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As NRC Health's Chief Security and Privacy Officer, Cris implements his information technology and security expertise and is leading the Information Security (IS) and privacy strategy across the organization. Recently he was recognized by CISO Connect as one of the top 100 CISOs. Previously at UW Medicine, he was charged with developing risk management and information security strategy and led the organization's Identity and Access Management (IAM) project to consolidate IAM and provisioning functions that integrated three separate teams into one department and improved processes. Based on his work leading the IAM project and creating UW Medicine's first IS strategic plan, Cris was recognized by Becker's Hospital Review in the "Hospital and Health System CISOs to Know" for multiple consecutive years.

Redesigning and building out IS and risk management strategy has been a consistent narrative throughout Cris' career. Before his role at UW Medicine, Cris served as CISO for Seattle Children's, where he most notably created the company's information security framework and led it from concept to fully operational within 18 months. Across his tenure, Cris transitioned the company culture to increase risk awareness and enhanced IS maturity and controls. As the Director, Information Security Operations for the University of Washington, Cris created the University's first-ever centralized IS program protecting academic and research departments.

Cris has a Ph.D. in computer information systems from Nova Southeastern University. He additionally holds an M.S. and B.S. in information technology; and CISSP, CISM, and CEH certifications. Cris has been recognized as a thought leader in the field and has additionally brought his experience as an Associate Faculty Member at the City University of Seattle and Fellow at the Institute for Critical Infrastructure.