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BIOSKETCH

Dr. DeWalt is originally from California, but moved to North Carolina in 1997 and calls Chapel Hill his home. He graduated from UCLA in 1992 with a degree in chemical engineering before going to Vanderbilt University for medical school. He came to Chapel Hill for a combined residency in internal medicine and pediatrics and served as the chief resident for internal medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics. He is interested in improving care for vulnerable populations and has particular expertise in developing systems of care for people with low literacy. He is active in national quality improvement programs for primary care and focuses on the care of chronic illness like diabetes, asthma, and heart failure. He stays active in both clinical care and research. Dr. DeWalt enjoys spending time with his wife and sons.



Darren DeWalt, MD, has been awarded Recognition by the National Committee for Quality Assurance Diabetes Physician Recognition Program.

EDUCATION

MD, Vanderbilt University, 1997

MPH, University of North Carolina, 2004

BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

Internal medicine 2001

Pediatrics 2001

CLINICAL INTERESTS

Health literacy, management of chronic illness, health care quality, health measurement.

RESEARCH SUMMARY

Dr. DeWalt's research interests span three major areas: health literacy, quality improvement, and measurement of patient reported outcomes. In the area of health literacy, Dr. DeWalt performs epidemiological studies on the relationship between literacy and health outcomes, and designs interventions to improve care for patients with low literacy. In the area of quality improvement, Dr. DeWalt serves as an improvement advisor for a large national initiative called Improving Performance in

Practice. This program is developing state-wide practice support infrastructure for primary care performance improvement. Lastly, Dr. DeWalt leads development and evaluation of measures of health related quality of life for children and adults.

PUBLICATIONS

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LANGUAGES (Other than English)

No