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Dr. Komaroff is the Steven P. Simcox/Patrick A. Clifford/James H. Higby Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and Senior Physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He is a practicing primary care physician and diagnostic consultant.

As Editor-in-Chief of Harvard Health Publications (HHP), Dr. Komaroff is responsible for all Harvard Medical School's consumer health publishing—including books, newsletters, magazine and newspaper columns. He was the founding editor of *Journal Watch*, a publication of the Massachusetts Medical Society/*New England Journal of Medicine*, which summarizes the latest research from the top journals of medicine and biology.

From 1982 until 1997, Dr. Komaroff was Director of the Division of General Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital for 15 years. From 1982-1987, he also was the chief information officer of Brigham and Women's Hospital, and was administratively responsible for entirely rebuilding all the Hospital's computer systems—the systems used for medical care as well as the financial systems.

Dr. Komaroff has published over 230 articles and book chapters and 2 books covering:

- The development of algorithms to define medical practice strategies
- Computer systems in medical care
- Cost-effectiveness analysis of general internal medicine conditions
- The causes, diagnosis, and treatment of some of the most common problems in medicine: sore throat, urinary infections in women, community-acquired pneumonia, and fatigue.

In recognition of his contributions, Dr. Komaroff has been elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American College of Physicians, and the Association for Health Services Research. He has served on advisory committees for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Surgeon General of the United States, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, and the U.S. Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Sciences.