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## Owner/writer Rita Buckley is an award-winning medical writer, author, and journalist. She delivers writing, research, and editing services to wide range of clients. She specializes in the delivery of web content, grants, summary write-ups of workshops and conferences, and publication-ready manuscripts for peer-reviewed medical journals—jobs typically involve some combination of research, writing, editing, and proofreading services.

## Assignments include, among others: conference and symposium coverage and reporting; book proposals and manuscripts; books and/or chapters; original research articles; web content; patient recruitment materials; grants; journal supplements; literature searches and writing of expert panel reports; consumer science and health web content; science and medical journalism; and manuscripts for publication in peer-reviewed journals.

Her consumer and professional web content and online articles are widely published, as are her manuscripts for peer-reviewed medical journals. She is the author of two books, *Childhood Obesity* (Mercury Learning and Information, LLC) and *Mr. Chiardi & Other Stories*, an e-book collection of short stories.

**Awards**

*American Medical Writers Association*

* 2010 Will Solimene Award for Excellence in Medical Communication for The Lehman Series: Expert Panel on Weight Loss Surgery – Update (*Obesity,* February 2009)
* 2010 Will Solimene Award for Excellence in Medical Communication for *What to do About High Cholesterol* (Harvard Health Publications, 2009)
* 2005 Will Solimene Award for Excellence and Outstanding Quality for the Lehman Center Report: Best Practices in Weight Loss Surgery (*Obesity Research*, February 2005)

## 2005 Will Solimene Award for Excellence and Outstanding Quality for Teaching, Learning, Doing: Best Practices in Education (American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, July 2005)

## <http://www.prweb.com/releases/Rita_Buckley/Medical_Writing_Award/prweb4134404.htm>

## **Credentials/Affiliations**

##  American Society of Journalists and Authors(ASJA)

* American Medical Writers Association (AMWA)
* National Association of Science Writers (NASW)
* The Authors Guild
* Editorial Freelancers Association (EFA)
* Member of the Editorial Board - *International Journal of Nutritional Sciences*
* American Association of Health Care Journalists
* Association of Writers & Writing Programs

*Others*

* International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP)
* Bookbuilders of Boston
* Public Affairs Officer – U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

## **Education**

* Boston University, Bachelor of Science in Public Relations, Dean’s List, s*umma cum laude*
* Northeastern University, Master of Business Administration
* Advanced writing courses – Harvard University and Boston University
* Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference, 1989 - 1992
* Harvard Medical School CME – International Conference on Practical Approaches to the Treatment of Obesity, Cambridge, MA
* ScienceWriters 2010, annual conference of the National Association of Science Writers (NASW) and Council for the Advancement of Science Writing (CASW), Yale University, New Haven, CT, November 5-9, 2010
* Harvard Medical School, Division of Nutrition. The 18th Annual Postgraduate Nutrition Symposium: Surgical Treatments of Obesity: Physiological Mechanisms & Clinical Effects. Nutrition Obesity Research Center. July 12-13, 2017, Boston, MA.
* Boston Nutrition Obesity Research Center. Annual Symposium and Poster Session, Tribute to George L. Blackburn, MD. PhD. Boston University School of Medicine, July 10, 2017, Boston, MA.
* Harvard Medical School, Department of Medicine, Division of Continuing Medical Education. 30th Annual Blackburn Course in Obesity Medicine. Treating Obesity 2017. June 22-24, 2017. Boston, MA.

## **Current, Recently Completed, or Representative Contracts**

* NIH R01 grant on preservation of cognitive fitness in Look AHEAD participants with type 2 diabetes. PI: the late George L. Blackburn, MD, PhD, S. Daniel Abraham Professor of Nutrition and Associate Director, Division of Nutrition, Harvard Medical School; Chief of the Metabolism Laboratory and Director of the Center for the Study of Nutrition Medicine (CSNM), Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

* MD Conference Express – coverage research, writing, and editing of conference sessions (2010 -) <http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/md_conference_express/ISTH2013/#/2>
* Research, writing, and editing: Discovery Channel blogs, proposals, and programming
* Research, writing, and editing: *What to do about High Cholesterol, A Harvard Medical School Special Health Report* (Harvard Health Publications)
* Research, writing, and editing: *From Harvard Medical School, The 9 Medical Advances That Can Change Your Life* (Harvard Health Publications)
* Research, writing, and editing: Obesity Prevention Source, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/obesity-prevention-source/about-us/>
* Research, writing, and editing: “The Lehman Series: Evidence-based Recommendations for Best Practices in Weight Loss Surgery” (*Obesity* 2005and an updatein *Obesity Research* 2009*)*
* Research, writing, and editing of articles for peer-reviewed journals for Nutrition Impact, LLC. <http://www.nutritionimpact.com>
* Research, writing, and editing: “From bench to bedside: novel mechanisms and therapeutic advances through the development of selective peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor γ modulators” (*American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*) by George L. Blackburn, M.D., Ph.D., S. Daniel Abraham Professor of Nutrition, Associate Director of Nutrition, Division of Nutrition, Harvard Medical School; Director of the Center for the Study of Nutrition Medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
* Research, writing, editing: The Expert Panel on Obstetrics, Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Department of Public Health, Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety and Medical Error Reduction

