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Dr. Cave earned her bachelor's degrees in biology (2003) and nursing (2005) from Bellarmine University. She worked nearly five years in the Transplant ICU at Jewish Hospital before graduating with her Masters of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner at Bellarmine University in 2010. In 2019, she graduated from the University of Louisville with her PhD in Nursing. Her dissertation focused on understanding why people who inject drugs who visit a syringe exchange program continue to share and reuse injecting supplies. She received training specific to her roles in gastroenterology and hepatology through her work with medical faculty at the University of Louisville Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition.

Dr. Cave has co-authored several publications and delivered numerous podium presentations at local, state, and national conferences. She serves as a faculty presenter for the Chronic Liver Disease Foundation, Kentucky Hepatitis Academic Mentorship Program, Gastroenterology/Hepatology Advanced Practice Providers, and the Scripps Clinic Liver Research Consortium. She is a member of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease and serves on the Hepatology Associates Committee. She is also a member of Sigma Theta Tau; the American Association of Nurse Practitioners; the Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives; and a former member of the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses. She is a board member with the Kentucky Harm Reduction Coalition.