

PES Ethics Committee Annual Report 2010

Activities 2009-2010

- The proceedings of the minicourse on DSD organized by the committee at the 2009 PAS annual meeting are being prepared for publication.
- A proposal for a presentation on Conflicts of Interests at the 2010 PAS was submitted by the program committee but not accepted by PAS.
- The committee chair is a member of the Conflict of Interest Task Force which is making recommendations to the Board regarding how PES should handle conflicts of interests.
- Committee members are working in the following areas: ethical issues related to growth hormone therapy; cosmetic endocrinology; ethics education.

Initiatives/Activities for 2010-2011

- Surveying PES members on their attitudes and practices regarding growth hormone therapy and types of endocrine treatments that could be considered cosmetic rather than medically necessary
- Working with the Education Committee to create a learning module in ethics for pediatric endocrine fellows
- Submission of a proposal for a PAS symposium at the 2011 annual meeting with a goal of having an ethics presentation every year
- Continued availability of the chair and committee members to collaborate and advise other PES committees

Committee Charge

The PES Ethics Committee is advisory to the Board. This committee reviews topics and makes recommendations to the society regarding the ethical issues that face pediatric endocrinologists in their clinical and research practices. The PES Ethics Committee functions as a liaison to the Education, Drug and Therapeutics, Program, and other PES standing and *ad hoc* committees and serves as a consultative resource for those committees. With approval of the PES Board of Directors, the Ethics Committee may also work toward establishing joint policies with other professional societies when applicable.