

## Faculty Bios



### **Christie M. Ballantyne, MD**

Christie M. Ballantyne, MD, is currently the director for the Lipid Metabolism and Atherosclerosis Clinic's Center for Cardiometabolic Disease Prevention at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. Also, he is the vice chair of research for the Department of Medicine, the chief of Cardiology, and the chief of Cardiovascular Research. Dr Ballantyne received his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine and performed both his internal medicine residency and postgraduate training at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, TX. He completed a cardiology fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine and an American Heart Association/Bugher Foundation fellowship at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Institute for Molecular Genetics at Baylor College of Medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and clinical lipidology.

Dr Ballantyne is one of the nation's foremost experts on lipids, atherosclerosis, and heart disease prevention. His research interest in the prevention of heart disease has led him to become an established investigator for the American Heart Association and to receive continuous funding from the NIH. His many accomplishments have included being elected as Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Clinical Investigation, and the Association of American Physicians.

Dr Ballantyne received the American College of Cardiology Distinguished Scientist Award (Basic Domain) and was recognized as one of "*The World's Most Influential Scientific Minds*" by Thomas Reuters. Clarivate Analytics, Web of Science, named Dr Ballantyne as a "*Highly Cited Researcher*" for being in the top 1% of researchers most cited. With over 600 publications in the areas of atherosclerosis, lipids, and inflammation, Dr Ballantyne also serves as an editorial director for [www.lipidsonline.org](http://www.lipidsonline.org), as well as serving on the editorial board for *Circulation*.