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Dr. Umpierrez is the recipient of numerous teaching awards, including 4 Best Clinical Science Professor Awards, 3 Golden Apple Awards for Best Clinical Teacher, and the Silver Pear Award for Best Clinical Junior Faculty Mentor in the Department of Medicine at Emory University; the J. Willis Hurst Outstanding Bedside Teacher Award, from the Georgia Chapter of ACP; and the Wyman P. Sloan, Jr Attending Physician of the Year Award. He is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Society, a Fellow of the ACP and the American Association of Clinical Endocrinology (AACE), Chairman of the Diabetes Task Force of the Hormone Foundation, a subcommittee of The Endocrine Society, and the President of the Georgia Chapter of the AACE. He has published more than 90 scientific papers and book chapters, and has presented over 90 research abstracts at national and international scientific meetings.

Dr. Umpierrez's current research interest includes mechanisms for  $\beta$ -cell dysfunction in African Americans; the effects of free fatty acids on insulin secretion, inflammation, and hypertension in obese patients; and management of hyperglycemia in critical and noncritical inpatients. His research program at Grady Hospital and Emory University is funded by the National Institutes of Health and the American Diabetes Association. Dr. Umpierrez also oversees funding of a bilingual diabetes education program for Latino patients in Georgia, and serves as the principal investigator for several multicenter research studies in the area of inpatient glycemic control.