* Editing: *Obesity Epidemiology* (Oxford University Press, 2008) by Frank B. Hu, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Nutrition and Epidemiology, Harvard School of Public Health; Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School
* Writing a consensus report brief on preventing early childhood obesity for the Institute of Medicine, National Academies of Science (Washington, D.C.) ([www.iom.edu](http://www.iom.edu))
* Literature review for Mullen Advertising (Boston, MA) ([www.mullen.com](http://www.mullen.com))

* Editing scientific manuscripts on epidemiologic modeling to eradicate polio for Intellectual Ventures (Bellevue, WA) ([www.intellectualventures.com](http://www.intellectualventures.com)) (2011- )
* Contributing Writer, MedPage Today (New York, NY) (<http://www.medpagetoday.com/>) (Conference coverage)
* Contributing writer, *Web*MD (Atlanta, GA) (<http://www.webmd.com>)
* Conference coverage and writing and editing of manuscripts for peer-reviewed journals for the International Life Sciences Institute, North America (ILSI) (Washington, DC) (<http://www.ilsi.org/Pages/HomePage.aspx>)
* Web content writing for the Harvard School of Public Health website, Nutrition Source (Boston, MA) (<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/nutritionsource/>)
* Writing and editing of manuscripts for Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Department of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine (Boston, MA) ([www.partners.org](http://www.partners.org))
* Interviewing and writing blogs for the Cleveland Clinic website, Consult QD (Cleveland, OH) (<http://consultqd.clevelandclinic.org/>)
* Writing of clinical trial patient recruitment packages for BBK (Newton, MA) ([www.bbkworldwide.com](http://www.bbkworldwide.com)), Mathews Media Group (Rockville, MD) and other agencies (Vox Medica, NY, and Porter Novelli, NY)
* Session coverage for the American Society of Nutrition at Experimental Biology 2014, and writing of a scientific article for *Advances in Nutrition* (<http://www.nutrition.org/>)
* Reuters Health correspondent (New York, NY) (<http://in.reuters.com/news/health>)
* Research, writing, editing of manuscripts for peer-reviewed journals for TESARO (Waltham, MA) (<http://www.tesarobio.com/>)
* Coverage of ACC 2016 Session and Expo and related writing of a magazine for Medicom, the Netherlands (<http://www.medicom.nl/>)
* Writing of a landmark trial manuscript for TransMedics (Andover, MA) ([www.transmedics.com](http://www.transmedics.com))
* Writing of manuscripts for submission to peer-reviewed journals for Kellogg’s (Battle Creek, MI)
* ([www.kelloggcompany.com](http://www.kelloggcompany.com))
* Conference and symposium coverage for AstraZeneca (<https://www.astrazeneca-us.com/>)
* Peer-review of manuscripts for *Oncology Letters* (<https://www.spandidos-publications.com/ol>)
* Conference/symposium coverage and reports for the Council of State Governments (Washington, D.C.; <http://www.csg.org/>)

**Areas of Specialization**

* Include, among others: diabetes, obesity, weight loss and maintenance, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, cancer, chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting (CINV), organ transplant, transcranial magnetic stimulation, weight loss surgery, metabolic syndrome, obstetrics, minimally invasive surgery, infectious diseases, public health, ophthalmology, epidemiology, electrophysiology, pediatrics, telemedicine, and nutrition medicine.

