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Donna Marie Wolowicki is Provincial Superior for the Chicago-based Sisters of the Resurrection. Her career has spanned more than fifty years as a nurse, executive, and educator.

Wolowicki earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing at Loyola University Chicago. She later earned an MBA with distinction at North Park University. She received the Regent's Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Award from the American College of Healthcare Executives; the Blessed Celine, Alumna Achievement Award from Resurrection College Prep; the Career Achievement Award from the Chicago Health Executives Forum; the Inspire Award for Community Service from Presence Resurrection Medical Center; and the Father Michael McGivney Centers of Hope & Healing Nancy Bukowski Memorial Award. Wolowicki was recognized twice by Loyola University Chicago, with the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award of the Loyola University of Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, and the Loyola University of Chicago Damen Award.

Beginning as a staff nurse in intensive care right after college at Resurrection Medical Center, Wolowicki was promoted to clinical specialist and nurse educator, and later to assistant director of nursing. She continued to serve at Resurrection and was appointed president and CEO in 1989, directing the medical center for 22 years. Wolowicki then took the helm as president of the Resurrection College Prep High School and led the academy for seven years.

Throughout her career, Wolowicki served on numerous boards of directors devoted to public health, community service, education, and ministry, among them the Catholic Charities Physician Referral Service for Northwest Cook County, Metropolitan Chicago Health Care, Solidarity Bridge, Resurrection College Prep High School, and the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Center of Hope and Healing. In addition, Wolowicki was chair of the Metropolitan Chicago Health Care's Clinical, Administrative, Professional, & Emergency Services Committee for 11 years; she served on the board of the Resurrection Medical Center and Resurrection Healthcare for more than three decades; and she is currently on the board of the Maryville Academy.