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Catrina Taylor, PhD, MSPH, is the Chief of the Health Information and Statistics Section at the California Department of Public Health, Chronic Disease and Control Branch. She has expertise in chronic disease surveillance and use of data to inform health care practices and home health management. Dr. Taylor also has experience as a Clinical Epidemiologist and has used laboratory data to monitor disease prevalence and associated behavioral risk factors. Her research portfolio spans chronic disease prevention and management, Asthma disparities, environmental health disparities, and tobacco control policy analysis and evaluation. Her work on chronic disease includes monitoring and tracking prevalence, mortality, health care delivery practices and expenditures, and associated risk factors sustaining chronic disease disparities. Dr. Taylor holds a PhD in Public Health Policy Analysis from Saint Louis University, an MS in Public Health from Meharry Medical College, and a BA in Biology Pre-Med from Fisk University. Dr. Taylor's work has contributed to health system changes in chronic disease-related medical care screenings and referrals; local level policy adoption to mitigate exposure to environmental irritants; and development of cross-sectoral strategies to disseminate results for more effective adoption/implementation of evidence-based policies and practices to manage, treat, and prevent chronic conditions. Her research endeavors have afforded her the opportunity to speak at state and local conferences, engage traditional and nontraditional health professionals around health management, education, and tobacco policy adoption as well as develop public health protocols to address chronic disease disparities. Personally, Dr. Taylor enjoys most outdoor activities, being active at her local church, and spending quality time with her husband, two daughters, and family.