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Philipp Scherer is Professor and Director of the Touchstone Diabetes Center at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Basel, Switzerland, followed by post-doctoral training at the Whitehead Institute at MIT in Cambridge. Throughout his career, he has maintained an interest in processes related to cellular and systemic energy homeostasis. He identified adiponectin, one of the first secretory factors to be described that almost exclusively originate in adipose tissue and which is currently widely studied by many different research groups.

Current efforts in his laboratory are focused on the identification and physiological characterization of novel proteins that serve as potential links between the adipocyte, liver, the pancreatic beta cell and the processes of whole body energy homeostasis, inflammation, cancer and cardiovascular disease.

Scherer has been on the faculty of UT Southwestern Medical Center since 2007 as a member of the Department of Internal Medicine. He holds the Touchstone Distinguished Chair in Diabetes Research and is a member of the Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center. He was awarded the 2015 **Banting Medal** for Scientific Achievement from the American Diabetes Association, the 2015 **Britton Chance Memorial Award** from A*STAR, Singapore, the 2017 European Association for the Study of Diabetes (**EASD**) / **Novo Nordisk Foundation Diabetes Prize for Excellence**, the 2018 **Manpei Suzuki Prize** in Japan and the 2019 **Basic and Translational Science Award from the International Diabetes Federation (IDF)**.