

Health Equity - A Case Study of Smoking Cessation in African Americans



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Dr. Ahluwalia is a physician and public health scientist. He has been in academic medicine since 1992 and has been a practicing physician, faculty member, department chair, Associate Dean and Center Director in medical schools, and recently, served as a school of public health dean.

His primary research has focused on nicotine addiction and smoking cessation in African-American smokers by way of conducting clinical trials, secondary analysis, qualitative research, and clinical epidemiology research. He has extended his research through national collaborations to the role of menthol in quitting, pharmacokinetics of nicotine, pharmacogenetics, and cancer biomarkers.

He has received more than \$21 million in funding as principal investigator and more than \$80 million as co-investigator and has published more than 300 manuscripts. Additionally, Dr. Ahluwalia served as the inaugural chair of a chartered NIH study section titled, Health Disparities and Equity Promotion, and in 2014, completed a 3-year term on the federal government's NIH/DHHS National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities, for which he served as chair during the last year of his term.

Dr. Ahluwalia received his undergraduate degree at New York University and a combined MD/MPH from the Tulane University Schools of Medicine and Public Health and Tropical Medicine. During his two-year fellowship at Harvard, he studied clinical epidemiology, trained in clinical health, and earned his MS in health policy from its T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Dr. Ahluwalia's strengths and track record lie in building and growing programs, mentoring, leveraging through collaboration, inspiring others to work in teams, executing transformational culture change, and the ability to create an atmosphere that nurtures, values and celebrates diversity.