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Dr. Cykert is an Associate Professor of Medicine at UNC-CH. He is a faculty member of the Greensboro Area Health Education Center. His medical practice is at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro and he is Chief of the Internal Medicine Teaching Program there. He was recently named NC AHEC Director of Primary Care Residency Education. Dr. Cykert's research career has spanned fifteen years with an emphasis on access to care, resolution of health disparities, and primary care practice improvement. This work includes a local and national survey of primary care physicians acceptance of publicly insured patients (Archives of Family Medicine 1993;2:1153-5; J Gen Intern Med 1995;10:345-8), and measurement of patient preferences that are particularly applicable to health disparities research (J Gen Intern Med 1999;14:217-222; Med Decision Making 2003; 23:167-176). Dr. Cykert has just completed a five-year, prospective study of racial disparities in treatment of early stage, non-small cell lung cancer to identify factors that can be modified to optimize care. He also has served for the last four years as a core leader in the North Carolina Improving Performance in Practice Project. As part of efforts to merge research with health policy and dissemination, Dr. Cykert is the clinical director and co-PI of the North Carolina Regional Extension Center for Health Information Technology and serves the state as vice chair of North Carolina's Health Information Technology Collaborative (the key advisory group for the development of North Carolina's Health Information Technology System). The HIT Collaborative plays a key role in determining how North Carolina will address meaningful use requirements as defined by the Office of the National Coordinator for HIT. One aspect of this definition will be to disseminate practice tools that improve care and directly address healthcare disparities including those that exist in cardiovascular disease. If interventions prove successful, Dr. Cykert will advocate their use in the state and national IT system.

Education/Learning, Research, Health and Wellness, Health Care - Facilities, Health Care - Services

Access to Care, Resolution of Health Disparities, Primary Care Practice Improvement, Racial Disparities in Primary Care, Lung Cancer, Cancer Prevention and Control, Cancer Outcomes

North Carolina Regional Extension Center for Health Information Technology : Clinical Director,
North Carolina's Health Information Technology Collaborative : Vice - Chair

Indiana University School of Medicine
M.D. Medicine

Alpha Omega Alpha Visiting Professorship, UNC-CH Gamma Chapter
2006

Joseph P. Stevens Teaching Award, Internal Medicine Training Program
2006

Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, Indiana University
1983, 1993, 1994, 1996, 2002-2004

Society of General Medicine National Award for Innovation in Medical Education
1996

Outstanding AHEC Faculty Award, UNC-CH
1996

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