



## **Sara Cuccurullo, M.D.**

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Sara Cuccurullo MD, Clinical Professor and Chairman, Residency Program Director, Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School/JFK Medical Center, Medical Director and VP, JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute

Dr. Sara Cuccurullo received her medical degree from SUNY Downstate in 1987 and completed her residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) at Rutgers-RWJ/JFK Medical Center. She was board certified in 1992.

Dr. Cuccurullo joined the staff at Rutgers-RWJ/JFK Medical Center in 1991 and has served as the Residency Program Director since 1998. She is dedicated to resident education and has taught the Board Review Course for PM&R residents since 1991. She has received the Teacher of the Year Award six times and the UMDNJ/RWJ Volunteer Faculty Award several times. In addition she received the Distinguished Alumni Award from SUNY Downstate in 2012. She also initiated and currently oversees the Resident Education Fund which supports the JFK/RWJ PM&R Residents.

Dr. Cuccurullo published the first edition of The Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Board Review Textbook (Demos Publishing) in 2004, and the second edition in 2009 and the third edition 2014. She is Editor in Chief of the textbook. This textbook reviews board related topics in an attempt to help residents prepare for the PM&R Boards. She has authored over 15 book chapters and has also authored and co-authored multiple articles and over 50 abstracts regarding resident education, resident competencies and clinical consult related issues. She is an invited editor for The American Journal Of PM&R.

Dr. Cuccurullo heads the PM&R Residency Competency Committee at JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute and, with other members of the competency committee, has developed a competency model that has been presented nationally at the AAP and the AAPM&R meetings. She has published seven peer reviewed papers on this model. Dr. Cuccurullo is actively involved with the RWJ medical students and runs a course for third year students addressing LCME requirements: cancer, pain and end-of-life issues. She has presented this course at the National AAMC Meeting in Washington, DC. She is also a Medical Student Advisor and sits on the GME Committee at RWJ Medical School. In addition she is on the curriculum development committee for the Joining Forces Initiative Program, a program focused on teaching students about the medical care of our veterans.

Dr. Cuccurullo clinically sees patients on the JFK Medical Center Consult Service, where she has assisted in developing the Total Joint Protocols and Stroke Protocols used in the acute care hospital. She is the Director of the National Residency and Fellowship Program Directors Council for the AAP. She is a member of the Program Committee of the AAP and has been a Course Program Director and lecturer for multiple separate three day courses over this time. She also peer reviews abstracts to be presented at the AAP National Meetings. Dr. Cuccurullo was most recently appointed Chairman of the Department of PM&R for RWJ Medical School and the Medical Director and VP for the JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute in 2014.