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Biography:
Sandra F. Simmons, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Geriatrics at Vanderbilt University. Her educational background is in clinical psychology and gerontology. Her current clinical appointments include staff member at the Vanderbilt Center for Quality Aging and the Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center (GRECC), Veterans Administration.

Active in research as a Principal Investigator or Co-investigator, Dr. Simmons has been the recipient of numerous grants to examine issues in gerontology from the National Institutes of Health and Aging, Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality, Veterans Health Administration and the National Alzheimer’s Association. Specifically, her research foci include clinical interventions to improve quality of care and quality of life for older adults in a variety of care settings, including acute care, post-acute care, long-term care and dementia care within assisted-living.

Complementing her research endeavors, Dr. Simmons writes for the medical literature and has more than 90 peer-reviewed articles to her credit, as well as numerous review articles, editorials and book chapters. Additionally, Dr. Simmons frequently speaks nationally and internationally on long-term care quality issues at professional and provider-oriented meetings.