Greetings!

We hope you have had a nice Thanksgiving and are ready for the last month of 2016! We extend our congratulations to our newly elected officers! All of the candidates were outstanding. Even though we will not have our annual meeting until September, 2017, as part of the International meeting in Washington, D.C., there will be a transition of leadership that will take place at the PES Board of Directors meeting in May, 2017, with a formal introduction at our business meeting in September. Please renew your dues soon for 2017 so as to avoid any gap in benefits (access to Hormone Research in Paediatrics, discounted registration rates for the International meeting, etc.).

We are pleased to share the other announcements and achievements, as detailed below. In particular, we will be featuring updates each month regarding the 10th International Meeting. I can say, without question, that the 2017 Planning Committee has put together an outstanding program of plenaries, symposia, and meet-the-expert sessions. Please see important dates, below, regarding abstract submission, and please volunteer to be an abstract reviewer!

Thanks and best wishes!

10th International Meeting: Washington DC, September 2017

The meeting is now only 9 months away! Hope you are making plans now to attend. Information and updates on the meeting can be found at http://internationalmeeting2017.org/

**ABSTRACTS:** The platform for abstract submission opens on December 1st with a submission deadline on March 6th.

**REVIEWERS NEEDED!** Abstract Reviewers needed for the 2017 10th International Meeting of Pediatric Endocrinology in Washington DC. You will need to be available to review your assigned abstracts between March 27 - April 10, 2017. Click here to submit your name.

**Congratulations to our newly elected officers:**

**PES President-elect:** Phil Zeitler MD, PhD  
**PES Director:** Michael A. Levine, M.D.

Due to the fact that our 2017 annual meeting will not be held in the Spring, the new officers will be officially installed in May 2017 at the PES board of directors’ meeting and formally introduced at the PES business meeting held in conjunction with the 10th International Meeting of Pediatric Endocrinology, September 15, 2017 in Washington, DC. We hope to see all of you there!

**Pediatric Endocrinology Papers of Interest**

The publications committee will be reviewing and providing links to papers of interest quarterly. At least one article will be from a recent volume of Hormone Research in Paediatrics. The other article is selected from an outside journal.

Articles selected by the committee are listed below with links to the full article following the citation. Log in to the PES member’s only site to see these and other articles from Hormone Research in Paediatrics:

The first article from Hormone Research in Paediatrics details a study defining the role of...

The second article from JCEM provides evidence that biotin ingested in moderate to high doses can cause immunoassay interference. Depending on the assay format, biotin interference can result in either falsely high or low values. Interference is not limited to thyroid tests and has the potential to affect a wide range of analytes. It is important for clinicians to be aware of this interaction to prevent misdiagnosis and inappropriate treatment. Elston MS, Sehgal S, Du Toit S, Yarnsley T, Conaglen JV. Factitious Graves’ Disease Due to Biotin Immunoassay Interference – A Case and Review of the Literature. J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2016 Sep;101(9):3251-5. [http://press.endocrine.org/doi/pdf/10.1210/jc.2016-1971

Statement on Gender Affirmative Approach to Care from the Pediatric Endocrine Society Special Interest Group on Transgender Health

PES recently posted a new document from the PES Transgender Health Special Interest Group (SIG) for membership review. If you would like to review and comment on the paper, it can be found on the members only section of the website by clicking here. The purpose of this Position Statement is to emphasize the importance of an affirmative approach to the health care of transgender individuals, as well as to improve the understanding of the rights of transgender youth. The Endocrine Society and the World Professional Association of Transgender Health provide detailed clinical practice guidelines elsewhere. The need for this Statement emerged in light of controversies in the medical community around the approach to mental health and medical care of transgender youth, including the risks involved in this care, and around support of transgender rights such as restroom use. This document provides a summary of relevant definitions, information and current literature on which the medical management and affirmative approach to care of transgender youth are based.

You are invited to make comments via feedback@pedsendo.org. The deadline for comments is December 14, 2016.

