Dear PES Colleagues:

Greetings!

We hope you are finding some time to enjoy the summer months and are surviving the heat (and not just from the political conventions)!

We are happy to highlight several exciting initiatives and accomplishments, summarized below. Also, a reminder that in the near future you will be asked to complete a very brief survey that will provide essential input as we reassess our Strategic Plan at the end of September.

Thanks, and best wishes!

Welcome new members:
Aditya Vinayak Dewoolkar – LSU HSC; Ryan Heksch - Nationwide Children's Hospital;
Nicole Nejedly - Ann and Robert H. Lurie's Children's Hospital; Constantinos Voulgaropoulos - Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota

Public Policy
The most recent version of the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (S.2943) has the potential to eliminate certain health care providers from the Military Health System. This includes Pediatricians, OB-Gyns and other essential providers of health care to infants, children and families of members of our Armed Forces. In addition, the bill provides for the elimination of many DoD Graduate Medical Education programs, further weakening the source of new providers for our military families. The Pediatric Endocrine Society, along with a number of similar societies, has signed on to a letter urging the House and Senate Armed Services Committees to reconsider these provisions in S. 2943. PES members are encouraged to read this letter and contact your senator or representative to advocate for adequate access to health care for all members of our military families.


Please spread the word!

PES Members: We need your help!
PES has developed a new course aimed at the Primary Care Provider. Since this is a new course, we need your assistance in advertising this course. Pediatric Endocrinology for the Primary Care Provider will be held November 3-6, 2016 in Miami, Florida. Please share this information with interested peers in General Pediatrics, Family Medicine, and Internal Medicine. Please also consider providing this information to other Departments at your institution and your local and state Pediatric Societies. Direct “word of mouth” advertising could go a long way in making this a successful PES sponsored conference!

CLICK HERE for more information and Registration!

2017 Call for Nominations
Nominations are now being accepted for the following Board Positions: 
- President-Elect (3 year commitment: President-Elect, President, Past President)
- Director (3 year term)

Please send your nomination to Kristina Rother, M.D., Chair of the Nominations Committee at kristina.rother@nih.gov . In your nomination, please include a brief note telling why you think this person would be an ideal candidate for the position. Nominations are due by August 15, 2016.

Visiting Fellows Program:
Call for Applications for the PES Visiting Fellowship Program in March 2017 at CHOP!
The Visiting Fellowship Program is a unique opportunity where PES sponsors four 3rd year pediatric endocrinology fellows to travel from their home institutions to a single large pediatric endocrinology program with broad state-of-the-art expertise in pediatric
endocrinology, diabetes, and related disciplines. This intensive two-week educational program will take place in March 6-17, 2017 at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). If you are an interested 3rd year Pediatric Endocrinology fellow, click on the following link for more information on this fantastic educational opportunity. Visiting Fellowship Program

ES guidelines Co-sponsorship:
PES is partnering with the Endocrine Society in the development of Clinical Practice Guidelines for the following: Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH) Due to Steroid 21-hydroxylase Deficiency; and Endocrine Consequences of Childhood Cancers. It is noteworthy that in both cases, the guidelines are being chaired by PES members: Phyllis Speiser is chairing the CAH guideline, and the official PES representative will be Deborah P. Merke. For the guideline on Endocrine Consequences of Childhood Cancers, Charles A. Sklar will serve as chair, and Laurie Cohen will be the official PES representative.

Historic tid bit

In 1865, Luigi De Crecchio, a forensic pathologist in Naples, described the autopsy of Giuseppe Marzo, who lived as a man and had Tanner IV genitalia, but had female internal reproductive organs and massively enlarged adrenals (Il Morgagni 7:151, 1865). De Crecchio dismissed the adrenal hyperplasia as being unrelated, and considered that Marzo had a disorder of puberty. De Crecchio interviewed people who knew Marzo to understand his life, emphasizing his social difficulties functioning as a male. This first report of congenital adrenal hyperplasia illustrates that despite advances in the endocrinology and genetics of CAH, the psycho-social aspects have advanced less. A complete translation and discussion of De Crecchio’s paper was published last year by Delle Piane et al. (Endocrinology 156:1210, 2015).

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Know your PES Website
Summer is camp season. The PES website has a section to post links to diabetes camps as well as other Pediatric Endocrine related camping opportunities. Although it may be too late to get this information to your patients for this summer, check out the website in preparation for next season https://www.pedsendo.org/patients_families/camps/index.cfm! Also, be sure to submit information on your camp.

Committee/Council corner
The Practice Management Council

2016/17 is off to a good start with the Practice Management Council preparing two manuscripts for publication. The first is a report of the E&M codes used by pediatric endocrinologists that we feel will be a better benchmark for members under audit then the current CMS stats which relates primarily to adult endocrinologists. Included in this manuscript will be data regarding RVUs generated by Pediatric Endocrinologists presented in a new way to assist our members in negotiation with Pediatric Department administrators. This project is spearheaded by Paul Thornton with Jon Oden and Soumya Adhikari completing the working group. The second project is an analysis of the recent survey on resources used by our membership in the management of children and adolescents with diabetes. These data are currently being analyzed but will be prepared for publication later this year. This project is spearheaded by Inez Guttmann-Bauman and Karen Ruben. The Practice Management Council is also working with JDRF on their big outcomes in T1DM project with Kent Reifschneider serving as the lead contact for this project.

If you are interested in what the Practice Management Council is accomplishing and would like to join the council, please email info@pedsendo.org for more information on this or any other PES committee/Council.

Updates and reminders:

- Program Directors: Please remember to send contact information for new fellows to the PES office so that fellows can receive the PES new fellow welcome newsletter and information on PES sponsored fellow grants, events and membership.
- Be sure to visit our Calendar of Events page for upcoming events

- Countdown to the 10th International Meeting of Pediatric Endocrinology in Washington, DC. http://internationalmeeting2017.org/

**PES Online Courses available:**

**Clinical Update Course:** The course addresses areas of Pediatric Endocrinology that offer clinicians the greatest challenges, including disorders of growth, bone, diabetes/obesity, lipids, endocrine neoplasia, and endocrine genetics. The course also emphasizes newer therapies that have recently become available, as well as therapies on the horizon. Click here for more information: Online Clinical Update Course

**Board Review Course:** Take advantage of this unique opportunity to provide targeted preparation for the Pediatric Endocrinology Boards and the Pediatric Endocrinology Recertification Exam. Click here for more info: PES Online Board Review Course

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