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Dr. Lerner is a Senior Scientist within the Tufts Medical Center Institute for Clinical Research and Health Policy Studies (ICRHPS) and founder and director of the Program on Health, Work and Productivity. She is a Professor, Departments of Medicine and Psychiatry, Tufts University School of Medicine and the Sackler Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Lerner serves as the Director of Evaluation and Tracking for Tufts CTSI.

Dr. Lerner has dedicated her career to improving the health and well-being of working people and enabling them to participate fully and productively in the workplace. Dr. Lerner and her colleagues have extensive expertise in survey research and developed the Work Limitations Questionnaire (WLQ), which is used throughout the world and has become a standard of measurement. In addition, Dr. Lerner's team has developed innovative intervention programs aimed at improving employee functional performance and work productivity. Sponsorship for this research has been provided by the National Institute on Aging, the National Institute of Mental Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Lerner has published numerous articles on health and productivity improvement. She has served on many scientific panels and advisory boards including the Health Project, which administers the C. Everett Koop Award to for employer excellence in workplace health promotion.