PES Advocacy and Public Policy

The House and Senate have been negotiating a large, bipartisan mental health package over much of the past year. The most recent draft of this package in the House (H.R. 2646) includes Section 722, which reauthorizes the pediatric subspecialty loan repayment program (PSLRP). The PSLRP was a discretionary program originally authorized in the Affordable Care Act and would have provided up to $35,000 in loan repayment for each year that a pediatric medical/surgical subspecialist or pediatric mental health provider served in an underserved area, for a maximum of three years. The program was ultimately never funded, due in large part to politics surrounding the ACA, and expired in 2014.

The Pediatric Endocrine Society has joined a coalition of Pediatric Medical and Surgical associations to submit a letter supporting the reauthorization of this program. A reauthorization of the PSLRP in the context of proposed mental health legislation would give us a new opportunity to address the ongoing shortage of pediatric medical and surgical subspecialists as well as pediatric mental health providers across the nation.

Click here to see the letter

National Diabetes Month:

By Presidential Proclamation, November 2016 is National Diabetes Month. [https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/10/28/presidential-proclamation-national-diabetes-month-2016]. The Pediatric Endocrine Society and its membership are actively involved in a number of Diabetes related projects and advocacy groups. Henry Rodriguez was recently re-elected as Co-Chair of the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance (DAA). In addition to PES signing off on several letters developed by DAA (along with other diabetes stakeholders) in support of diabetes-related care and research agendas, Henry has highlighted issues pertaining to children in his recent roles as Co-Chair of the annual DAA-sponsored Congressional Diabetes Caucus reception and a T2D summit with Health
Kent Reifschneider, Karen Rubin, Stuart Weinzimer, and the PES Practice Management Committee, have been working with multiple diabetes related organizations in the T1D Outcomes Program to accomplish a number of goals. The group aims to develop a broader set of outcome measures for T1D that can be adopted by regulators and payers. They are also working on developing outcome measure concepts for hyperglycemia, diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), and patient-reported outcomes (PROs) for people with diabetes. Finally, they are working to reach a consensus on outcome definitions for hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia, and DKA that can be used worldwide in patients of all ages.

The Pediatric Endocrine Society also has plans to develop a Diabetes Special Interest Group. The goal for this Pediatric Diabetes SIG is to foster collaboration among PES members and promote care of children with diabetes. Anyone interested in a leadership role in the Pediatric Diabetes SIG, or in helping to organize the SIG, should contact Maureen Thompson (Maureen@degnon.org) or Dorothy Shulman (dshulman@health.usf.edu).

Committee Corner: Drug and Therapeutics Committee
The Drug & Therapeutics Committee is currently working on completing a comprehensive review of continuous glucose monitors and insulin pumps in pediatrics, and is actively working on proposals for future projects. The Committee would also like to direct PES members’ attention to an excellent recent publication reviewing the management of osteoporosis in children. The D&T Committee and the Board of Directors of the PES affirms that the following publication may be of educational value to the membership: Ward LM, Konji VN, Ma J. The management of osteoporosis in children. Osteoporos Int. 2016 Jul;27(7):2147-79. doi: 10.1007/s00198-016-3515-9. Epub 2016 Apr 28.

If you are interested in serving on the PES Drug and Therapeutics committee, or any other PES committee, please contact the PES office at info@pedsendo.org

Congenital Hypothyroidism PIM
The Congenital Hypothyroidism PIM, which launched in April 2015, was created to provide meaningful MOC part 4 credit for Pediatric Endocrinologists. The CH PIM currently has 166 learners enrolled. The CH PIM currently resides on the endoselfassessment platform at the Endocrine Society. The Endocrine Society is planning on retiring endoselfassessment.org at the end of 2016, when the majority of existing activities expire. In order to allow current learners to finish their practice improvement work within the Congenital Hypothyroidism PIM, the Society is preparing to renew the hosting contract for the PIM until the end of 2017. Because of the end of the hosting contract for the PIM platform, the CH PIM will need to close at the end of 2017. Due to how the activity is designed, ES will be closing “enrollments” for the PIM in July 2017. This will allow all learners an adequate amount of time to theoretically complete the ABP-required two improvement cycles.

