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Richard Roberts is a Professor and past Chair in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health in Madison. Since 1987 Dr. Roberts has practiced in Belleville, a rural community of 2000 people. A family physician and attorney, Dr. Roberts has provided the full scope of family medicine services: caring for patients of all ages, performing endoscopy and surgery, and attending patients in the home, nursing home, hospice, and hospital, including those in birthing and intensive care units.

Professor Roberts was involved extensively in the U.S. Future of Family Medicine (FFM) Project to redesign primary care. He served as the Founder and Chair of the SOAR (Six Organizations to Advance the Renewal of Family Medicine) International Colloquium, which was funded by Health Canada, convened in Toronto, and involved representatives from Australia, Canada, Netherlands, New Zealand, United Kingdom, and USA. He has consulted and taught on primary care redesign and health care reform in more than 70 countries.

Dr. Roberts is an advisor to the California Health Benefits Review Program, Johns Hopkins ACG Systems, ECRI Patient Safety Organization, and Greater Manchester Patient Safety Translational Research Centre in the UK. He served as a director on the boards of the American Medical Accreditation Program (AMAP) and the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation (COLA). He was a member of the Medical Advisory Panel to the Technology Evaluation Center of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and the Standards Committee of NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance). He chaired the Primary Care and Emergency Medicine Scientific Advisory Board of United Health Group. He was a founding officer of the University of Wisconsin Medical Foundation, one of the top 10 physician groups in the United States.

Professor Roberts's scholarship has focused on primary care, practice redesign, patient safety, quality improvement, and the development of decision support tools such as guidelines to improve clinical care. He has authored more than 200 publications, been an investigator on a dozen grants, and given over 800 presentations.