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Dr. Kinder is an associate faculty member of the Health Policy and Management Department at Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health where she received her doctorate. Through both educational and professional experience, Dr. Kinder has accumulated in-depth knowledge of health care systems worldwide.

With a particular emphasis on promoting the importance of primary health care delivery, Dr. Kinder's research interests center on how countries can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their primary health care systems. Specific areas of expertise focus on the impact of the financing system and the organization of the delivery of care on a population's access to quality health care, the measurement of morbidity within that population and the need for risk adjustment in financial, clinical and managerial decisions as well as the effective coordination of primary and specialty care. She has contributed her expertise to numerous international projects in developed and transitional countries.

In her current capacity as Executive Director of ACG International, Dr. Kinder oversees the application of the Johns Hopkins ACG® System, the most widely used population based case-mix system in the world. In addition, she assists in training and model development to tailor solutions to specific countries' needs. Projects are currently underway in numerous countries in Europe, North and South America, South Africa, the Middle East and Asia.