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Dr. File is a Master of the American College of Physicians, a Fellow and past-member of the Board of Directors of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), and a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians. He is the current President of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases and is a member of many other professional societies, including the American Society for Microbiology, the American Thoracic Society (ATS), and the American Society of Hospital Epidemiologists. He is the past Chairperson of the Standards and Practice Guidelines Committee of the IDSA and has also served as a member of the IDSA and ATS committees for guidelines on community-acquired pneumonia; and is a member of the IDSA guidelines panels for hospital-acquired pneumonia, influenza, and sinusitis. He is a past-president of the Infectious Disease Society of Ohio, and is a past-president of the Northeastern Ohio Task Force on AIDS.

Primary research interests that Dr. File has pursued include community-acquired respiratory tract infections, immunizations in adults, bacterial resistance in respiratory infections, infections in patients with diabetes, soft tissue infections, and evaluation of new antimicrobial agents. A frequent lecturer both nationally and internationally, Dr. File has published more than 200 articles, abstracts, and textbook chapters, focusing on the diagnosis, etiology, and treatment of infectious diseases, especially on respiratory tract infections. He co-authored File TM Jr. and Stevens DL *Contemporary Diagnosis and Management of Skin and Soft Tissue Infections, 2nd Ed* (2007, published by Handbooks in Health Care Co.) and co-edited Tan JS, File TM Jr., Salata RA, Tan MJ (eds.) *Expert Guide to Infectious Diseases, 2nd edition* (2008, published by ACP Press, Phil.). In addition, he is Editor-in-Chief of *Infectious Diseases in Clinical Practice*. Dr. File is listed in Best Doctors in America (1996 to present) and Marquis Who's Who in America, 65th Ed. 2011.