

Craig J. McClain, M.D.

Craig J. McClain, M.D., is an internationally recognized clinician-scientist in the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology, alcohol abuse, nutrition, cytokine research, and hepatic drug metabolism. He is triple board certified in Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology, and Nutrition. He is Professor of Medicine and Pharmacology & Toxicology, Distinguished University Scholar, Chief of Research Affairs for the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition, Associate Vice President for Research and Innovation and Associate Vice President for Health Affairs/Research at the University of Louisville.

Dr. McClain has made many seminal research contributions. In an early study, published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* in 1980, he described the deleterious interactions in the liver between alcohol and acetaminophen. In another important study, published in *Hepatology* in 1989, Dr. McClain was the first to describe dysregulated cytokines in alcoholic hepatitis. Since 2000, Dr. McClain and colleagues have published multiple translational and mechanistic studies on the ability of zinc, and probiotics such as *Lactobacillus*, to protect against intestinal dysbiosis and liver injury. All told, Dr. McClain has published over 500 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and reviews. Today, research in Dr. McClain's laboratory focuses on the gut-liver axis, especially as it relates to alcoholic liver disease generally, and on the role nutrition plays in alcoholic liver disease. He has received continuous federal funding as PI for 40 years.

Dr. McClain has received many awards and honors, including the Grace A. Goldsmith Award in Nutrition from the American College of Nutrition, the American Gastroenterology Association Foundation Research Mentoring Award, and the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award for mentoring. He also was honored to give the Mark Keller Honorary Lecture at NIAAA in 2014. Dr. McClain is also Past President of the American College of Nutrition. He was the first physician member of the NIH Peer Review Advisory Committee (PRAC), and he recently completed terms on the National Advisory Council for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and on the NIH Council of Councils.