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Henry T. Akinbi, MD, is a Professor of Pediatrics at University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and a neonatologist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. His research is focused on innate host defense of the lungs, specifically on the contribution of lysozyme in maintaining the sterility of the lungs. Dr. Akinbi generated gene-targeted mice that lack either lysozyme M or lysozyme M and P to assess susceptibility to common lung pathogens encountered in neonates. His research was supported by the funding from the NIH and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He has been a beneficiary of mentoring from world-renowned scientists, Dr. Tim Weaver, Dr. Jeff Whitsett, and Dr. Alan Jobe, over the course of his career. Dr. Akinbi has mentored several physician-scientists that have had successful academic careers. Election to the American Pediatric Society represents the pinnacle of his career.