

## About **CoHSTAR's** Principal Investigator and Director



**Linda Resnik, PT, PhD** is a nationally recognized leader in physical therapy health services research. She is currently an Associate Professor (Research) in the Department of Health Services, Policy and Practice in the **Brown University School of Public Health** and Veterans' Administration (VA) Rehabilitation Research and Development (RR&D) funded Research Career Scientist at the Providence VA Medical Center. **Dr. Resnik** completed a two-year Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) funded postdoctoral fellowship in health services research at **Brown University School of Public Health** and was appointed as an Assistant Professor upon completion. **Dr. Resnik** has been funded by VA Health Services Research and Development (HSR&D), VA RR&D, National Institute on Aging (NIA), Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Development (NICHD), National Institute

on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), Department of Defense (DoD), and the Rhode Island Foundation for research studies totaling over 20 million dollars. She is the author or editor of 2 books, 3 book chapters and 54 peer reviewed papers in scientific journals on subjects ranging from the expertise in physical therapy, state regulation of physical therapy, risk adjustment for rehabilitation, rehabilitation service delivery for lower limb amputees, measurement. She is currently co-editing a Special Issue of ***Physical Therapy Journal*** devoted to health services research.

Since 2001, **Dr. Resnik** has conducted research to understand factors associated with the most effective rehabilitation care delivery. She is a pioneer in using clinical outcomes to benchmark rehabilitation providers and understand factors associated with the most effective care delivery. Her research progressed from inquiries at the therapist level to inquiries at the clinic and state regulatory levels. She developed methodologies to profile providers of outpatient rehabilitation services (RO3 HD051475-01) and explored the relationship between clinic characteristics, patient outcomes and service utilization. She also conducted research to refine risk adjustment models for outpatient rehabilitation using a new index of functional comorbidity to predict patient physical function outcomes (NICHD RO3 HD053780-01A1). **Dr. Resnik** has conducted major research projects to develop measures of community integration and functional activity performance and evaluate usability and outcomes of upper limb prostheses. She currently leads a VA funded multi-site VA-DoD research study to examine the feasibility, acceptance and benefits of home, as well as, the logistical support requirements utilized during 3 months of home usage of an advanced upper limb prosthesis, the DEKA Arm (VA RR&D A9226-R).

For over ten years, **Dr. Resnik** has worked to educate physical therapists on the importance of health services research, and the methodologies for use in observational study designs and quality improvement through publications and presentations at national meetings. **Dr. Resnik** serves on the Editorial Boards of ***Physical Therapy Journal***, ***Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy***, and ***Disability and Rehabilitation Assistive Technology***. She is the editor in charge of the ***Health Policy in Perspective Feature of Physical Therapy Journal***. She is a past member of the Scientific Review Committee for the Foundation for Physical Therapy, and chaired the Foundation's review panel on Referral for Profit in Physical Therapy funding mechanism. She is or has been a member of multiple scientific review panels for groups including VA HSR&D, VA RR&D, and others. Dr Resnik has served the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) on the local level (as Chapter President, Vice President and Newsletter Editor) and the national level in elected and appointed positions as HPA Section, Board member, Research Committee chairperson, and committee member. Dr. Resnik was the initiator of the HPA section's small grant program. She spearheaded the development of the HPA section's research agenda and provided input on the health services research agenda for the Foundation for Physical Therapy. She is past member and Chairperson of the Board of Examiners in Physical Therapy at the RI Department of Health.

**Dr. Resnik** received her PhD in physical therapy from Nova Southeastern University, her MS in physical therapy from Sargent College, Boston University, and her BS from Hampshire College. She completed a 2-year AHRQ funded postdoctoral fellowship at the Center for Gerontology and Health Care Research and she is also a Research Career Scientist at the Providence VA Medical Center (PVAMC). Additionally, **Dr. Resnik** has a strong clinical background in physical therapy.