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Dr. Nestler is currently Chair of the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism at VCU’s Medical College of Virginia and the William G. Blackard Professor of Medicine. He has been active in the administrative affairs of the department as a long-standing member of its Executive Board and Finance Committee.

He received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at VCU’s Medical College of Virginia. He then completed Endocrinology Fellowships at the University of Pennsylvania and the Medical College of Virginia.

Dr. Nestler is principal investigator for three active National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded grants studying the role of insulin resistance in polycystic ovary syndrome. His research has been published in the New England Journal of Medicine and other prestigious journals, and has received worldwide attention. Dr. Nestler has received three U.S. patents for his original work, and has received numerous honors and awards, including most recently the VCU School of Medicine’s 2001–02 Outstanding Research Achievement Award. Dr. Nestler is President of the International Androgen Excess Society, a member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation, and is a past president of the Virginia Affiliate of the American Diabetes Association. He is co-editor of one book, Androgen Excess Disorders in Women, has contributed more than 140 articles and abstracts to medical literature, and has authored 23 chapters in a variety of textbooks.
The Department of Internal Medicine matched another fine group of interns for 2003. Despite the challenges facing internal medicine nationally and the inherent difficulties in attracting the large numbers of interns required of a program this size, we are very pleased with the quality and diversity of the interns in our group this year. Once again, we will have students from many fine schools across the country. As always, we now face the ongoing challenge of justifying the confidence of these students by providing them with the outstanding medicine training they all will expect in coming here.

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**Paul Arnold, Medical College of Virginia of Virginia Commonwealth University**

**Seth Brant, Medical College of Virginia of Virginia Commonwealth University**

**Darius Clarke, Eastern Virginia Medical School**

**Chuan Chiang, State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Medicine**

**Bertine Doan, Medical College of Georgia**

**Tracey Fite, University of Missouri – Columbia School of Medicine**

**David Green, Medical College of Virginia of Virginia Commonwealth University**

**William Irvin, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine**

**Tarek Kassarjian, University of Missouri – Columbia School of Medicine**

**Venkat Ramachandran, Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Pennsylvania State University**

**Kelly Ryder, Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans**

**Rishabh Sharma, Eastern Virginia Medical School**

**Zachary Shook, University of Miami School of Medicine**

**John Tedrow, University of North Carolina School of Medicine**

Preliminary Medicine

**Ahmed Amini, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine**

**Vanessa Berg, University of South Dakota School of Medicine**

**Hugh Doherty, University of Virginia School of Medicine**

**Carolina Nisenoff, State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Medicine**

**Nadim Nour, Medical College of Virginia of Virginia Commonwealth University**

**Rebecca Mumpower, Medical College of Virginia of Virginia Commonwealth University**

**Andrew Zappala, Maimonides Medical Center, State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Medicine**

**Bradford Robinson, University of Texas Medical School at Galveston**

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