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Dr. Tricia Johnson is Professor of Economics in the Department of Health Systems Management at Rush University. Her research interests lie at the intersection of health economics, health equity, and innovative models of care delivery. She is principal or co-investigator on multiple NIH-funded trials to evaluate the cost and cost-effectiveness of behavioral interventions, primarily aimed at eliminating health disparities, including two trials that test the short- and long-term effectiveness a conditional cash transfer intervention aimed at overcoming economic barriers to breastmilk provision for mothers of very preterm infants in the neonatal intensive care unit. In recent years, she has devoted more time to evaluating community and healthcare interventions to address social needs and improve health. Dr. Johnson has taught graduate-level research methods and health economics courses for more than 20 years and co-leads the RUSH BMO Institute for Health Equity's research initiatives, including its hallmark Health Equity Research Scholars Program. She has a master's degree in hospital and health administration from the University of Iowa and PhD in Economics from Arizona State University. In her free time, she enjoys all things related to "home economics" - weeding her garden, knitting, sewing and reading printed books.