

# Catherine Otto

Catherine Otto, Ph.D., MBA, MLS (ASCP) has over 30 years as a Medical Laboratory Scientist working as a generalist, supervisor, educator and researcher.

She has taught Hematology, Immunology, Laboratory Management, Outcomes and Leadership courses in Medical Laboratory Science programs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Oregon Health and Science University-Oregon Institute of Technology and Salisbury University in the United States.

The focus of her research is Patient Safety, incorporating the Institute of Medicine's 6 Aims of Quality and 5 competencies for healthcare practitioners into the Medical Laboratory Science curriculum. A recent article published in *Clinical Laboratory Science*, (Morris S, Otto CN, Golemboski K.

Improving Patient Safety and Healthcare Quality in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century—Competencies Required of Future Medical Laboratory Science Practitioners. *Clinical Laboratory Science*. 2013; (26(4): 205-211) earned the prestigious Kleiner Award by the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) in 2014.

As an author or coauthor, she has published 12 articles in referred journals, 12 chapters in textbooks and been invited to present 75 workshops and presentations at state, regional, national meetings for the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, Clinical Laboratory Management Association, and American Association for Clinical Chemistry, the majority of which focused upon patient safety, quality improvement and patient outcomes.

She is the current chair of the ASCLS Patient Safety Committee, serving since 2013, and previously 2006-2010. She served as the President of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science from 2011-2012 and is the ASCLS Chief Delegate to the International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science from 2012-present.