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Professor Fabrizio Barbetti

Fabrizio Barbetti graduated in Medicine in 1977 at University of Rome, La Sapienza. After his training in Endocrinology, he earned his Ph.D. at La Sapienza, discussing a thesis on Autoimmune Hypoglycemia. He has worked at the Diabetes Branch, NIH from 1987 to 1991 on projects on familial hyperproinsulinemia and on severe insulin resistance, identifying mutations in insulin and insulin receptor genes. Upon his return in Italy at H San Raffaele (Milan) he focused on candidate genes of type 2 diabetes and on genes causing MODY and congenital hyperinsulinemic hypoglycemia. He has published numerous papers in this field, including the discovery of the second activating mutation of glucokinase. He then started to collect patients with the rare neonatal/infancy onset diabetes (NDM), and published a paper on the New England J of Medicine on an individual with this condition caused by a homozygous mutation of glucokinase. He then started the search of other genes leading to NDM and published several papers on mutations of KCNJ11 gene and, more recently, of insulin gene, published in the Journal of Clinical Investigation. He currently conducts research aimed at identifying new MODY and NDM genes, and studies the functional consequences of INS mutations in vitro and in an animal model.

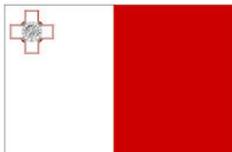


Professor Ashley Grossman

Ashley Grossman initially graduated with a BA in Psychology and Social Anthropology from the University of London, then entered University College Hospital Medical School in London and took the University Gold Medal in 1975. He also obtained a BSc in Neuroscience. He joined the Department of Endocrinology at St. Bartholomew's Hospital where he spent most of his career, eventually as Professor of Neuroendocrinology, but has recently moved to become Professor of Endocrinology at the University of Oxford in the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism. In 2000 he was appointed a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences. He has published nearly 700 research papers and reviews.

He has a major interest in tumours of the hypothalamo-pituitary axis, especially Cushing's disease, but his clinical concern and research has expanded increasingly to include broad areas of endocrine oncology, most especially neuroendocrine tumours of all types, including pheochromocytomas, paragangliomas, adrenocortical cancer, medullary thyroid cancer and hereditary endocrine tumour syndromes. In terms of basic research, he has developed many studies on hypothalamic regulation, eventually exploring the interaction between the hypothalamus and the immune system in terms of cytokines and gaseous neurotransmitters. However, for the last decade he and his group, which has a strong international flavour, have focused on the molecular pathogenesis of pituitary, adrenal and neuroendocrine tumours.

He is immediate Past-President of the European Neuroendocrine Association (ENEA), Chairman of the UKI Neuroendocrine Tumour Society (UKINETS), Chairman of the European Neuroendocrine Society (ENETS) Advisory Board, and a Member of Council of the European Society for Clinical Investigation. He is past editor of the journal *Clinical Endocrinology*, on the editorial board of the major textbook De Groot and Jameson's *Endocrinology*, is Vice-Chairman of the major on-line textbook *Endotext.org*, and serves on the editorial boards of many journals. He is married with 6 daughters who occupy most of his time when he is not working.



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	<p>Educated at University of Glasgow (BSc 1975, MB 1978, MD1990). Currently, Professor of Diabetes, Institute of Cellular Medicine, Newcastle University and Consultant Physician, Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Trust and Primary Care Trust. Research interests in diabetes and the kidney, particularly the natural history, genetics and the links with cardiovascular disease and hypertension.</p> <p>Editor, Diabetic Medicine 2005-2009. Associate Editor, Diabetologia 2010 onwards Past Vice-President, European Diabetic Nephropathy Study Group</p>
	<p>Prof. Nieschlag is a specialist in internal medicine, endocrinology and andrology. After training at the universities of Bonn and Duesseldorf, research at the MRC Unit for Reproductive Endocrinology in Edinburgh and at the NIH in Bethesda, MD, he became director of the Max-Planck Clinical Research Unit for Reproductive Medicine in Muenster from 1980 to 1988 followed by the directorship of the Institute of Reproductive Medicine at the University of Muenster, Germany.</p> <p>He has been president of the German Society of Endocrinology, the International Society of Andrology and the European Academy of Andrology. He is currently president of the European Society of Endocrinology. His clinical and research activities concentrate on reproductive endocrinology and andrology, especially treatment of infertility, testosterone substitution, the aging male and hormonal male contraception. His textbooks in andrology and on testosterone are standards in the field. He has received several prestigious scientific awards and is honorary member of several academic societies. In 2008 he has been awarded the German Federal Cross of Merit.</p> <p>Homepage: www.nieschlag.de</p>
	<p>Associate professor, Director, Primary Care Unit in Höör, Sweden Specialist in Family and Internal Medicine, Endocrinology and Nephrology Senior teacher (lecturer) at Centre for Primary Health Care Research, Clinical Research Centre, Dept of Nephrology, Inst Clinical Sciences, Biomedical centre, University Hospital of Skane, Sweden 92 articles in international journals 8 books on diabetic nephropathy</p>



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