

# Genetic and Lifestyle Risk Factors in the Development of Obesity

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Dr. Ahmad's long-term research interests involve the development of a comprehensive understanding of the pathophysiology and how genes interact with different lifestyle exposures to cause type 2 diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease (CVD). His academic training and research experience have provided him with an excellent background in multiple clinical research disciplines including molecular genetics, genetic epidemiology and statistical genetics. In his PhD, he primarily focused on studying the genes contributing to the risk of obesity and other metabolic traits, and to investigate how lifestyle factors modify these genetic effects. Dr. Ahmad is also interested in understanding the role of circulating biomarkers in pathways linking genetics and disease.



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**Friday, March 10**

**Noon – 1:00pm**

**Room 600 I**

**Claudia Nance Rollins Building  
Rollins School of Public Health**

**Pizza will be served**