

Dear PES Members,

Below, please find the Summer 2011 PES Newsletter to keep you informed about the activities of the Society.

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Message From the President – Janet Silverstein, MD



The first few months of my presidency have been both challenging and exhilarating. Challenging in that my head is spinning from so many new and exciting things happening; exciting because so many new and exciting things are happening.

The Strategic Plan as developed by David Allen has exceeded all expectations. The Councils and Committees are all working very hard to achieve the goals set out for them by the Board and by Committee and Council members. Each edition of this newsletter will spotlight 2 or 3 of the Committees and Councils to discuss recent accomplishments and plans for the future. We would like to engage as many of you as are interested in PES activity. In addition to existing initiatives, there may be activities or projects that you feel are important but are not now being worked on. Please contact Christy and your ideas will be discussed at the monthly Board of Director conference calls. Several excellent projects have been member initiated.

It is our goal to serve all members of the Society, those in academic medicine and those in private practice. There is a lot of activity toward achieving this goal:

1. One of the goals of PES is to re-invigorate the Regional Endocrine societies. As support from pharmaceutical companies for these meetings has dwindled over the past few years, several of the Regional meetings have not taken place for the last few years. In their prime, these meetings not only provided a terrific forum to present interesting cases and scientific information but they also provide an excellent opportunity to network and discuss topics of common interest. This is especially important for our trainees. The Board of Directors of PES has voted to create a fund to support these meetings. A subcommittee of the Education Council has been created to identify all Regional Societies and their leadership so that, together, those involved in planning these meetings can discuss challenges and potential solutions that all have been facing and to determine how PES can best support them. In addition, the Public Policy Council would like to have a session during the regional meetings to discuss public policy issues of interest to the endocrinologist, especially those that are of regional importance. These sessions may also include tips on how to get involved in advocacy.

2. The Committee on Maintenance of Certification has been working for several years to provide quality improvement modules (MOC Part 4) for endocrinologists. The American Academy of Pediatrics has recently obtained funding for an EQIPP module on diabetes which will meet ABP requirements for certification. The initial meeting to determine content will be this September. The subcommittee on Obesity has been working with the American Board of Pediatrics to develop a module on obesity. This module is scheduled to be available for endocrinologists and general pediatricians in January 2012. And, the subcommittee on congenital hypothyroidism is working with the Endocrine Society to determine the feasibility of using their platform for a QI project.
3. In an effort to increase value to those in private practice, the Clinical Practice Committee will be writing a short column with practice tips on each newsletter. In addition the Public Policy Committee will be actively addressing issues of importance to the practicing endocrinologists.
4. PES is attempting to achieve closer collaboration with our sister societies. Such collaboration would include co-branding Position Statements and Clinical Reports and working with their lobbyists and public policy committees to address issues of common interest. In order to meet our goal to be the voice for pediatric endocrinology, it is important that we get involved in creation of Position Statement or Clinical Guidelines for endocrine issues involving pediatrics early in the development process. We, therefore, encourage each of our members asked to participate in such initiatives to ask the Sister Society to consider partnering with PES so that such statements can have input from our membership as a whole and, thus, be truly reflective of the pediatric endocrinology community as represented by all of us.
5. And, finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Program Committees and the Education Committee for the terrific job they did at the PES meeting in Denver. The meeting was outstanding. The Program Committee is in the process of finalizing plans for the 2012 meeting and, this program, too, looks to be an exceptional one. We hope to continue to provide high level programming of interest to all members of the Society. Much of the success of this year's program committee in obtaining meeting times and space has been due to the many excellent suggestions for program topics supplied by the membership. I would personally like to thank the PES membership for your interest and support.

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PES Joins the MATCH

After surveying Associate members, it became apparent that the Fellows preferred a MATCH system and that Pediatric Endocrinology may be missing out on potential trainees. This past spring, Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship Program Directors voted in favor of participating in the Spring 2012 Pediatric Subspecialty Match. Pediatric Endocrinology joins the majority of other Pediatric Subspecialties that already participate in the match process sponsored by NRMP. Joining the match required a yes vote from at least 75% of Pediatric Endocrinology programs that would be eligible to participate in the match. Those programs that have elected to participate in the Spring 2012 Pediatric Endocrinology match will be asked to submit a preliminary estimate of the number of positions they intend to put into the match to NRMP this August. Interviews for fellows starting in the summer of 2013 will begin as soon as applications are available through ERAS this December and continue until match lists and final number of positions in the match are submitted next Spring. The first Pediatric Endocrinology Match day will be May 30, 2012. The decision to join the match was a decision made after many years of discussion and debate regarding the pros and cons of participation in the matching process. As with any new process, there will likely be a period of adjustment to the new procedures. Any questions regarding the match can be directed to either Bruce Boston (bostonbr@ohsu.edu) or Susan Levy at NRMP.

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PES Summer School

The Education Council of the Pediatric Endocrine Society held the first annual Summer School program on

April 26-29, 2011 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs, CO.

The goals of Summer School were to promote critical thinking skills, teach Pediatric Endocrinology fellows about controversial areas of the field, and encourage networking among students and expert faculty.

Twenty 1st and 2nd year Pediatric Endocrinology fellows and 13 faculty members participated. Fellows selected for the Summer School received travel grants from the PES Awards Committee to cover airfare to Denver. Faculty presented informal lectures on topics including evaluation and treatment of growth disorders, management of type 1 diabetes in children, pathophysiology of precocious puberty, and vitamin D insufficiency. Working in small group settings with other students and expert faculty, fellows developed and demonstrated critical thinking skills by preparing 10-15 minute point/counterpoint discussions about an assigned controversial issue and then presented their talks to the entire group.

