

## INTRODUCTION

A Symposium on Diabetes was presented at the Medical College of Virginia on September 23, 1976, sponsored jointly by the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism of the Department of Medicine, and by the Department of Continuing Education. The symposium was also sponsored in part by a grant-in-aid for continuing medical education from the Upjohn Company.

The morning portion of the program presented summaries of some of the current important research in the field of diabetes, while the afternoon program was devoted to practical aspects of the treatment of diabetic patients. The emphasis was on the importance of achieving as good chemical control as possible, although some of the practical difficulties in accompanying such control are explained. We are grateful to the members of the MCV faculty and the guest faculty who presented these papers, and to our co-sponsors who made this program possible.

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