



Dear Department of Medicine Colleagues:

I am deeply saddened to share with you the news that our longtime colleague [Dr. Norman Fleischer](#), Professor Emeritus, Department of Medicine (Endocrinology), and former Chief, Division of Endocrinology, passed away unexpectedly today. The funeral will be held Sunday, June 3, at Riverside Memorial Chapel, in Manhattan, with time to be determined. We will notify you with further details.

Dr. Fleischer was a brilliant clinician, researcher, leader, and above all, a decent and humble person, a friend, a colleague, and a mentor. He joined Einstein in 1973 and made countless contributions to the field of diabetes and to our institution. An internationally recognized authority on diabetes treatment and research, his research focused on Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes and how the body regulates insulin production and secretion. He also studied the use of pancreatic beta-cell transplants as a treatment.

In 1975, Dr. Fleischer submitted his first grant to the NIH to build the Einstein Diabetes Research Center. The grant application – written on a typewriter – was accepted in 1976 and has received NIH funding ever since. Norman also built a robust Endocrine division, having trained nearly 60 fellows, with 30 full-time staff. He was a consummate physician and impacted the lives of countless patients.

Dr. Fleischer recently retired, and the Special Research Symposium held on November 10, 2017, in his honor was a testament to his incredible talent as a leader, scientist, clinician, mentor, and humanitarian. Colleagues, friends and former trainees from around the country came to honor Dr. Fleischer, with researchers presenting their findings to a standing-room audience in the Price auditorium.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Steven Safyer, President and CEO of Montefiore Medicine, announced the formation of the Dr. Norman Fleischer Institute for Diabetes and Metabolism at Montefiore and Einstein. Named after Dr. Fleischer in honor of his unmatched expertise and passion in the field of endocrinology, the Institute will continue Norman's legacy for generations to come.

We will all miss Dr. Norman Fleischer, one of the giants of our institution.

Warm regards,

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