

# Susan M. Rakich, MPH

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## Education:

**Drexel University**, Philadelphia, PA  
Master of Public Health, June 2007; GPA 3.63

**Northeastern University**, Boston, MA  
Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Neuroscience, June 2002; GPA: 3.14

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## Experience:

**WellNow**, Trevese, PA 2006-2007  
Community-Based Masters Project

As my masters project, I worked with WellNow to create a work-site based community wide wellness program for one of their clients, a local hospital. The goal of this project was to research other organizations and communities who have successfully implemented such a program and use the information gathered to create the optimal program outline for the client. The program met community needs and helped to provide revenue for the hospital.

**Rhode Island Department of Health**, Providence, RI 2006 – 2006  
Summer Internship

I worked with the Center for Emergency Preparedness and Response. I reviewed and evaluated local Emergency Medical Distribution System (MEDS) plans and provided feedback to individual towns. Created comprehensive sample plan for towns to follow.

**The Fountains**, Philadelphia, PA 2006 – 2006  
6 week Internship

Learned about quality assessments and quality improvement procedures in the skilled nursing unit of this “step-up” retirement community. Assisted in compiling monthly data and participated in discussion on improvements. Also created and conducted a resident satisfaction survey.

**Massachusetts General Hospital**, Boston, MA 2004 - 2005  
Clinical Research Coordinator

I worked on multiple research projects studying patients with hemorrhagic stroke. I conducted interviews with patients and their families both in person and by phone. Help write and edit protocols and consent forms to be approved by the IRB using Plain Language. Enroll subjects, data entry, collect follow up information, measure brain hemorrhage volumes on CT. Worked with Access database. Took phlebotomy and Microsoft Access courses.

**Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center**, Boston, MA 2002 - 2005  
Per Diem Personal Assistant (2004-2005)

Worked with a gastroenterologist and Harvard Professor on PBL teaching projects and course preparation as well as manuscript preparations and submissions, IRB submissions and revisions, and CV preparation.

**Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA**

2002 - 2005

Administrative Assistant II (2002-2004)

Joined a busy department of gastroenterology where, with little previous experience in the field and little initial orientation, was able to manage three doctors practices. After a few months I was able to efficiently schedule patient visits and procedures, address patient concerns, manage referrals, and maintain patient charts. In addition I assisted the physicians with various teaching and research projects for Harvard Medical School including course preparation, grant and abstract submissions, and IRB protocol updates. Assisted physician with recent hospital transition to electronic medical records.

**Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA**

2001 - 2002

Research Assistant

Worked on various research projects investigating smoking cessation in patients with schizophrenia in a clinical setting with direct patient contact. Created, administered, and recruited patients for Survey of Patient Smoking Status. Managed databases and CRFs. Called, set up and reminded patients of appointments. Processed blood samples. Helped facilitate Cognitive Behavioral Therapy sessions. Assisted in reformatting research protocols and informed consent forms for IRB approval. Preliminary data analysis.

**New England Medical Center, Boston, MA**

2000 - 2001

Pharmacy Technician

Worked in the IV room compounding intravenous medications, including chemotherapy. Compounded oral solutions. Entered and filled doctors' orders. Delivered medications to patient floors.

**Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA**

1998 - 1999

Lab Technician in GCRC IPM Unit

Worked directly with subjects, often to keep them awake for long periods of time. Processed blood, collected saliva and urine samples, kept Case Report Forms. Applied electrodes for EEG recording.

**Pertinent Course Work:**

- Healthcare Management and Policy
- Community Assessment
- Biology
- Psychology
- Statistics & Epidemiology
- Occupational Health
- Leadership and Professional Development

**Computer Skills:**

Microsoft Office including: Word, PowerPoint, Access, Excel, and Outlook; SPSS; EPI-INFO.

**Publications:**

Chen YW. Gurol ME. Rosand J. Viswanathan A. **Rakich SM**. Groover TR. Greenberg SM. Smith EE. Progression of white matter lesions and hemorrhages in cerebral amyloid angiopathy. *Neurology*. 67(1):83-7, 2006 Jul 11.

Viswanathan A. **Rakich SM**. Engel C. Snider R. Rosand J. Greenberg SM. Smith EE. Antiplatelet use after intracerebral hemorrhage. *Neurology*. 66(2):206-9, 2006 Jan 24.