

## **2009 Annual Progress Report of the LWPES Ethics Committee**

### **Activities 2008-2009**

This year the Ethics Committee focused on preparing a minicourse for PAS on disclosure of the diagnosis of DSD to the patient. This minicourse was presented on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The discussion focused on the ethical, psychosocial and clinical issues as well as the patient perspective.

The Committee has addressed several inquiries from other committees regarding ethical issues that they face.

The Committee asked society members for suggestions regarding the topics that they would like the Committee to address. Members were interested in the ethical issues related to treating the developmentally disabled, uses of growth hormone and issues related to DSD, Type 1 diabetes, transgender children and obesity.

### **Initiatives/Activities for 2009-1010**

1. Publication of the proceedings of the minicourse on DSD.
2. Review of a topic that was suggested by the society members (see above).
3. Reviewing the ethical implications of the society's relationship to the pharmaceutical industry.
4. Preparing a presentation for the 2010 spring meetings.
5. Further interaction with other committees regarding ethical issues that they face..

### **Committee Charge**

The LWPES 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 LWPES Ethics Committee functions as a liaison to the Education, Drug and Therapeutics, Program, and other LWPES standing and *ad hoc* committees and serves as a consultative resource for those committees. With approval of the LWPES Board of Directors, the Ethics Committee may also work toward establishing joint policies with other professional societies when applicable.

### **Job Description of the Chair**

The job of the Chair of the Committee is to initiate discussion of action items and organize the members to work together to accomplish the goals that they have set. The Chair will be responsible to present to the Board any matter this is subject to its approval and to write an annual report.