

## INTRODUCTION

In March 1984 Uppsala Läkareförening and Pharmacia AB co-arranged a one-day symposium on tubular proteinuria. The symposium was held at the University Hospital in Uppsala. The main object of the symposium was to discuss the clinical significance of tubular proteinuria, but methodological aspects, as well as some aspects of the behaviour in serum of low molecular weight proteins were also considered. It is clear that tubular proteinuria is an early and sensitive marker most often indicating renal dysfunction or damage at the proximal tubular level. This occurs in a number of renal and some non-renal disorders as was exemplified during the symposium.

The publications in this issue of the Uppsala Journal of Medical Sciences represent some of the major contributions to the symposium. To the authors and to all colleagues who contributed to the fruitful discussion we want to express our thanks. We also want to thank Docent Waldemar Skoog, secretary of Uppsala Läkareförening for his help in arranging the symposium. Finally, we thank Mrs Birgitta Sjöberg for preparing the manuscripts.

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