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Dr. Rivkees is a graduate of Rutgers University and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He authored more than 200 original articles, chapters, and editorials. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Pediatrics Endocrinology, a member of American Society for Clinical Investigation, and served as the director of the multidisciplinary Yale Pediatric Thyroid Center.

An internationally-renowned expert on developmental biology and pediatric endocrinology, Dr. Rivkees leads a robust clinical and basic science research program. Key areas of study in his lab are the prevention of brain injury in premature infants, the effects of adenosine on the developing embryo, circadian biology and thyroid diseases. In 2009, he detected a safety problem with a common thyroid medication. One in 2,000 children who were on the medication were going into liver failure or dying each year, and his discovery led to global changes in medical practice.

A fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, he has been named one of America's Best Doctors®, as well as one of America's Top Pediatricians. Dr. Rivkees received the George H. Cook Distinguished Alumnus Award from Rutgers University and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He has been elected to the American Society for Clinical Investigation and to be a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has testified before the U.S. Senate on pediatric issues.