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Walter Rosser

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Dr. Walter Rosser was recruited as Head of Family Medicine at McMaster in 1986, the University of Toronto in 1991, and Queen's University in 2001. He has devoted his energy to family medicine research and made it his life's work. There are five areas of activity where Dr. Rosser has been most influential in contributing to primary care research: 1) studies in methods of improving delivery of preventive services in family medicine, 2) research in practice-based research networks (PBRNS), 3) teaching evidence-based medicine, 4) primary care reform and 5) research capacity building in family medicine.

Dr. Rosser has worked to develop and influence policy and guidelines that affect the environment in which family physicians practice, to make that environment more conducive to research and promote the application of research evidence to practice. He has worked for many years on the development of practice-based research networks, which are the "laboratories" in which primary care research is conducted. With over 100 publications in the literature, he received the Maurice Wood award from the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) for lifetime contribution to research in Family Medicine in 2003, was appointed a fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Science in 2005, and awarded the Global Family Doctor of the month in January 2007 by the World Congress of General Practice (WONCA). He has participated in a number of international development programs in Brazil, the Caribbean, Bosnia and the Arabian Gulf states.