



Kerry O'Rourke MLS AHIP

Kerry O'Rourke, MLS AHIP, Campus Library Director at Rutgers - Robert Wood Johnson Library of the Health Sciences and Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School completed her undergraduate education at the University of Scranton and completed a Master in Library Science at Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey. Ms. O'Rourke administers the Rutgers - Robert Wood Johnson Library of the Health Sciences, providing academic support to the education, clinical and research programs on the New Brunswick/ Piscataway campus. She teaches, presents and publishes on the topic of evidence based practice search and appraisal skills. Ms O'Rourke co-chaired a task force that developed an online tutorial for the Association of American Medical Colleges Group on Educational Affairs (GEA) Medical Education Research Certificate (MERC) Program. The online tutorial complements the MERC course 'Searching and Evaluating the Medical Education Literature'.

Ms. O'Rourke is involved with DiME (Distinction in Medical Education) program at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School as a lecturer, mentor and a member of the review and selection committee.

Along with colleagues at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Ms O'Rourke developed a medical education research review service, [DR MERL](#). The service was developed to provide Robert Wood Johnson Medical School teaching faculty with succinct reviews of medical education research in order to keep up to date on medical education topics. We expanded our reach to medical educators throughout the country after receiving endorsement from the Northeast Group on Education Affairs ([NEGEA](#)). The project was awarded Excellence in Medical Education, Best Short Communication, CME, at the NEGEA 2013 Educational Retreat.

Ms. O'Rourke is currently working with colleagues at RWJMS and Penn State Hershey Medical School to develop and validate a new EBM tool to assess student and practitioner competence in evidence-based medicine.

Ms. O'Rourke is a Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals and a member of the Stuart D. Cook, M.D. Master Educators' Guild.

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