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In her role as Vice-Chair, Education for the Department of Anesthesiology, she served as Program Director for the residency program for seven years, and also supervises the direction of the medical student, residency and fellowship programs.

Throughout the years, she has been involved in multiple faculty development programs, including organizing and directing several educational retreats, GME Leadership Conferences and “Teaching the Teacher” sessions.

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I know my areas of weakness and this course has filled that gap.
I would highly recommend this course to a colleague.”**
— **Norbert Cardoso, MD**