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As Associate Vice President of Clinical Services, Dr. Deborah Benson manages a cohort of Clinical Directors and Associate Clinical Directors, as well as virtual teams consisting of nurse case managers and medical/clinical specialists, to develop clinical management plans that ensure positive outcomes for patients with complex/catastrophic brain, spinal cord, burn and multiple trauma injuries.

Before joining Paradigm in 2008, Deborah served as Director of Transitions of Long Island, a post-acute neuro-rehabilitation program within the North Shore-LIJ Health System, for 15 years. Over the course of her rehabilitation career, she has conducted basic and clinical research in neuroscience, taught psychology and cognitive rehabilitation, and served as Clinical Supervisor for graduate neuropsychology students.

A New York State-licensed psychologist with a PhD in clinical neuropsychology from the City University of New York and board certification in rehabilitation psychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology, Deborah served on the board of the Brain Injury Association of New York State (BIANYS) and is currently on the association's advisory council. She has also served on the New York State Traumatic Brain Injury Coordinating Council and the advisory board of the Coma Recovery Association. She has been awarded the Ted Weiss Consumer Advocacy, Champion of Hope and Founders Awards from BIANYS and was inducted into the Long Island Volunteer Center Hall of Fame for founding Common Ground Alliance, a nonprofit membership organization promoting long-term support and wellness for individuals with brain injury and their families. She has coauthored multiple scholarly articles and books on brain injury rehabilitation and presented at numerous regional and national conferences.