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As Chief of the National Cancer Institute's Public Inquiries Office and as a Public Health Advisor for NCI's Cancer Information Service, Ms. Pearson oversees response development for public inquiries about NCI activities and programs. She helps administer NCI's Cancer Information Service, a bilingual service which provides cancer information and to customers via multiple access channels, including: a toll free telephone service, LiveHelp web chat service and Facebook. Additionally, as NCI's Facebook Community Manager, Ms. Pearson is responsible for the planning, implementation, and management of NCI's main Facebook page.

Ms. Pearson's background includes over 20 years of oncology nursing experience, including as a research nurse for numerous NCI clinical trials at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. Prior to joining CIS, she also led outreach and recruitment efforts for the National Cancer Institute's Center for Cancer Research at the NIH.

Ms. Pearson obtained her Bachelor's degree in Nursing in 1989 from the Florida State University and was accepted into the National Cancer Institute's Nurse Intern Program at the NIH. In 2002, Ms. Pearson completed her Master's degree in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health.