Anyone currently enrolled should needs to complete the PIM by the endo of 2017 to receive MOC 4 credit. Please note that there is a group option that may make completion of the PIM easier to accomplish. PES is currently working on options to continue the CH PIM in some form on another platform. Note, however, that this will not change the expiration of the current Endocrine Society sponsored CH PIM at the end of 2017 and current progress may not be transferable to any new platform.

PES International Scholar Award
Do you know a young pediatrician or pediatric endocrinologist in a resource limited country who would like to gain experience or specific skills in your clinic or lab? Are you interested in hosting such a person at your institution?

The PES is now accepting applications for the PES International Scholar Award. The award is designed to allow for pediatric colleagues interested in endocrinology from foreign countries to visit and work in the clinics and laboratories of PES members and to attend the PES annual meeting, with a particular goal of helping younger colleagues and individuals from countries with disadvantaged economies.

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2017 for 2017 awards for the applicant to be in...
Historical Tid Bit: Submitted by Walter L. Miller

Nathan B. Talbot (1909-94) created one of America’s first pediatric endocrine programs at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) in 1942. He published a textbook of pediatric endocrinology in 1952, preceded only by Lawson Wilkins’ 1950 text. Talbot’s early work centered on adrenal steroids, refining the colorimetric assay of corticosteroids (J Biol Chem 160:535, 1945) and describing the growth-inhibitory effects of cortisone (NEJM 254:636, 1956). He first described what was later termed ‘the maternal deprivation syndrome’ (NEJM 236: 783, 1947) and with his fellow, Juan Sotos, described cerebral gigantism (NEJM 271:109, 1964). When Talbot became Chief of Pediatrics at MGH (1962-77), he designated John D. Crawford (1920-2005) as chief of pediatric endocrinology (1963-90), who grew the program to international prominence.

New Member Welcome:
We would all like to extend a welcome to the following new members of PES:

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Updates and reminders:

- Applications for the 2017 Research Fellowship Awards and Clinical Scholar Awards are now open! [PES Research Fellowship Awards](https://www.pedsendo.org/research_awards/international_scholars/index.cfm) and [PES Clinical Scholar Awards](https://www.pedsendo.org/research_awards/international_scholars/index.cfm). The Deadline is December 14, 2016, 12:00 PM (Eastern)
- 2017 International Meeting Abstracts: Abstract submission system will open December 1, 2016 and close March 6, 2017. E-blast announcements with all information to come soon!
- **PES 2017 Travel Grants**: PES will be offering Travel Grants to PES Fellows attending the International Meeting in Washington DC. Applications will be available soon on the PES website.
- **2017 Global Fellows Program (takes place of the Spring Fellows Retreat)**: September 10-13, 2017, near Washington, DC The Global Fellows Program will provide up-to-date teaching in selected areas, help develop and practice critical thinking skills, provide the opportunity to present cases to faculty and peers, and promote discussions and networking between younger and more senior physicians. This program is being assembled by a committee of members from numerous participating societies at the International Meeting and will be open to Fellows from all societies. Program applicants should be in their first or second year of pediatric endocrinology training at the time of application and still be enrolled by September 2017 – more detailed information on applicant requirements and application process will be available soon. (note: due to scheduling and holidays, this program is taking place prior to the International Meeting.)
- **PES 2017 Board Review Course September 11-13, 2017, in Washington, DC**

Join colleagues for interactive lectures covering the new ABP Pediatric Endocrine Content Outline. The Course will be held in Washington, DC just prior to the 10th International Meeting. More information—including location, registration, speakers, and agenda—will be available soon!

Sincerely,

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