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Tim McAfee, MD, MPH, is Director of CDC's Office on Smoking and Health (OSH) within the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. He is responsible for providing leadership and direction for all scientific, policy, and programmatic issues related to tobacco control and prevention.

Before coming to CDC in 2010, Dr. McAfee served as Chief Medical Officer for Free & Clear, a company that specializes in telephone- and Web-based programs to help improve health. He oversaw the creation and development of an externally-funded division conducting health services research on large-system approaches to decreasing tobacco use. Dr. McAfee also served as Executive Director and Medical Director of the Group Health Center for Health Promotion from 1997 to November 2003. He was a practicing family physician for more than a decade and a clinical faculty member at the University of Washington Family Medicine and School of Public Health.

Dr. McAfee obtained his medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco, and master's degrees in Health Policy and Public Health (Epidemiology) from the University of California, Berkeley. He completed his residency training at Group Health Cooperative in Seattle and completed a fellowship at the University of Washington.

Dr. McAfee has been a principal investigator and co-investigator on numerous research studies focusing on questions related to the effectiveness and dissemination of telephone- and Web-based tobacco cessation programs in medical systems and through government-sponsored quitlines. He helped found and served on the Board of Directors of the North American Quitline Consortium as well as numerous state and national tobacco policy advisory groups. He also authored the World Health Organization's quitline manual for low- and middle-income countries.

Area of Expertise

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