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Dr. Atala has led or served several national professional and government committees, including the National Institutes of Health working group on Cells and Developmental Biology, and the National Institutes of Health Bioengineering Consortium. He is currently an NIH "Quantum Grant" awardee. Dr. Atala heads a team of over 250 physicians and researchers. Ten applications of technologies developed in Dr. Atala's laboratory have been used clinically. He is the editor of nine books, including *Minimally Invasive Urology*, *Methods of Tissue Engineering*, *Principles of Regenerative Medicine*, and *Foundations of Regenerative Medicine*, and has published more than 300 journal articles and has applied for or received over 200 national and international patents.