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Dr. O’Gara is Chair Elect of the AHA/ACC Task Force on Clinical Practice Guidelines. He also is Co-chair of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Cardiothoracic Surgery Network Steering Committee, which has completed 3 groundbreaking, randomized controlled trials in cardiac surgery. Dr. O’Gara has been integral in developing guideline, expert consensus, scientific advisory, and appropriate-use criteria. He chaired the writing committee for the 2013 ACC/AHA Guidelines for the Management of Patients with ST-Elevation MI. Dr. O’Gara is Associate Editor of JAMA Cardiology and he is a member of editorial boards for *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* and *Circulation*. A sought-after speaker, Dr. O’Gara has delivered local, regional, national, and international presentations in his field. He is the author or coauthor of more than 250 original manuscripts, book chapters, critical reviews, statements, cardiology blogs and other Web-based content, and editorials. His articles and abstracts are published in prestigious, peer-reviewed scientific journals, including *New England Journal of Medicine*, *JAMA*, *Circulation*, *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, and *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*, to name a few. Dr. O’Gara is the recipient of the AHA Founder’s Affiliate-Boston Division Paul Dudley White Award, the Laennec Master Clinician Award, and the Laennec Clinician Educator Award. Since 2001, he has been consistently named among top doctors in Boston and the United States.