

Biographical Sketch

DAVID P.L. SACHS, MD

Dr. David Peter Sachs is an internationally recognized pulmonologist and research scientist in the field of tobacco dependence and its treatment. For the past 25 years, he has been engaged in pioneering research funded by government agencies, pharmaceutical companies, heart and lung associations and his own non-profit research organization all seeking new and improved treatment methodologies for tobacco dependence.

After receiving his undergraduate degree from Carleton College in Minnesota, Dr. Sachs received his MD from Stanford University in 1972, completed internship and medical residency at University Hospitals of Cleveland and pulmonary medicine fellowship training at Stanford University Medical Center. From 1978, Dr. Sachs served as Medical Director, Respiratory Therapy Department and also, in 1982, became Associate Chief, Medical Intensive Care Unit, for University Hospitals of Cleveland. He joined the clinical faculty at Stanford University in 1985 and is currently Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine. He also served as one of the developers of the innovative Stanford Faculty Development Program.

Since 1985, Dr. Sachs has also been Director of the Palo Alto Center for Pulmonary Disease Prevention in Palo Alto, California. Research at the Center has been funded primarily by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), The American Heart Association, The American Lung Association, and certain private grants, and also pharmaceutical companies, such as Pfizer Inc, Novartis, Glaxo-Wellcome, Pharmacia, Marion Merrell Dow, Inc., and Boehringer-Ingelheim,. His results have been pivotal in gaining FDA approval for new drugs, and he regularly serves as a consultant to both government agencies and commercial companies.

In addition to publishing over 100 scientific articles and abstracts, Dr. Sachs has served as a Regular and Special Review Committee Member of NIDA and NIH Study Sections for many years, was the Theodore L. Badger Memorial Lecturer for the Massachusetts Thoracic Society, and, most recently, the Theodore K. Larson Visiting Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco-Fresno Campus. He has served on the Editorial Board for the 1988 Surgeon General's Report, The Health Consequences of Smoking: Nicotine Addiction. He is a Fellow of the Society of Behavioral Medicine and is listed in Who's Who in California. He recently received the Alfred Soffer Research Award for Outstanding Original Scientific Research from the American College of Chest Physicians.

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Hospital Affiliation

Dr. Sachs admits patients requiring hospitalization to Stanford University Hospital. He also has admitting privileges at Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City, but does not regularly admit there. Time commitments make it impossible to see patients at other hospitals. Dr. Sachs spends a portion of his time teaching at Stanford University Medical School, both to interns, residents, and Pulmonary Medicine subspecialty fellows. Dr. Sachs holds the position of Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine.

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