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**Douglas W. Ball, M.D.**, Endocrinologist, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, Maryland, is a clinician and researcher specializing in Thyroid Cancer, Medullary Thyroid Cancer, and Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia. Dr. Ball is active in developing new therapies for medullary thyroid cancer, and works in this translational research program in collaboration with other researchers and clinicians. Dr. Ball graduated from George Washington University Medical School and completed further training in Internal Medicine and in Endocrinology and Metabolism at the University of Pittsburgh and Johns Hopkins University. He is the author of numerous peer-reviewed medical journal articles and has been a speaker at previous ThyCa educational events. He is a member of ThyCa's Medical Advisory Council.



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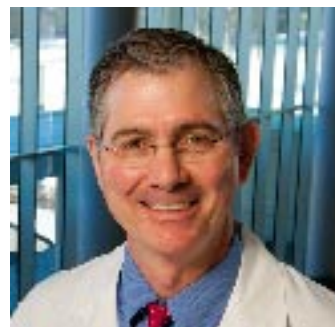
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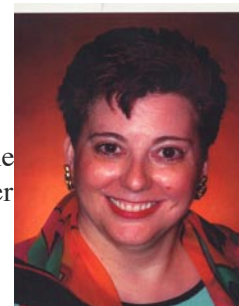
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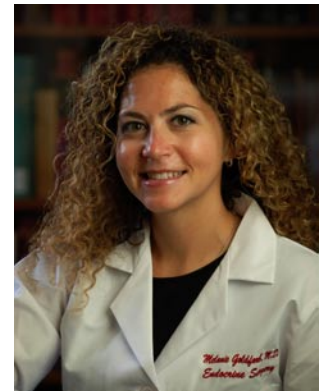






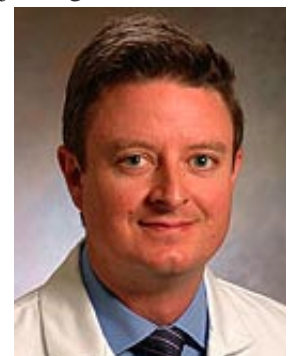
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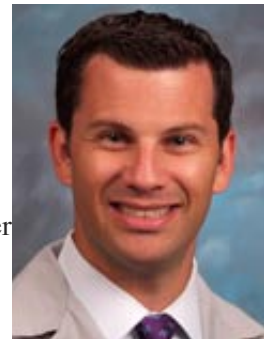
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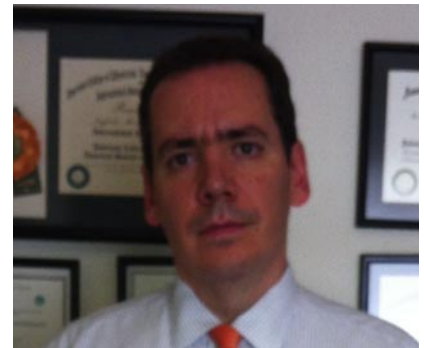
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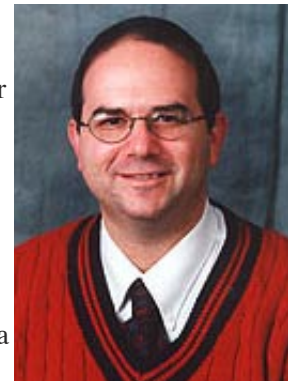


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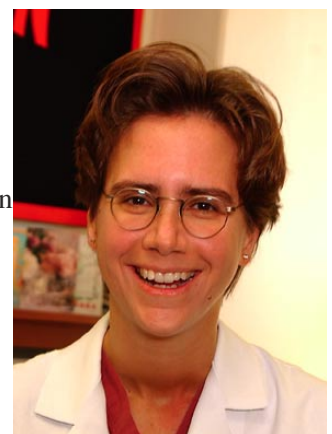
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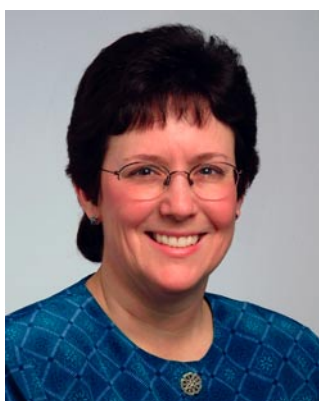
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