**Representative Clients**

* Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA) [www.harvard.edu](http://www.harvard.edu)
* Harvard School of Public Health (Boston, MA) [www.harvard.edu](http://www.harvard.edu)
* AstraZeneca (Wilmington, DE) [www.astrazeneca.com](http://www.astrazeneca.com)
* Vox Medica (New York, NY) [www.voxmedica.com](http://www.voxmedica.com)
* Porter Novelli (New York, NY) [www.porternovelli.com](http://www.porternovelli.com)

##  Dairy Management Inc. (Rosemont, IL) [www.dairyinfo.com](http://www.dairyinfo.com);

##  Council of State Governments (Lexington, KY) [www.csg.org](http://www.csg.org);

##  National Black Caucus of State Legislators (Washington, DC) [www.nbcsl.com](http://www.nbcsl.com);

##  National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (Washington, DC) [www.nhcsl.com](http://www.nhcsl.com)

* BBK Worldwide (Newton, MA) [www.bbkworldwide.com](http://www.bbkworldwide.com)
* McCann-Erickson Worldwide (New York, NY) [www.mccann.com](http://www.mccann.com)
* Lance Armstrong Foundation [www.livestrong.com](http://www.livestrong.com)
* Harvard Health Publication (Boston, MA) <https://www.health.harvard.edu/about.php>
* Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Boston, MA) [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov)
* nSight (Burlington, MA) [www.nSightWorks.com](http://www.nSightWorks.com)
* Matthews Media Group (Rockville, MD) <http://www.mmgct.com/mmg/>
* Mullen (Boston, MA) [www.mullen.com](http://www.mullen.com)
* American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine (Rochester, MN)

 [www.aanem.org](http://www.aanem.org)

* Discovery Channel (Bethesda, MD) [www.discovery.com](http://www.discovery.com)
* Edanz Group Ltd. (Beijing, China) <http://edanzediting.com/>
* *Robotics Trends* <http://www.roboticstrends.com/>
* Intellectual Ventures (Bellevue, WA) <http://www.intellectualventures.com/Home.aspx>
* MD Conference Express/Sage (Woburn, MA)

 [www.mdconferencexpress.com](http://www.mdconferencexpress.com)

* Ascend Integrated Media (Overland Park, KS) [www.ascendintegratedmedia.com](http://www.ascendintegratedmedia.com)
* Institute of Medicine, National Academies of Science (Washington, DC) [www.iom.org](http://www.iom.org)
* Center for the Study of Nutrition Medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

 (Boston, MA) [www.bidmc.org](http://www.bidmc.org)

* MedSci (China) [www.medsciediting.com](http://www.medsciediting.com)
* Harvard School of Public Health, The \

 NutritionSource [www.hsph.harvard.edu/nutritionsource/](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/nutritionsource/)

* International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) (Washington, DC) [www.ilsi.org](http://www.ilsi.org)
* Mercury Learning and Information (Duxbury, MA) [www.merclearning.com](http://www.merclearning.com)
* Massachusetts General Hospital for Children (Boston, MA) [www.massgeneral.org](http://www.massgeneral.org)
* Cleveland Clinic (Cleveland, OH) [www.consultqd.clevelandclinic.org](http://www.consultqd.clevelandclinic.org)
* Nutrition Impact, Victor Fulgoni, III, PhD, (Battle Creek, MI) vic3rd@aol.com
* Kellogg’s (Battle Creek, MI) [www.kelloggs.com](http://www.kelloggs.com)
* American Society of Nutrition (Bethesda, MD) <http://www.nutrition.org/>
* Reuters Health (New York, NY) [www.reutershealth.com](http://www.reutershealth.com)
* TESARO, Inc. (Waltham, MA) [www.tesarobio.com](http://www.tesarobio.com)
* Medicom Medical Publishers (The Netherlands) [www.medicom.nl](http://www.medicom.nl)
* TransMedics, Inc. (Andover, MA) ([www.transmedics.com](http://www.transmedics.com))

## **Publications**

* American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, Obesity Research, Nature, Nature Clinical Practice Cardiovascular Medicine, Medscape, Food Technology, Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine, The Prostate, Journal of Women’s Health, Journal of the American Dietetic Association, Journal of Nutrition, Clinical Cornerstone, Boston Sunday Globe, Boston Business Journal, American Heart Journal, *Nutritional Oncology,* *Second Edition* (Heber D., Academic Press/Elsevier, 2006), *Obesity Epidemiology* (Hu F.B., Oxford University Press,2008)*,* Psychosomatics, American Journal of Health Promotion, Current Diabetes Reports, Archives of Surgery, the Nutrition Source (Harvard School of Public Health), MD Conference Express/SAGE, MedPage Today, Medscape, Pediatrics, Reuters Health, Nutrients, Obesity Surgery, Frontiers in Human Neuroscience.

