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Biographical Data

A native of Montreal, Canada, Dr. Schapira attended Oberlin College (B.S. in 1981) and the University of Michigan (MD, MPH in 1986). She trained in Internal Medicine at Emory University and Moses Cone Hospital followed by a General Internal Medicine Research Fellowship. Dr. Schapira is currently a Professor of Internal Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine and Patient Care and Outcomes Research at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, WI. Dr. Schapira is also the Associate Chief for Research in the Division of General Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Dr. Schapira has an active research program in the area of shared decision-making and risk communication. She has developed and evaluated decision-aids for prostate cancer treatment and post-menopausal hormone therapy. She has conducted original research in methods regarding risk communication and the assessment of risk perceptions. She is currently funded by the National Institute of Health to develop a cross-culturally equivalent measure of health numeracy using item response theory psychometric methods. Dr. Schapira is also involved in community based participatory research programs in the area of hypertension and other cardiovascular risk factor control as well as research that evaluates the role of continuity of care with respect to patient safety and medical errors.

Dr. Schapira is an active member of the Society of Medical Decision-Making where she currently serves as President-Elect and is on the Editorial Board for the Journal of Medical Decision Making. Dr. Schapira has been very involved in mentoring and career development and has taught courses on how to successfully obtain a Career Development Award at SMDM Annual Meetings. Dr. Schapira is also an active member of the Society of General Internal Medicine where she sits on the Research Committee.