

DIVISION OF

## CLINICAL + MOLECULAR ENDOCRINOLOGY

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The Division of Endocrinology prides itself for focusing on its mission to continue to achieve excellence in providing outstanding patient care, advancing the field through basic, clinical and translational research and also educating the next generation of leaders in our specialty.

The Division's internationally renowned investigators have made important scientific contributions in basic science and clinical research projects covering several disease-specific disciplines within the specialty such as diabetes mellitus, thyroid illnesses as well as diseases of the pituitary and adrenal glands. Many research projects addressing these disciplines have been published in prestigious journals. Our faculty members have had a leading role in the planning and execution of several recent, NIH-sponsored nationwide clinical trials addressing diabetes management and its complications. These landmark studies have had a major impact on clinical practice as they have introduced a new paradigm in the management of some endocrine disorders such as diabetes mellitus. The recent establishment of the new diabetes and obesity program builds on the legacy the Division's contributions to the field.

It is quite an honor and a privilege to work with a group of highly dedicated physicians who are compassionate about delivering the best medical care to their patients and at the same time passing that trait to the next generation of endocrinologists. In advocating a patient-centered approach in the

management of endocrine diseases, our faculty have been recognized nationally for their efforts in promoting the need for integrating the social setting of our patients as well as their educational, economical and personal choices in designing therapeutic interventions.

The training program emphasizes the importance of understanding basic physiological mechanisms along with deep and thorough appreciation of our patients' individuality. The training program also emphasizes independent learning, inquiry and critical appraisal of the literature and prepares our graduates for successful future academic careers as many of our graduates have assumed leadership positions at other institutions.