

**Cortisol Secretion Abnormalities and Related Disorders of the Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Adrenal Axis**

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Summary

Cortisol secretion abnormalities and related disorders of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis are rare disorders that have been studied at the NIH over the last 30 years. They cover a wide array of rare and some more frequent human disorders. The Developmental Endocrinology Branch has contributed greatly to research on these disorders over these three decades. For most of this time, a prominent member of the Branch and an internationally known leader in Endocrinology, Dr. George P. Chrousos, contributed significantly to the understanding, differential diagnosis and management of every single one of these diseases. The symposium reviewed the current status of the investigation of these diseases and showed the prominent role that NIH and Dr. Chrousos have played in their elucidation.