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His interests lie in respiratory tract infections, and include mechanisms of airway colonization, the management of community- and hospital-acquired pneumonia, the role of guidelines for pneumonia, and the impact of antibiotic resistance on the management and outcomes of respiratory tract infections. He has published over 400 peer reviewed or review articles, and has lectured widely, both nationally and internationally. Dr Niederman served as co-chairman of the committees that created the American Thoracic Society 1993 and 2001 guidelines for the treatment of community-acquired pneumonia and the 1996 and 2005 committees that wrote guidelines for the treatment of nosocomial pneumonia. He was a member of the ATS/IDSA committee that published guidelines for community-acquired pneumonia in 2007. He served for 6 years as a member of the Board of Regents of the American College of Chest Physicians and in 2013 was elected as a Master of the American College of Physicians. He is also Editor-in-Chief of *Clinical Pulmonary Medicine*, and serves on the editorial boards of *Critical Care Medicine*, *Intensive Care Medicine*, *Critical Care* and *Chest*. He has previously served on the editorial board of *The American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*.