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Melissa Fritz serves as the Vice President of Patient Care and Chief Nursing Officer at Methodist Hospital, part of the HealthPartners system. In this executive role, she provides strategic direction and administrative oversight for inpatient nursing and all patient care services. A dynamic healthcare leader and recognized change agent, Melissa brings a wealth of experience spanning clinical care, operations, nursing leadership, quality improvement, administration, and professional development.

With a commitment to delivering safe, high-quality care and enhancing the patient experience, Melissa champions initiatives that drive excellence across the continuum of care. She is equally passionate about cultivating inclusive, collaborative environments, building trust, fostering strong team relationships, and ensuring every individual feels welcomed, valued, and empowered.

Melissa earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Baylor University, a Master's degree from the University of Minnesota with a focus on the Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist program, and a Bachelor's degree from Marquette University. She is certified in Executive Nursing Practice, holds the fellow designation from the American Organization for Nursing Leadership, and currently serves as president of the Minnesota Organization of Leaders in Nursing.

Outside of her professional endeavors, Melissa enjoys family life with her husband, Pat, and their three children, 14-year-old twins, Brooke and Bryce, and 12-year-old Maddy. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, running, reading, and gardening.