

Faculty biosketch

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Residencies: University of Toronto 1977-80; UMDNJ-RWJ MS 1983-5

Board certification: American Board of Family Medicine 1985; 1991; 1998; 2005

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Key publications:

Dermer AR: Overcoming Medical and Social Barriers to Breastfeeding. American Family Physician 1995; 51(4): 755-763.

Dermer AR: A Campaign for Breastfeeding. Topics in Clinical Nutrition 1996; 11(3): 18-26.

Dermer AR: Breastfeeding and Women's Health. Journal of Women's Health 1998; 7(4): 427-33.

Dermer AR: Breastfeeding: What you - and your patients - need to know. Women's Health in Primary Care 1998; 1(7): 599-611

Dermer AR: Breastfeeding: the physician's role. A resource guide. New Jersey Breastfeeding Task Force, 1999.

Dermer AR: Symptom – Neonatal Jaundice, in Saunders Manual of Medical Practice, 2nd Edition, 2000. W.B. Saunders.

Lovelady CA, Dewey KG, Picciano MF, Dermer A. Guidelines for collection of human milk samples for monitoring and research of environmental chemicals. Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health. Nov 22, 2002;65(22):1881-91.

Honors, awards, community service:

Fellow, Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine, 2003.

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Breastfeeding Support Group

Comments:

Dr. Dermer is interested in health promotion, with particular expertise in breastfeeding. She received her certificate from the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners in 1995, and recertified in 2005. She has been a member of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine since its inception, currently serving on their Board of Directors. She was awarded the Fellowship of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine in 2003, and is a Medical Associate of La Leche League International.

In addition to providing breastfeeding consultations and volunteering her time at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Breastfeeding Support Group, Dr. Dermer is dedicated to improving breastfeeding outcomes by educating healthcare professionals on the subject of breastfeeding. She has developed a breastfeeding curriculum for the residents in the UMDNJ-RWJMS Family Medicine program, and teaches basic breastfeeding to all third year medical students during their Family Medicine rotation. She has co-authored the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine's course "What Every Physician Needs to Know about Breastfeeding." As an active member and past president of the New Jersey Breastfeeding Task Force, she published "Breastfeeding: A Resource Guide for Physicians," which was distributed to all primary care physicians in New Jersey in 2000 and has been used by medical institutions nationwide. Dr. Dermer has had a number of publications on the subject of lactation in peer-reviewed medical journals. She has given

breastfeeding presentations at national and international conferences, including the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine and the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine.