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## UCDC Newsletter: November/December 2024

*The UAB Comprehensive Diabetes Center's Diabetes (UCDC) newsletter shares research, center, and member updates.*

### Could an osteoporosis drug treat Type 1 diabetes?



The UAB Comprehensive Diabetes Center is joining a phase 1/2 clinical trial of the FDA-approved drug denosumab to test its ability to improve beta cell function and blood sugar control in adults diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in the past one to five years.

### **UCDC hosted congressional visit**

Congressman Gary Palmer (AL-06) toured the UAB Comprehensive Diabetes Center on Wednesday, September 4, to learn more about the state of diabetes in Alabama.



### **Basu and colleagues find adolescents with T1D have higher insulin sensitivity than adults with T1D**



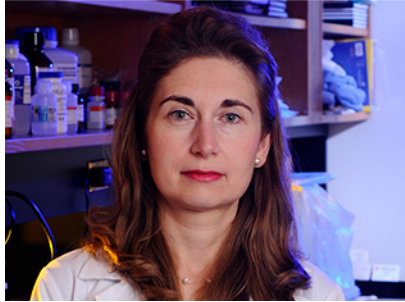
Dr. Ananda Basu and colleagues recently assessed the difference in post-prandial glucose turnover between adolescents and adults with T1D by conducting a Triple Tracer Meal Study.

### **Bril and researchers shine light on relationship between insulin resistance and MASLD**

After assessing 204 participants, Dr. Fernando Bril and researchers found that insulin resistance was a fundamental feature of MASLD whether the individual had a PNPLA3 gene variant, or not.



### **Shalev gives invited presentation on TXNIP at the Levine-Riggs Symposium**



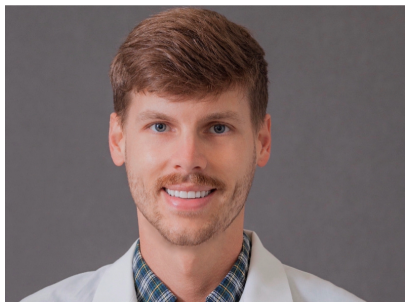
Dr. Anath Shalev was invited by conference organizers to present in Pasadena, CA, and was honored at symposium dinner.

### **Podcast: The role of telehealth in revolutionizing diabetes care**

Dr. Anish Patel discusses how telehealth reduces hospitalizations and readmissions, while enabling more personalized treatment plans.



### **Get to know UCDC Researcher Justin Alexander**



Justin Alexander is Lab Manager and Researcher in Dr. Sushant Bhatnagar's lab: "It is a fulfilling experience being a lab manager and making a difference within the center."

### **IN THE NEWS**

#### **Ramanadham with Diabetes Journal**

"Selective Reduction of Ca<sup>2+</sup>-Independent Phospholipase A<sub>2</sub>β (iPLA<sub>2</sub>β)-Derived Lipid Signaling from Macrophages Mitigates Type 1 Diabetes Development"

### **EVENTS**

#### **Diabetes Plenary Lecture - Bogan**

Thursday, Nov. 21

Noon

LRC/SHPB 224

#### **Endocrinology Grand Rounds - Bouvet**

Thursday, Dec. 5

[Shalev with Frontiers](#)

"A novel class of oral, non-immunosuppressive, beta cell-targeting, TXNIP-inhibiting T1D drugs is emerging"

Noon  
FOT 1101

[Core and Shared Resource Day 2025](#)

Tuesday, Jan. 7  
West Pavilion Atrium

[Ramanadham with Frontiers](#)

"Differential lipid signaling from CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells contributes to type 1 diabetes development"

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