserved, particularly African American and Latino populations. She has recently served as co-PI on a National Institutes of Health grant to examine medical and nursing students' readiness to treat Latino patients. She was the site PI of a National Cancer Institute grant collaboration with the University of South Carolina to train breast and cervical cancer survivors to witness about their experience with cancer in African American churches to increase participation in breast and cervical cancer screenings. She has studied the health problems of breast and cervical cancer, diabetes and other chronic diseases among Latino, African American and underserved communities for the past 19 years. She serves on a number of state and national boards including: AcademyHealth, Health Disparities Interest group; SC Cancer Alliance Board; Cervical Cancer Free South Carolina, Executive committee; Alliance for a Healthier South Carolina, Health Disparities Task Force.

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