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Primary research interests that Dr. File has pursued include community-acquired respiratory tract infections, bacterial resistance in respiratory infections, infections in patients with diabetes, and evaluation of new antimicrobial agents. A frequent lecturer both nationally and internationally, Dr File has published more than 200 articles, abstracts, and textbook chapters, focusing on the diagnosis, etiology, and treatment of infectious diseases, especially on respiratory tract infections. He recently co-edited *Community-Acquired Respiratory Infections* (2003, published by Marcel Dekker, NY). In addition, he currently serves on the Editorial Board of *Journal of Respiratory Disease* and is Editor-in-Chief of *Infectious Diseases in Clinical Practice*.