

### **Scripps Health statement for NBC 7 Investigates**

For over 20 years, our physicians at the Scripps Clinic Center for Weight Management have strived to advance the practice of Obesity Medicine. Dr. Ken Fujioka played an instrumental role in developing the certification process for diplomates of the American Board of Obesity Medicine. Dr. Raymond Plodkowski was a key author of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists/American College of Endocrinology Obesity Clinical Practice Guidelines.

Collaboration with the pharmaceutical industry on clinical research studies and medical education has resulted in the development of new drug therapies and the training of primary care physicians, respectively. As a result of these efforts, our patients enjoy unparalleled access to state-of-the-art multi-specialty medical care.

Our exceptional health care providers practice evidence-based medical care, prescribing life-changing treatments based on the specific needs of their patients, treatment guidelines of the National Institutes of Health, and disease-specific indications approved by the Food and Drug Administration.