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Dr. Dutta is currently the chief of the Clinical Gerontology Branch, Division of Geriatrics and Clinical Gerontology, National Institute on Aging (NIA). During her tenure at NIA, Dr. Dutta has overseen research on the aging musculoskeletal system, sarcopenia, urinary incontinence, geriatric rehabilitation, and nutrition/metabolism. As chief of the Clinical Gerontology Branch, she oversees the development of new research focusing on aging across the life span, such as the influence of early and mid-life changes on later life health, impact of the menopausal transition on later life health, studies of human longevity/healthy aging (genomic and other factors), and clinical translational aging research.



Dr. Dutta also had a leadership role in translating the scientific evidence of the benefits of exercise and physical activity for older adults into the award-winning NIA Exercise Guide and was involved in the development of NIA's Go4Life exercise campaign. She was also a member of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition Science Board from 2017 to 2020.

Dr. Dutta received her Ph.D. in pharmacology in 1987 from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD. Prior to joining NIA in 1993, Dr. Dutta was a pharmacologist in the Food and Drug Administration's Division of Endocrine and Metabolic Drug Products.