Richard P. Moser, PhD, FSBM

Bio Sketch

Dr. Richard (Rick) Moser was trained as a clinical psychologist and has been at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) for over 23 years, focusing on behavioral and social science research. He serves in several roles, including program director, research methods coordinator within the Behavioral Research Program (BRP), and senior methodologist for the Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS), a probability-based, nationally representative survey of US adults. Additionally, he directs the Group-Evaluated Measures (GEM) project, a web-based portal that promotes the use of standardized health research measures and data sharing.

Rick also serves as the training director for the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS), leading a program that includes approximately 40 fellows and mentoring several of his own fellows. His interests include conducting and promoting integrative data analysis, which involves merging or linking independent data sets and analyzing them to help build a cumulative knowledge base and answer novel research questions. He is also interested in artificial intelligence and its application to behaviorally focused cancer research, and he is dedicated to mentoring and training the next generation of researchers. He was honored with the NCI's Outstanding Mentor Award in 2019.

Rick is an author or co-author on more than 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and several book chapters spanning a range of topics, including survey methodology, analytic procedures, health behaviors, and innovative uses of data. More recently, he is interested in understanding how purpose and meaning in life are associated with health outcomes. Rick considers the Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM) as his professional home, was elected as an SBM fellow in 2023, and recently served as chair of the Population Health Sciences Special Interest Group. Additionally, he has contributed to several Outlook articles—including one focused on American Indian/Alaska Native health disparities—and served as a mentor in the Early Career Researcher Mentoring Program.

Prior to joining the NCI, Rick conducted research at the Menlo Park VA Hospital, taught statistics at several Bay Area graduate schools, and was an instructor for the statistical program SPSS. Rick received his PhD in clinical psychology from Palo Alto University in 1996.