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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, antimicrobial stewardship, and evaluation of new antimicrobial agents. A frequent lecturer both nationally and internationally, Dr. File has published more than 250 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, 3rd Ed* (2011, 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.). He authors sections on community-acquired pneumonia, acute bronchitis, and hospital-acquired pneumonia in UpToDate. In addition, he is Editor-in-Chief of *Infectious Diseases in Clinical Practice*.