Fellows and faculty not only participated in academic activities, but also in a series of small teambuilding exercises that occurred throughout the Summer School, including a chili cook off and a scavenger hunt. Summer School participants came from many backgrounds, and these events expanded classroom learning experiences and encouraged the development of long-term relationships.

Below are representative comments from fellows:

- *This program really helped me in discovering my interests and exploring my career goals. The program has truly been an invaluable experience and I hope it continues so that future fellows can participate!*
- *The Summer School has been a great experience for me; a wonderful opportunity to meet faculty in an informal way and to meet other fellows*
- *The small group sessions were great! It was good to work closely with several fellows and a few faculty who are experts in the field - really helpful in improving presentation skills. Thinking critically about planning clinical studies with the faculty was a lot of fun!*

Thank you to the Corporate Advisory Board members that helped support Summer School: Lilly, Novo Nordisk and TEVA.

The next Summer School (tentatively titled the Spring Retreat) will be held in conjunction with the 2012 PAS/PES meeting in Boston. Applications for fellows will be available in early 2012.

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PES Board Review Course

We were proud to host the first PES Pediatric Endocrinology Board Review Course in Denver prior to the Pediatric Academic Society Meeting. Previously, review courses organized by PES were designed to be a comprehensive review of various topics in pediatric endocrinology and would include some cutting edge information. This course was quite different. With over 160 people in attendance, the course was designed specifically around the Pediatric Endocrine Boards Content Guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics. The format was unique using a hybrid of lectures and boards type questions employing the Audience Response System, as well as expert panels for questions. The Educational Committee of the PES will be analyzing the reviews from the course to see how to improve on this novel format.

Thank you to the Corporate Advisory Board members that helped support the Board Review Course: EMD Serono, Lilly and Tercica.

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PES Practice Management Council: HIPAA Version 5010 – Ready or Not, The Deadline Approaches

Beginning January 1, 2012, physicians and others in the healthcare industry will be required to use the

updated 5010 version of the HIPAA transactions standards to conduct electronic administrative transactions, such as claims submissions, checking eligibility, claims status, remittance advice, and referral authorizations. All physicians, and other healthcare professionals, payers, and clearinghouses that submit HIPAA transactions will be required to ONLY use the 5010 transactions as of the deadline. Those entities not using the updated 5010 version will risk claim rejections and interrupted cash flow.

Research by the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) revealed that a majority of medical groups have neither completed critical software upgrades for transition to HIPAA Version 5010 electronics standard, nor have they scheduled testing with health plans.

To assist physician practices with the transition to HIPAA Version 5010, MGMA is calling on practice management system software vendors to intensify their rollout of compliant products, and on health plans to schedule testing. MGMA has also called on the government to develop contingency plans should the industry not be ready to meet the compliance date. Yet, it would be better to be in compliance with the new standards by the first of January, 2012, than to hope for a last minute reprieve!

Free archived webinars are available for viewing through the GetReady5010 website (getready5010.org), an education effort supported by a broad group of health care industry stakeholders representing providers, payers, government, and vendors, including the AMA, that are coordinating their efforts to support a smooth and timely transition to the 5010 transactions.

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PES Development Committee

Can you think of a worse job than being on a fund raising committee??

Well, actually, the members of the PES Development Committee DO NOT feel that way!

We strongly believe in the mission and accomplishments of our Society, and genuinely want to support it, and encourage our colleagues and fellow Society members to support it, too.

As we enter the post-Pharma era, we all need to be thinking about making a commitment to ensure the continuation of the tradition of intellectual excellence, independence, and devotion to children that make our subspecialty and our Society unique.

Please consider becoming a Heritage member by making a financial contribution over and above your annual dues...and give some thought to naming the Society as a beneficiary in your will, so that your personal contribution to the field of pediatric endocrinology will endure through the continuing education and research of young pediatric endocrinologists!

For more information about giving to the Society, please click here: [Planned Giving](#).

Your Society thanks you!

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PES Website

The PES website www.pedsendo.org is constantly updated to provide useful and easily accessible resources for members and fellows.

- Looking for a new career opportunity? The [PES Job Postings Page](#)*, in the Members Only section, provides an updated list of available pediatric endocrinology positions, job descriptions, and contact information
- PES is pleased to provide this clinical case discussion module, [Ethical Issues in Prescribing GH](#)*, prepared by the PES Ethics Committee. This PES module is not intended to endorse a particular approach to this issue, but rather to encourage discussion between trainees and mentors about these important questions.

- Trying to keep up with the latest drug advisories? The [PES Alerts Page](#) provides links to the latest announcements about drug and device shortages, FDA alerts and other reports of adverse events, and PES Drug and Therapeutics statements
- Wondering where to go next for a great meeting? The [PES Meetings Page](#) provides a quick reference to upcoming meetings of interest to PES members, including special topic meetings, future PES/PAS meetings, and links to other international pediatric endocrine society meetings.
- Looking for a colleague for clinical referral, consultation, or research collaboration? [Find a PES Colleague*](#), also in the Members Only section, provides a handy way to search for PES colleagues by name, location, or clinical and research interest. Members can also download a PDF of the newest Membership Directory from this page and update their contact information.

*You will need to log into the Members Only section to access these features

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