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Program Notes for March 2011: Dr. Felice Caldarella, MD, FACE, CDE, FACP



Dr. Felice Caldarella is a graduate of New York University and received his medical degree from the S.U.N.Y. Upstate Medical University. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Brown University in Rhode Island. Dr. Caldarella went on to receive subspecialty training in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at UMDNJ. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism. He is a Fellow of the American College of Endocrinology and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He is also a Certified Diabetes Educator and holds the position of Clinical Research Director at Diabetes and Endocrine Associates of Hunterdon.

Dr. Caldarella was born in Palermo, Italy. His parents immigrated to the US when he was just two years old. He, his parents and his one sister lived in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, which he says was "the Italian "ghetto", where all transactions can be done in Italian".

Dr. Felice was greatly influenced by his family doctor who he claims was very smart and cared much for his patients.

Dr. Caldarella chose this medical field because he enjoys the patient interaction that often occurs with endocrinology. Before ordering tests, Dr Felice says "you must first speak to the patient. You then get to play detective - ordering diagnostic studies which either rule in or out the possible list of diagnosis. Without this list or what doctors call a differential diagnosis you are lost - you will then need to go back and start over with the patient."

Dr. Caldarella fondly remembers his mother telling a story about a time when she had friends over for a holiday gathering. Upon retiring to the living room after having dinner and drinks, his mother found him under the dining room table drinking everyone's leftovers.

Dr. Caldarella's children are very fortunate to grow up with their grandparents and they see them regularly. One tradition the grandparents share with them is to play Scopa, an Italian trick-taking card game and they also speak to the children in Italian. Another tradition that is important to Dr. Caldarella is that the family eats dinner together almost every night.

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