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Dr. Baumgardner is an experienced health care executive with nearly 30 years of day-to-day operational experience and is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. As a senior hospital executive, Catherine was responsible for hospital-wide inpatient and outpatient management, over sight of hospital-wide quality and safety efforts, and support and clinical services. She has also worked with health insurance and physician practice management and advocacy organizations. Catherine is passionate about customer engagement, having trained with the Disney Institute and the Ritz Carlton, and has applied this experience to many healthcare settings. She has an active consulting practice in leadership and organization development with an emphasis on executive and physician coaching, where she applies her skills as a Gallup Certified Strengths Coach.

Dr. Baumgardner's areas of research interest include organization development, workforce engagement, change leadership, and human resources issues related to talent management, recruitment and retention.

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