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Dr. Ann Albright assumed the position of Director, Division of Diabetes Translation (DDT) in January 2007. As director, Dr. Albright leads a team of more than 100 who strive to eliminate the preventable burden of diabetes through leadership, research, programs, and policies that translate science into practice. Dr. Albright received her doctoral degree in Exercise Physiology from the Ohio State University. She completed a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral fellowship in nutrition at the University of California, Davis and a clinical internship in nutrition at University of California, San Francisco (UCSF).

Prior to commencing her post at the CDC, Dr. Albright served as Chief of the California Diabetes Program for the California Department of Health Services, a position she held since 1995. During this time, Dr. Albright also held an academic appointment in the Institute for Health and Aging at University of California, San Francisco. From 2003-2004, Dr. Albright served as the Senior Health Policy Advisor in the Office of the United States Surgeon General and led the Secretary of Health's Diabetes Detection Initiative.

Dr. Albright is well known for her work in diabetes including the implementation of evidence-based diabetes care guidelines, work on models of care in community clinics, application of diabetes prevention, and development of campaigns to increase the understanding of diabetes and importance of blood glucose, blood pressure, and lipid control. Dr. Albright is published in the areas of exercise, nutrition, body composition, diabetic nephropathy, the role of tissue glycosylation in diabetic complications, the feasibility of enhanced care among Medicaid recipients with type 2 diabetes, and public health practice in diabetes prevention and control. Dr. Albright has served in key leadership roles with the American Diabetes Association including her role as past President for Health Care and Education, the American College of Sports Medicine, the American Association of Diabetes Educators, and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.