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Med School's Ridgway Garners National Award and Best Doc Status

AURORA, Col. (Nov. 6, 2008) – Dr. E. Chester Ridgway of the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine has won the 2008 John B. Stanbury Thyroid Pathophysiology Medal from the American Thyroid Association. This award recognizes outstanding research contributions to the understanding of thyroid physiology or the pathophysiology of thyroid disease.

Ridgway, a senior associate dean and professor at the medical school, is an endocrinologist. He specializes in thyroid disorders, including cancer. He also serves as vice chair of the medical school's Department of Medicine.

In addition to his thyroid association award, Women's Health magazine just named Ridgway a "Top Doctor" for endocrinology in the Western region of the United States.

Ridgway received his medical degree in 1968 from the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Following a residency and fellowship at Harvard Medical School, he joined the faculty at Harvard and Massachusetts General Hospital in 1973. Ridgway headed Harvard's Thyroid Unit. In 1985, he was recruited back to the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center as the Head of the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Diabetes, a position he held until 2007. In 1995, School of Medicine Dean Richard Krugman appointed Ridgway Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Ridgway's clinical interests include disorders of the thyroid and pituitary glands. Ridgway also conducts both basic science research and clinical research in the area of endocrinology with an emphasis on pituitary and thyroid disorders.

Dr. Ridgway is an active member of the American Thyroid Association and The Endocrine Society. He served as the President of the ATA in 1997 and President of the Endocrine Society in 2003.

The [School of Medicine](#) faculty work to advance science and improve care as the physicians, educators and scientists at University of Colorado Hospital, The Children's Hospital, Denver Health, National Jewish Health, and the Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Degrees offered by the UC Denver School of Medicine include doctor of medicine, doctor of physical therapy, and masters of physician assistant studies. The School is part of the [University of Colorado Denver](#), one of three campuses in the University of Colorado system. For additional news and information, please visit the [UC Denver newsroom](#) online.