



Coach for the Staff Mentoring Program

Susan Rehm came to the Cleveland Clinic for internal medicine training more than 30 years ago and never left. After completing a fellowship in infectious diseases she joined the Clinic's infectious disease department. Since 2004, she has served as vice chair of the department. She is also the Cleveland Clinic's Executive Director of Physician Health.

Dr. Rehm is a past member of the Cleveland Clinic Board of Governors and a former Associate Chief of Staff. She has been active in physician education, having served as the Director for the Cleveland Clinic's Medical Student Education Program, the Infectious Disease Fellowship, and the Internal Medicine Residency.

During her fellowship, Dr. Rehm became involved in clinical research, starting with phase III and IV trials of new antimicrobial agents. With the encouragement and support of her department chair and program director she organized the home intravenous antibiotic therapy program at the Clinic. Involvement in both antimicrobial trials and the outpatient IV antibiotic arena led to opportunities to network and collaborate at the national level. She remains active in research in both clinical areas and has focused on issues related to treatment of infections due to *Staphylococcus aureus* and other Gram-positive cocci.

Activities outside of the Clinic have been important to career development. From 1988-2005 Dr. Rehm was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, a Bethesda, Maryland-based nonprofit dedicated to educating physicians and the public about infectious diseases. After completing her term as president of the Board in 2005, Dr. Rehm became the Medical Director for the Foundation. She continues to enjoy the opportunities afforded by this position and also by her membership on the Board of the AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland.