President’s Letter May 2017

I am delighted and honored to serve as the PES president this coming year. Over the past year, as the President-elect, I have been privileged to work with the dedicated officers and directors on the board and to meet many enthusiastic committee members and chairs. This engagement with the Board has renewed my appreciation for the enthusiasm and commitment of PES leadership to meet the needs of all of our members and to represent our remarkable society and serve as the voice of Pediatric endocrinology. We had a dynamic strategic retreat last fall and will share our vision and mission and strategic pillars in upcoming newsletters and at our upcoming business meeting this fall.

See our new feature “Endocrine Images” below! Each month we will provide a link to an interesting image encountered in pediatric endocrine practice with a brief clinical description. If you have photos you wish to share with the membership please submit with a brief description to Dorothy Shulman (dshulman@health.usf.edu).

A Changing of the PES Guard

At the May 2017 Board of Directors meeting, Mary M. Lee assumed the presidency from Steve Rosenthal. Michael Levine officially joined the board as a director following the close of Bruce Boston’s three-year term. We also welcomed Phil Zeitler as the incoming President-elect. This transition typically occurs at the annual May PES meeting but since our meeting this year is in September the change occurred outside of that venue.

We thank Steve and Bruce for their energy, passion and hard work on behalf of our society. We also thank our outgoing past President, Sally Radovick, for her many contributions and wise stewardship.

Click here to see a picture of our full Board.

Welcome New Members:

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2017 PES Ethics Essay Competition for Trainees

**Deadline Extension:** Ethics essay deadline has been extended to June 15th

The Pediatric Endocrine Society Ethics Committee is hosting the fifth annual essay competition for pediatric endocrinology fellows and residents. We invite essays of up to 1000 words detailing a case or case series, the ethical conundrums that arose, and a description of how the author wrestled with and resolved the dilemma. The essays should address the four pillars of medical ethics: beneficence, non-maleficence, justice, and autonomy. The essays will be read and judged by the members of the PES Ethics Committee. **A $500 prize will be awarded to the first place essay writer.** The winner will also have a chance to present their essay as a poster presentation at the PES 10th International Meeting of Pediatric Endocrinology.

Please click here for more information and to apply

2017 Meetings

**The 10th International Pediatric Endocrine Meeting - Celebrating our global pediatric endocrinology community**

**REGISTER NOW – Don’t miss the early bird RATE!**

The 10th International Meeting is rapidly approaching. For more information on lodging and registration please visit the website at: [http://internationalmeeting2017.org/](http://internationalmeeting2017.org/)

Click here to register! Please note that hotel reservation information is not on the link and will be sent automatically via the meeting registration confirmation email. Our PES annual meeting will be held in conjunction with this meeting.

If you have a registration related question, please email registration@pedsendo.org or call us at +1.202.624.1755 from 09:00 - 17:00 ET, Monday - Friday. Please provide complete information as to how we might help so that we can respond with answers in a most efficient manner.

Illuminated Monuments Tour: Friday, Sept. 15, 2017 or Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017, 8-10pm

For more information click here.

**Satellite Symposia**

We are excited to present the first glimpse of the Satellite Symposia that will be offered at the 10th International Meeting of Pediatric Endocrinology. These sessions, generously hosted and supported by industry sponsors, will cover a wide range of interesting and timely topics designed to complement the meeting’s scientific program, presented by foremost international experts. Please click here to view details of these sessions and their sponsors.

**PES Leadership Advantage Course!**

In 2016, we launched PES Leadership Advantage in response to strong member interest for a tailored leadership curriculum. PES Leadership Advantage delivers the leadership skills most sought after by our members and specific to application in our PE work environments. When fully constructed, PES Leadership Advantage will offer four learning modules. Module 1 was introduced at our 2016 conference and was a wonderful success.

For 2017, Module 1 will be offered again. We are pleased to announce Module 2 will be introduced. The modules will be delivered as conference pre-sessions on September 13th in Washington, D.C. Modules 3 & 4 will be introduced in 2018 and 2019, respectively. PES Leadership Advantage registration for Module 1 and Module 2 is now open!

Modules may be completed in any order.

**Topics for Module 1:**

- Understanding Yourself as a Leader – Operating with Emotional Intelligence
- Managing Your Time & Delegating Effectively
- Delivering Powerful Feedback & Managing Through Conflict

For more information or to register for Module 1 click
Topics for Module 2:
- Decision Making – Leadership vs. Clinical Approaches
- Coaching and Mentoring for Performance
- Creating a Positive Culture & High Engagement

For more information or to register for Module 2 click here: Link for new participants: http://beampines.com/product/pes-leadership-advantage-module-2/

RETURNING PARTICIPANTS ONLY WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL DISCOUNT AT THIS LINK TO REGISTER FOR MODULE 2


If you would like to speak with someone regarding the program please contact David Mazer at (917) 379-3481/dmazer@beampines.com or Sharon Malone at (860) 674-9325/smalone@beampines.com.

Memorials
On Thursday September 14, beginning at 8PM, PES will make space available for those members who would like to conduct informal memorials at the International Meeting. Please look to future newsletters for updated details.

PES 2017 Board Review Course
September 11-13, 2017, in Arlington, VA
Join colleagues for interactive lectures covering the ABP Pediatric Endocrine Content Outline. The Course will be held at Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA prior to the 10th International Meeting of Pediatric Endocrinology.

Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Once you have registered for the Board Review Course you will be sent a link with hotel reservation information.

PES has set aside a block of rooms at a special rate of $259/night for those who wish to stay at the hotel where the Course will take place. Group pricing is good until August 21, 2017 - please plan accordingly.

Click here to register for the PES 2017 Board Review Course.
Click here to make your hotel reservations.

Looking to the future…2018 PES Annual Meeting in Toronto…Planning has begun!
Your program committee is already hard at work organizing the 2018 PES meeting in Toronto, to be held in conjunction with the PAS meeting. We would greatly appreciate suggestions for symposia/lecture topics or speaker recommendations. We are specifically seeking collaborative sessions of interest to other pediatric subspecialties and societies at PAS.

Please forward your suggestions to Lawrence Silverman, 2018 Program Chair, at Lawrence.Silverman@atlantichealth.org and SAVE THE DATE: May 5-8, 2018.

Endocrine Image of the month
Endocrine consult was requested on a 35-week gestation African American infant with ambiguous genitalia. Clitoris measured 1.5 X 1 cm. There was a patent vagina and normally placed urethra. There was no labial fusion and gonads were not palpable in the labial folds. Uterus was present on ultrasound. The baby was observed to have a few small café au lait spots on the trunk measuring less than 2 cm. There was no axillary freckling. Father carried a diagnosis of Neurofibromatosis type 1. 17-hydroxyprogesterone, testosterone and androstenedione were in the normal range for age. Karyotype was 46XX. When seen at 8 months, clitoris was 3.5-4 cm, round, soft and fleshy, and apparently non-painful. The patient is presumed to have clitoral enlargement due to a neurofibroma or hamartoma which is being observed. Literature review suggests this is a relatively rare presentation of NF-1 and can be congenital or acquired. In the absence of a positive family history or other physical signs the diagnosis can be
challenging. In a report by Sutphen et al reviewing 236 families with NF-1, 4 patients had clitoral involvement, and in 3, involvement was limited to the clitoris. Biopsy/surgical excision in two patients showed a neurofibroma in one and non-specific hamartomatous soft tissue growth in the other. Biopsy appears unnecessary unless malignancy is suspected. Neurofibromas may also present as asymmetric enlargement of the penis.

Click here to view the image.


Acknowledgement: We are grateful to Dr. Anne Lenz for contributing the photograph and clinical case.

Know your website
A tentative schedule for the International Meeting can be found here: tentative schedule
For patient education materials on the PES website click here: educational materials

Committee Corner
The Drug and Therapeutics Committee is writing guidelines for evaluation and follow-up of babies identified as having adrenoleukodystrophy on the newborn screen.

The Practice Management Committee will be publishing results of surveys sanctioned by the PES on coding and billing practices of pediatric endocrinologists, and resources for management of diabetes in pediatric practices.

History Tidbit – provided by Arlan Rosenbloom

Sincerely,

Mary Min-Chin Lee, MD  Dorothy Shulman, MD
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