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Dr. Fabisiak attended Syracuse University (BS) and Cornell University (MS) prior to receiving his Ph.D. in Pharmacology at the Pennsylvania State University School of Medicine at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. He went on to post-doctoral training at the University of Vermont and was the recipient of a Parker B. Francis Fellowship in Pulmonary Biology and Respiratory Medicine. He then went to the University of Pittsburgh and spent some time in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and the Department of Pharmacology before settling into the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health.

He primarily considers himself a mechanistic toxicologist studying the cellular and molecular responses of injury, inflammation, repair and pathologic remodeling in the lung following environmental insult. He has received funding from the NIH, EPA and other sources which contributed to over 50 peer-reviewed publications. More recently he has “expanded his portfolio” to include more public health community-based activities such as studying public health risks associated with point source air pollution, unconventional natural gas drilling and marine oil spills. He is an author of several Pittsburgh Regional Environmental Threats Analysis (PRETA) reports examining community air quality issues in Southwest Pennsylvania.