PES Members:

We hope you are enjoying the beginning of the summer season, and we’d like to share some important topics.

Recent Society Initiated Surveys

By now you have received two recent surveys sent from PES headquarters; future meeting format survey and PES leadership Development Program assessment survey. We recognize that your time is valuable, and it takes time to complete a survey. However, we were mindful to keep these short and very targeted for easy response. It is critical that we get a high response rate on these surveys to make data driven decisions that are representative of the members priorities, wants, and needs. If you have not already done so, please take the surveys. We need to hear from you!

Public Policy Corner

The PES is a member of the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance (DAA), a coalition of 20 members, representing patient, professional and trade associations, other nonprofit organizations, and corporations, all united in the desire to change the way diabetes is viewed and treated in America.

PES most recently signed-on to:

1. A letter to leadership of the US House Committee on Energy & Commerce and the House Diabetes Caucus urging them to convene a Congressional hearing as soon as possible to address America’s growing diabetes epidemic. (it has been approximately 5 years since the last Congressional hearing on diabetes) and;
2. A second letter to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), urging the agency to move forward with publication of a final USPSTF (US Preventative Services Task Force) diabetes screening recommendation that meets the expert consensus of multiple risk factor screening for type 2 diabetes.

More Journal Access!

The official journal of PES is Hormone Research in Paediatrics (HRP), and all members receive free electronic access to this journal through the Members Only section. We hope you have been enjoying this wonderful new benefit! We now have about 10 of our members on the Editorial Board or as Associate Editors.

PES also has electronic access to Growth, Genetics, and Hormones (GGH). This unique journal, stewarded by Dr. Fima Lifshitz between 1985 and 2005, is now freely available to PES members through the Endocrine Society's Clark T. Sawin Memorial Library.

In addition to HRP and GGH, the PES Board is pleased to inform you that the Editor-in-Chief of Pediatric Endocrine Reviews (PER) has offered PES members a free year’s worth of electronic access to Volume 12 of the journal, published between September 2014 and August 2015. If you choose to continue your subscription after August 2015, those members who accept this offer will also receive electronic access to volume 13 at a discounted rate of $99 per year (regularly $180). For more details on this journal and how to access the offer, click here and enter the password, PESPERPROMO.

PER was created in 2002 by Dr. Zvi Laron to fill an existing gap in the pediatric endocrinological literature. The journal is aimed at practicing pediatric endocrinologists and other specialists caring for children with diseases of the endocrine system. PER offers compilations and analytical reviews of academic and clinical medical advances to widen the horizon of its readers and to improve the care of children and adolescents worldwide.
HRP PES Editorial Members
PES is proud to announce PES member representation on the Editorial Board or as Associate Editors for the *Hormone Research in Paediatrics (HRP)* Journal.

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Committee Corner
PES is so fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers serving the profession through participation on PES committees and councils. We would like to showcase some committee accomplishments each month in this letter to share the progress being made, and alert you to their meaningful activities.

Research Affairs Council (RAC)
The RAC would like to highlight the grant opportunities page on the PES website and the Mentoring Initiative. The RAC has compiled a list of grant opportunities (federal, industry and foundations) on the PES website for fellows, junior and senior investigators. The RAC continues to work on the Mentoring Initiative, which did very well in its first year with 31 mentees being paired with 21 mentors. Mentees and mentors met in person at the Mentoring Workshop at the 2015 PES meeting, and the response from mentors and mentees alike was overwhelmingly positive. The RAC is now working on setting up the next round of matches. Please watch for an e-mail in the next month soliciting mentees and mentors for the second wave of this initiative. Mentees could include faculty at various stages of their careers as well as fellows. We hope to recruit mentors who are willing to advise on careers in research, clinical practice, administration, industry and government, on career advancement, as well as work-life balance.

Feedback from the first group of mentees includes the following:
- “Good advice from someone outside of my institution. It helps put things in better perspective.”
- “No topic, even personal, was off limits. It is very useful to get career advice and general mentoring advice from someone outside the institution. Even if things are different between institutions, the track of junior faculty and the problems we face are more or less the same. It is very important to realize that and most of all to get advice from "outside" that appears more objective than the advice you get "inside". Personally it helped me a lot to increase my level of confidence that I can be competitive and valuable in the peds endo academic world.......Please keep this program going.”
- “Excellent mentor who provided valuable insights into having an academic career in endocrinology along with the job search process.”

Finally, the RAC continues to review surveys submitted by the membership and is working on developing a registry of clinical research studies of PES members.

Education Council
*Education is learning what you didn’t even know you didn’t know – Daniel Boorstin*
The Education Council continues to work on its broad mandate of education for members, fellows, pediatric endocrinologists internationally, and pediatric providers. All of the subcommittees of the Education Council are working hard on their individual projects. This update will highlight just a few of the newer efforts.
- The Education Council is working with the International Relations Council to publish endocrine disorder monographs in Spanish that were developed from the symposium held in the Summer of 2014. These monographs are targeted to endocrine and general medical providers in Central and South America and take into account local practices and resources. There is also interest in expanding this effort to include additional materials in Spanish and other high-demand languages.
The Board Review and Clinical update Committee had a very successful Board Review course in San Diego and are now working on a new concept for a clinically oriented and case based update course for 2016. This clinically oriented course is in response to attendees requests from past courses.

The Pediatric Provider committee is working on a novel destination CME course for general medical and pediatric providers to mirror some of the successful local courses.

The Pediatric Provider Guidelines committee is finishing up a number of guidelines for initial evaluation and management of common endocrine disorders that will be available to members for sharing with referring physicians.

IN MEMORY
It is with great sadness that we share the passing of two extraordinary people in the field of pediatric endocrinology.

**Dr. Eleanor Colle** (January 27, 1926 – June 2, 2015)
Dr. Colle’s career has inspired many future pediatric endocrinologists. She began her medical career at the University of Minnesota (UMN), as well as in New York and London before joining and leading the division of pediatric endocrinology at McGill University. In her research, Dr. Colle made numerous significant contributions toward the study of the pathophysiology of autoimmune diabetes mellitus. The full obituary from the Montreal Gazette can be found [here](#).

Her publications include the first thoroughly documented case of transient neonatal diabetes. As a mentor, she inspired trainees to pursue careers in research. Her mentees fondly recall that she knitted during conferences, but heard every word, asking provocative and insightful questions. She achieved the title of Professor Emeritus in 1997. Her personal life was just as prosperous as her professional career - wife for 60 years, mother of five children, and grandmother to 10 grandchildren. She remains a role model for present and future generations of PES members.

**Dr. Orville C. Green** (x-May 18, 2015)
Dr. Green, of Evanston, IL, was a Professor emeritus at Northwestern Medical School and a veteran of WW II. Green founded and was Head of the Pediatric Endocrinology Division at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago from 1963 to his retirement in 1989. He was a graduate of Harvard College and Northwestern Medical School. He was one of Lawson Wilkins’ fellows. Dr. Green is survived by his wife of 61 years, Nancy J. Green, three children, Robert V., Richard C., and James C. Green, and six grandchildren. The full obituary from the Chicago Tribune can be found [here](#).

**Historical Tidbit of the Month**
Eleanor Colle was one of the first women to establish a career in the developing field of pediatric endocrinology. She and Robert Ulstrom at UM published the first description of ketotic hypoglycemia (J Peds, 1964 May;64:632-51), reporting metabolic features of 8 pediatric subjects.

If you have an interesting brief historical tidbit to share, please send it to Arlan Rosenbloom (Chairman of the History Committee) at rosenal@peds.ufl.edu.

Sincerely,

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