

Duncan Clark Awardee

Robert B. Wallace, MD, MPH

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Robert Wallace is the Irene Ensminger Stecher professor of epidemiology and internal medicine at the University of Iowa Colleges of Public Health and Medicine, and Director of the University's Center on Aging. He has been a member of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and the National Advisory Council on Aging of the National Institutes of Health. He is an elected Member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM), past chair of IOM's Board on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, and current chair of IOM's Board on Select Populations.



He is the author or co-author of over 350 publications and 22 book chapters, and has been the editor of four books, including the current edition of Maxcy-Rosenau-Last's Public Health and Preventive Medicine.

Dr. Wallace's research interests are in clinical and population epidemiology, and focus on the causes and prevention of disabling conditions among older people. He has had substantial experience in the conduct of both observational cohort studies of older people and clinical trials, including preventive interventions related to fracture, cancer, coronary disease, and women's health. He was the site principal investigator for the Women's Health Initiative over 17 years, a set of national intervention trials exploring the prevention of breast and colon cancer and coronary disease.

In his nearly 30 years as a member of ATPM, he has been a regular participant and contributor at national meetings and served as a member of the Board. He was a primary author of *An Inventory of Knowledge and Skills Relating to Disease Prevention and Health Promotion*, the document that defined core content in our discipline for medical schools. This document was the foundation of the supplement, *Teaching Prevention Throughout the Curriculum*, published by Academic Medicine.