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Dr. Martin I. Surks is the program director in the division of endocrinology and metabolism and professor of medicine and of pathology at Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He carried out basic and clinical research in thyroid disease, funded by National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants, for nearly 40 years, and provides extensive teaching and consultative patient care.

The author of more than 200 peer-reviewed papers, book chapters and reviews, Dr. Surks has also published two books. He has been a member of the editorial boards of *Endocrinology*, the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism* and the *American Journal of Physiology*, and for three years was associate editor of *Endocrinology*. Currently he is on the editorial board of *Thyroid*.

Dr. Surks served full terms on the Veterans Administration and NIH Endocrinology Study Sections. A member of the American Board of Internal Medicine subspecialty committee on Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism from 1986 to 1995, he was its chair and a member of its board of directors from 1991 to 1995. He is also a member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation, the Association of American Physicians and the Interurban Clinical Club. Dr. Surks was secretary and then president of the American Thyroid Association. A founding member of the Association of Program Directors of Endocrinology and Metabolism, he later served as its president. A collaborative project led by Dr. Surks resulted in the development of a generic “gold standard” curriculum for endocrinology training programs that is widely used by program directors. Recently he completed an eight-year term on the finance committee of the Endocrine Society; he was its chair for the last four years. He was a founder and is now chair of the Endocrine Self-Assessment Program of the Endocrine Society.

The recipient of the Distinguished Physician Award from Montefiore Medical Center in 2001, Dr. Surks also was given the Distinguished Service Award by the American Thyroid Association and a mastership from the American College of Physicians in 2002. In 2010, he was honored with the Sidney H. Ingbar Distinguished Service Award by the Endocrine Society.