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Van S. Hubbard, MD, PhD is Director, NIH Division of Nutrition Research Coordination and Associate Director for Nutritional Sciences, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health. He is responsible for development of research initiatives and management of research programs related to the nutritional sciences and obesity.

Dr. Hubbard has been at NIH since 1976 in various positions and attained the rank of Rear Admiral and Assistant Surgeon General within the Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service prior to transitioning to civilian service in 2010. He currently is chair of the NIH Nutrition Coordinating Committee and serves as the NIH representative on numerous federal and non-federal committees and work groups, including various Healthy People 2010 work groups. From 2005-2008, Dr. Hubbard served as the Senior Advisor to the Secretary of DHHS on Obesity in addition to his other positions. Additionally, he serves on several non-federal committees, such as the Committee on Nutrition of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the International Advisory Board of the Medical Nutrition Education Project at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Other professional activities include serving as Professor of Pediatrics at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Dr. Hubbard has received many honors from the US government, such as the Certificates of Appreciation from FDA, DHHS, and USDA. He also has been awarded the USPHS Outstanding Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, and the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal, as well as two DHHS Secretary's Awards for Distinguished Service and three NIH Director's Awards. Dr. Hubbard is a Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners and Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. In 2000, he was made an Honorary Member of the American Dietetic Association. In 2002, he received the George Bray Founders Award from the North American Association for the Study of Obesity and in 2010, he received the Society's Mickey Stunkard Lifetime Achievement Award. He was selected to receive the 2012 Barney Sellers Public Policy Award from the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition. His major research interests are clinical nutrition, obesity, cystic fibrosis, and nutritional modulation of disease risk.

He received his PhD in biochemistry and his MD from the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University. Prior to coming to NIH, he completed an internship and his residency in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Hospitals.