 **Books**

* Nonfiction book project. Research and writing: *Fat in America*, a work on severe obesity. Those with a BMI greater than 40 kg/m2 are the fastest-growing segment of the obese population. Many of the interviews for this book, which is a journey through this most maligned subculture, have already been completed, as have the first two chapters, the proposal, and chapter outline
* Consumer book, *Childhood Obesity* for Mercury Learning and Information ([www.merclearning.com](http://www.merclearning.com)). Amazon.com URL is: [http://www.amazon.com/Childhood-Obesity-Mymodernhealth-Rita-Buckley/dp/1937585425/ref=sr\_1\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1410197578&sr=8-1&keywords=Rita+Buckley](http://www.amazon.com/Childhood-Obesity-Mymodernhealth-Rita-Buckley/dp/1937585425/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1410197578&sr=8-1&keywords=Rita+Buckley)
* Seventeen 17 short stories, all published in literary journals (e.g., *Danse Macabre, Versal, Bartleby Snopes*). The e-book, *Mr. Chiardi & Other Stories* (<https://my.bookbaby.com/book/mr-chiardi-and-other-stories/>), is available from Amazon Kindle, the iBook Store, Barnes and Noble, Kobo, Scribd, and other retail outlets. It has received several 5-star reviews, including one from Reader’s Favorites ([https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00KADTM1A/ref=rdr\_kindle\_ext\_tmb](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00KADTM1A/ref%3Drdr_kindle_ext_tmb); <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/mr-chiardi-other-stories-charles-maxwell/1119471955?ean=9780615870755>)

**Samples**

*Medical Writing*

* MD Conference Express/SAGE

<http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/md_conference_express/ada2011/>

<http://www.mdconferencexpress.com/ClinicalTrials.aspx?cid=c3a64f74-08f7-47c3-81b2-7bfbd6a9b8aa>

<http://www.mdconferencexpress.com/ClinicalTrials.aspx?cid=bf3e8202-8bd9-4ece-9262-20398e9af7ed>

* The Lehman Series: Updated Evidence-based Recommendations for Best Practices in Weight Loss Surgery (*Obesity*, 2009)

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/oby.2009.17.issue-5/issuetoc>

## Development and validation of the nutrient-rich foods index: a tool to measure the nutritional quality of foods (*J Nutr,* 2009) <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19549759?ordinalpos=1&itool=EntrezSystem2.PEntrez.Pubmed.Pubmed_ResultsPanel.Pubmed_DefaultReportPanel.Pubmed_RVDocSum>

* Nutrition Support in the Intensive Care Unit

Arch Surg. 2010;145:533-538.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20566972>

* From bench to bedside: novel mechanisms and therapeutic advances through the development of selective peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor γ modulators

*Am J Clin Nutr.* 2010;91:2515S-253S

<http://www.ajcn.org/cgi/content/abstract/91/1/251S>

* Weight loss programs in convenient care clinics: a prospective cohort study

*Am J Health Promot*. 2010:25:26-29

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20809828>

* Alonso-Alonso M. Translating tDCS into the field of obesity: mechanism-driven approaches. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience* 2013;7:512. doi:10.3389/fnhum.2013.00512. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3753456/>
* More samples on ResearchGate at <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Rita_Buckley/contributions>

*Web Content*

* Harvard School of Public Health

The Obesity Prevention website

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/obesity-prevention-source/about-us/#editorial-team>

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/obesity-prevention-source/about-us/>

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/obesity-prevention-source/>

* Cleveland Clinic blogs for Consult QD website <http://consultqd.clevelandclinic.org/2014/08/glaucoma-update/>

<http://consultqd.clevelandclinic.org/2014/08/research-innovations-ophthalmology-update/>

* Reuters Health

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/875404>

<https://kwn.kanematsu.co.jp/mi/services/sample.php?id=201503260088831&lang=en>

<http://www.consultant360.com/story/antipsychotics-use-tied-higher-risk-breast-cancer>

*Other*

* Institute of Medicine

Report Brief – Early Childhood Prevention Policies

<http://www.iom.edu/~/media/Files/Report%20Files/2011/Early-Childhood-Obesity-Prevention-Policies/Young%20Child%20Obesity%202011%20Report%20Brief.pdf>

*Bylined Internet Writing*

* Medscape

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/880743>

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/878388>

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/879989>

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/878891>

* MedPage Today (New York, New York)

[www.medpagetoday.com/MeetingCoverage/APHA/42824](http://www.medpagetoday.com/MeetingCoverage/APHA/42824)

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/MeetingCoverage/APHA/42803>

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/MeetingCoverage/APHA/42781>

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/MeetingCoverage/APHA/42738>

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/MeetingCoverage/APHA/42767>

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/MeetingCoverage/APHA/42824>

* How to Choose Weight Loss Surgery

eHow <http://www.ehow.com/how_4842586_choose-weight-loss-surgery.html>

* Dangers of SuperPump 250

livestrong.com

<http://www.livestrong.com/article/116585-dangers-superpump/>

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