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Biographical Sketch

Dr. Neal L. Benowitz is Professor of Medicine and Biopharmaceutical Sciences and Chief, Division of Clinical Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, University of California, San Francisco. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine in 1969, following which he served as a resident in Internal Medicine at the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center from 1969 to 1971. He then completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Clinical Pharmacology at UCSF. Dr. Benowitz joined the faculty at UCSF in 1974. His research interests have focused primarily on the human pharmacology and toxicology of nicotine, caffeine and other stimulant drugs. He has published over 300 research papers. Dr. Benowitz was a scientific editor of the 1988 *United States Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health: Nicotine Addiction*, and served as a member of the NIH Pharmacology Study Section. Dr. Benowitz is a member of a number of medical societies, including the American Society for the Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians. He has served as President of the American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics and The Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco. He has received the Ove Ferno, Alton Ochsner, Rawls Palmer Progress in Medicine and Oscar B Hunter Memorial Award in Therapeutics awards for his research on nicotine, tobacco and health and was the 2002 University of California San Francisco Annual Distinguished Clinical Research Lecturer. Dr. Benowitz is currently Director of the Flight Attendants Medical Research Institute Center of Excellence at UCSF, and Principal Investigator of the Pharmacogenetics of Nicotine Addiction Research Consortium.