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Gary A. Puckrein, PhD, is President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Minority Quality Forum. He also serves as Executive Director of the Alliance of Minority Medical Associations (a collaborative effort of the Asian and Pacific Physicians' Association, the Association of American Indian Physicians, the Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the National Medical Association). In 1989 Dr. Puckrein founded the Forum's predecessor organization, the National Minority Health Month Foundation, to help communities and policy makers eliminate the disproportionate burden of premature death and preventable illness in special populations through the use of evidence-based, data-driven initiatives. Dr. Puckrein is responsible for congressional proclamations designating April as National Minority Health Month each year. Dr. Puckrein leads the Zip Code Analysis Project, which is building a comprehensive database that links vital statistics and other elements (including demographic, environmental, claims, prescription, laboratory, hospital, and clinic data) in a centralized warehouse, organized around zip codes. Dr. Puckrein has launched a series of atlases to measure and analyze health status in small geographic areas, evaluate the impact of specific interventions, and monitor changes in health outcomes. Dr. Puckrein has published successful magazines, *American Visions* and *Minority Health Today*. Dr. Puckrein was awarded his doctorate from Brown University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa.