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Shannon is the Assistant Director, International Programs at The Institute for Palliative Medicine at San Diego Hospice, a teaching affiliate of the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine.

She completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing before entering Tulane School of Medicine and Public Health (MD, MPH-Tropical Medicine). After residency in Internal Medicine and a Fellowship in Critical Care Medicine at UCLA/Cedar-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, she worked as an intensivist in private practice. Over the years she has done volunteer work in East and South-Central Africa, liaising with international and regional non-governmental organizations to provide clinical and teaching services. Providing sabbatical relief for mission hospital staff, working with community agencies in health surveys and rehabilitation of HIV orphanages and schools, water, hygiene and sanitation projects as well as broad public health efforts with Doctors without Borders has given her a personal understanding of what it means to work in communities at risk.

Shannon recently completed a two-year Palliative Medicine Fellowship at the Institute for Palliative Medicine at San Diego Hospice. In the years just before starting the Palliative Medicine Fellowship, she worked part-time as an intensivist/hospitalist to support entry into a Masters of Theology program at Seattle University.