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Prior to his service to the UT System's Office of Health Affairs, Eric served three major institutions within the Texas Medical Center over 30 years, including leadership roles at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and most recently serving as Senior Vice President for Academic & Research Affairs at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, where he also served as Associate Dean for their Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. He maintains an adjunct appointment of Associate Professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, McGovern Medical School.

With his graduate training in cardiovascular physiology, Eric began his career at Abbott Northwestern Hospital and the Minneapolis Heart Institute, providing clinical care and assisting in research in cardiac rehabilitation. Early in his career, he began exploring theories of ethics in the healthcare domain and shifted the focus of his career toward public health and disease prevention. Some of these strategies are outlined in a chapter by Blum, A and Solberg, E in the Fundamentals of Clinical Practice: A Textbook on the Patient, Doctor, and Society, 2nd edition (Mengel and Holleman, Eds., 2002).

For more than three decades within the public health domain, Eric has investigated and uncovered controversial alliances that cigarette manufacturers developed with leading health and medical organizations – relationships that were used to perpetuate the tobacco pandemic over several decades in the US and around the world. Over the past 30 years, Eric has published several papers on these alliances, served as an expert witness and consultant in tobacco litigation and public policy development, has provided more than 250 lectures worldwide on tobacco control, and served as an assistant editor for *Tobacco Control - An International Journal* (BMJ Publishing Group). He has also served as a consultant to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the World Health Organization.

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