

## **Personal Statement**

Like many of you, I consider SBM to be my primary “professional home.” Interdisciplinary work is highly engaging, and a key ingredient in behavior change planning with individuals and communities. I’m interested in serving as a Member Delegate because I want to support SBM’s mission on multiple fronts, and at a time of urgent need. With increased awareness of the importance of social and behavioral determinants of health, I view this as a call to action for all behavioral medicine researchers and practitioners. Together, we have the capacity to highlight the best available evidence about better ways to equitably improve health outcomes. SBM is at the forefront of this movement. We’re fortunate to be able to draw upon the collective wisdom of our membership and special interest groups when advocating for better health practices and policies. If given the opportunity to support SBM in this way, I’ll strive to advance the Society’s efforts to more rapidly disseminate what we know about effective (and cost-effective) change interventions for population health management, further driving down the actual causes of chronic disease across the lifespan.

## **Biosketch**

Kenneth Tercyak, PhD is a professor of oncology and pediatrics at Georgetown University Medical Center, leader of the cancer prevention research program at the NCI-designated Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, and senior scholar at the university’s child development center. Elected to fellowship in both SBM (2014) and the American Psychological Association (2011, 2013), Dr. Tercyak has contributed to the Society’s mission throughout his career. This includes having served terms as a chair of the Rapid Communications Abstracts review committee (2010-2012), chair of the Child and Family Health Special Interest Group (2010-2013), memberships with the Health Policy committee (2014-2018) and Open Science working group (2019-2020), and most recently as a senior associate editor for SBM’s *Translational Behavioral Medicine* journal (2015-2021). A graduate of the clinical and health psychology doctoral training program at the University of Florida’s college of public health, Dr. Tercyak’s scholarship focuses on children and families at-risk for and affected by cancer. Supported by the NIH throughout his career, he is the recipient of several honors, including a 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award from SBM for his commitment to promoting child and family health. Dr. Tercyak’s current research examines developmental and biobehavioral aspects of cancer risk, communication, and intervention, including public health genomics, tobacco control, and skin cancer prevention. At Georgetown, Dr. Tercyak is also a member of the cancer center’s NIH T32 training faculty for postdoctoral researchers. An SBM member for over 20 years, he is grateful for the networking and professional development opportunities SBM affords throughout one’s career, and in service to the profession.