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Dr. Kapusnik-Uner serves as Director, Clinical Editorial at First Databank and has served in many roles at FDB since her start in 1996. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of California at San Francisco School of Pharmacy and residency training programs in Clinical Pharmacy at the University of Illinois, and Infectious Diseases at UCSF followed by a Pharmacokinetics Antimicrobials research fellowship where she initiated research on single daily dosing of aminoglycosides and computerized research protocol data entry formats. Also as faculty at UCSF she started an HIV Pharmacy Care Clinic, practiced at San Francisco General Hospital with the Infectious Disease Services and implemented a specialized antimicrobial ordering systems and a stewardship program. In 1993, she received the distinguished honor of Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy at UCSF. Joan joined the First Databank team as the Senior Knowledge Engineer working on advance dosing decision support for three years after which she was made Manager of all drug disease & laboratory decision support knowledge bases. Dr. Kapusnik-Uner has been a leader on First Databank's drug vocabulary standards initiatives, including past participation in the HL7, including the Structure Product Label (SPL) initiatives and the Vocabulary Technical Committee, whose projects evolved into RxNorm development at the National Library of Medicine. She is an active member in ASHP and AMIA Pharmacy Informatics working groups. Active development projects that she oversees include patient-aware drug-drug interactions content; ICD10 and SNOMED context-sensitive disease mappings; and High Risk Medication decision support including actionable content for Boxed Warning drugs, as well as Pharmacogenomics prototypes.