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Dr. Balmes leads a research program involving the respiratory effects of ambient air pollutants. He conducts controlled human exposure studies of the acute effects of ozone and other pollutants. He also collaborates in epidemiological studies of the chronic effects of air pollutants.

He is author of more than 200 papers or chapters on occupational and environmental respiratory disease-related topics, many of these dealing with the potential health effects of ambient air pollutants. Dr. Balmes' expertise in the health effects of ambient air pollutants has been recognized by multiple awards

In 2007, Dr. Balmes was appointed by Gov. Schwarzenegger to the California Air Resources Board.

He earned his B.A. from the University of Illinois (Urbana) and his M.D. from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine of the City University of New York. He completed a Residency in Internal Medicine at the Mount Sinai Hospital at New York City and a fellowship in Pulmonary Medicine, with additional training in occupational medicine. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Medicine and actively practices pulmonary and critical care medicine at SFGH. He was Chair of the Environmental and Occupational Health Scientific Assembly of the American Thoracic Society in 1997-1999 and President of the California Thoracic Society in 2001-2002.