



Dennis M. Styne, M.D.

Philosophy of Care

Dr. Styne understands that complex endocrine conditions in a child may affect the whole family and guides care to include the family unit. As a result of this, he works alongside an excellent team of nurses, dietitians and social workers as the family proceeds through the evaluation and treatment process. He aims to only perform laboratory or radiographic tests when truly indicated so as to spare the child or teenager discomfort and expense. He sees patients on a consistent basis providing continuity of care.

Clinical Interests

Dr. Styne cares for all types of pediatric endocrine conditions in children and teenagers with a particular focus upon obesity, growth disorders, disorders of puberty and of course, diabetes mellitus. Dr. Styne has written a textbook on Pediatric Endocrinology that is used by providers around the world. He is also a leader in the evaluation and treatment of childhood obesity and the complications that arise from it.

Research/Academic Interests

Dr. Styne is considered an authority on puberty, growth and obesity and has numerous publications in these areas and many others. He led the international team that developed new guidelines for the evaluation and treatment of childhood obesity. He has an avid interest in the effects of endocrine disrupting chemicals in the environment on the development of children. While his initial focus was on disorders of growth and puberty, more recently he has turned his attention to childhood obesity and its effects. He is recognized as an outstanding teacher and invited to give presentations across the country and internationally on topics of pediatric endocrinology and obesity.

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- Education** M.D., Northwestern University Medical School, Evanston IL 1971
B.S., Northwestern University, Evanston IL 1969
- Internships** Pediatrics, UC San Diego, San Diego CA 1971-1972
- Residency** Pediatrics, UC San Diego, San Diego CA 1972-1973
Pediatrics, Yale - New Haven Hospital, New Haven CT 1973-1974
- Fellowships** Pediatric Endocrinology, UC San Francisco, San Francisco CA 1974-1977

- Board Certifications** American Board of Pediatrics
American Board of Pediatrics, Pediatric Endocrinology, 2002
National Board of Medical Examiners

- Professional Memberships** American Academy of Pediatrics
Endocrine Society
Obesity Society
Pediatric Endocrine Society
Western Society for Pediatric Research

- Honors and Awards** Best Doctors in America, (1992-2020), 2020
Yocha Dehe Endowed Chair in Pediatric Endocrinology (2006-present), 2020
Krishna M. Saxena, MD Honorary Endocrine Lecture, 2004
Dean's Excellence in Mentoring, UC Davis Medical Center, School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, 2013
Medical Student Research Forum Appreciation Award (for mentoring Mo Mortazavi, MD), 2008
14th Annual Marjorie Kantor Memorial Lecture, 2008
Frank Oski, MD Distinguished Visiting Professor, Syracuse, NY, 2007
Krishna M. Saxena, MD Honorary Endocrine Lecture, 2004

- Select Recent Publications** Styne DM. Physiology & Disorders of Puberty. Melmed, Koenig, Rosen, Auchus & Goldfine, (ed). Williams Textbook of Endocrinology, 14th edition, Elsevier Health. 2020:1023-1164.

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