

Fran Waite is a nurse who has dedicated her career to improving the health care of children, especially children affected by an endocrine diagnosis.

In her current role as Appeals Coordinator for the Magic Foundation, Fran utilizes her knowledge and experience of pediatric endocrinology nursing to serve as an advocate to appeal insurance denials to improve access for growth hormone patients.

Fran served as Research Committee Chair, Grant Director and finally President of the Pediatric Endocrine Nursing Society which is the specialty nursing organization for pediatric endocrinology. Fran was part of the research team of PENS' members that identified barriers to accurate linear height measurement and secured research grants to design and test an intervention to improve linear height measurement techniques in clinical practice. The results of this novel research are used worldwide to improve the health care of children.

Fran has also worked extensively on the industry side of pediatric endocrinology. She was the first Senior Clinical Coordinator hired by Genentech in this subspecialty. She was an educational liaison for health care practitioners and families.

Her colleagues describe her as a leader, a pioneer, a teacher, a mentor, someone of genuine kindness, who is diligent, and generous with her time and expertise, AND last but not least a lot of FUN to hang out with (thanks to Meg Keil for these kind words)

She currently lives in North Carolina with her daughter Erin and 2 very precocious pups.