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Dr. Tabak is the principal deputy director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the deputy ethics counselor of the Agency. He previously served as acting principal deputy director of NIH (2009), and prior to that as director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research from 2000-2010.

Dr. Tabak has provided leadership for numerous trans-NIH activities, including the NIH Roadmap effort to support team science, the NIH Director's initiative to enhance peer review, NIH's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act implementation, the NIH initiative to enhance rigor and reproducibility in research, and the NIH-Wide Strategic Plan. He has co-chaired working groups of the Advisory Committee to the Director of NIH on the Diversity of the Biomedical Research Workforce, the Long-Term Intramural Research Program, Data and Informatics, the Next Generation Researcher's Initiative, High Risk High Reward Research, Artificial Intelligence, the Review of the Moderate Alcohol and Cardiovascular Health Trial, and Foreign Influences on Research Integrity. He is currently co-chairing the Enhancing Reproducibility and Rigor in Animal Research working group.

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