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Dr. Payne is a clinical psychologist, and has been involved in clinical, research, and educational aspects of behavioral medicine for over 35 years, with a strong focus on tobacco dependence. He has trained many clinical psychologists in his previous role as supervisor and Associate Director of Training at the Jackson UMMC / VAMC Psychology Residency Consortium. Dr. Payne has been instrumental in developing clinical treatment (ACT Center Tobacco Treatment Program) and training programs (Tobacco Treatment Specialist, others) to help patients quit tobacco use. He currently serves on the ATTUD Board of Directors and the National Certification Development *ad hoc* Committee charged with establishing a national credential for Tobacco Treatment Specialists. He has provided direct services or clinical supervision in the treatment of thousands of patients. He has been a Principal Investigator or Investigator on FDA-funded (Tobacco Centers for Regulatory Science), NIH-funded (NIDA, NCI, NHLBI, NIDCR) and pharmaceutical industry sponsored (IIR; clinical trials) studies addressing tobacco use and treatment. Dr. Payne is a charter member of the sociocultural research team of the Jackson Heart Study, a large NHLBI-funded longitudinal cohort study of cardiovascular risk and disease in African-Americans. He has authored over 120 peer-reviewed publications, with topics spanning the genetics of nicotine dependence, cue reactivity, applied clinical factors, perceptions and attitudes regarding tobacco use, and public health considerations. Dr. Payne provides scholarly reviews for various journals, funding agencies, organizations and states, and has sat on several editorial boards. He routinely provides interviews on tobacco-related topics for newspaper, television, and other media outlets, as well as topical presentations to a variety of healthcare organizations and societies. He is a fellow in the Society of Behavioral Medicine, was awarded the status of Knowledge Opinion Leader by Pfizer Inc., and has received the Gold Medallion Excellence in Research award from UMMC. Dr. Payne is Past President of the Association for the Treatment of Tobacco Use and Dependence (ATTUD). He currently serves on the Mississippi Tobacco Advisory Commission (appointed by Governor Phil Bryant).