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Koko is a Lead Imaging Specialist for the Heart Vascular and Thoracic Institute and a Research Coordinator for the Lerner Research Institute at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. In addition to her time volunteering with the SDMS, she has published two books on sonography education, authored nine book chapters, has 37 publications in peer reviewed journals and 35 scientific abstracts accepted for publication, she has presented 134 lectures at local, national, and international meetings and 16 live webinars. Koko also volunteers with the ARDMS as an exam content expert and exam writer and is a founding member of the Greater Cleveland Echo Society and the Northern Ohio Cardiac Imaging Association. She was awarded the American Society of Echocardiography Sonographer Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017.

When asked why she chose sonography as a career, Koko revealed "I didn't choose ultrasound, it chose me." While working in dermatology, she applied for a cardiac echo technician position without even knowing what "echo" was because it sounded interesting. During the interview, Koko commented on an EKG the doctor had on his desk. Her knowledge of the left bundle branch block pattern impressed him, and she was hired on the spot. What the doctor did not know was that Koko was attending college to complete the prerequisites for nursing school and she had just finished her EKG class. Koko shared, "that day was the beginning of a very rewarding and exciting career in ultrasound that has kept me inspired to be a continuous learner on a quest to heal those in need for over 40 years."

Koko holds a Bachelor of Science in echocardiography from the Oregon Institute of Technology.