PES Members:

I would like to take this seasonal opportunity to thank all of my colleagues who support our wonderful Society. I thank the members of the board of Directors; Craig Alter, Bruce Boston, Jack Fuqua, Mitch Geffner, Steve Rosenthal, Karen Rubin, and Dorothy Shulman for their enthusiasm for serving and their always helpful counsel. We could not effectively function without the Degnon team; Maureen Thompson, Janice Wilkins, Katie Moore and Laura Degnon as they are always available to provide administrative services and advice. The Society runs with the Committees and we are grateful for the 20 Chairs and the members who devote their time and effort for us. Of course, I thank all of you for your continued support and wish to engage you in an opportunity to take an active role in the development of our Society through committee membership. Vacancies on our committees occur regularly and we welcome volunteers. Please email us or the chair of a specific committee with your interest.

It has been a busy fall. We are preparing for the spring meeting and looking forward to seeing many of you there. The PES meeting promises to be another wonderful event. The planning committee is preparing to offer activities and programs highlighting all the recent events in pediatric endocrinology.

It is with great sadness that I learned of the tragic events in Paris. I would like to convey our deepest sympathies to our colleagues and friends in Paris and France.

Updates…

- 2016 Member Dues renewal notices just went out! Please pay by February 28th in order to keep your member status current.
- PES Interactive Pediatric Endocrinology Clinical Update and Case Discussion Course is now open for registration! Click here for details and registration.
- We look forward to seeing you all in Baltimore April 29-May 3, 2016. Note that September 14-17, 2017 we will host the 10th International Meeting of Pediatric Endocrinology in Washington D.C. Our Pediatric Endocrine annual meeting will be included within the international meeting rather than at the Pediatric Academic Society Meeting in Spring, 2017.

…And Reminders

- RFA and CSA applications are open. Apply by December 14, 2015.
- Applications are open for the Spring Fellows Retreat! Apply by January 11th.
- PES is hosting its fourth annual Ethics Essay Competition. Apply by January 15, 2016.
- Travel Grant applications are open to fellows attending the PES/PAS Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD, April 29-May 2, 2016. Apply by February 11, 2016.
- PES invites members to form Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to provide a venue for members to network with other colleagues sharing similar interests.
- Don’t forget to browse through the new and improved Discussion Board (in Members Only)!
SCAMPs update
SCAMPs reminder! SCAMPs are Standardized Clinical Assessment and Management Plans. PES has one active SCAMP project--Pubertal Estrogen Replacement Therapy in Turner Syndrome--and more are on the way.

What is our estrogen SCAMP? How can you participate?
The estrogen replacement SCAMP is a quality improvement process that aims to improve care of pubertal-age Turner syndrome girls with hypogonadism through provider participation in a low-dose estrogen treatment SCAMP while generating novel safety and effectiveness data. The recommended estradiol patch protocol lies within the broad range of current sound clinical practice. The process can be expected to generate improved practice guidelines and over time generate testable research hypotheses. So far, 74 PES members have signed onto the SCAMP website, and the estrogen replacement SCAMP has enrolled 12 patients. We are trying to enroll as many as possible. If members are interested in joining the SCAMP but are having start-up problems or questions, please contact Robert L Rosenfield, MD rrosenfi@peds.bsd.uchicago.edu or if members have questions about SCAMPs in general, contact Morey W Haymond mhaymond@bcm.edu.

Instructions for Patients with Adrenal Insufficiency
While treatment of adrenal insufficiency (primary or central) depends on many variables and involves an analysis by the treating medical team, we want to let you know of several resources from the CARES Foundation and MAGIC Foundation which you may find useful for your patients. These educational handouts (found in links above) regarding adrenal insufficiency and stress dosing are not universal instructions but just to provide material which you can consider using, or modifying as you feel is appropriate.

I’m dreaming of a….Summer Camp!
Last year, PES began posting camps and camp resources on our website for parents and patients. This seems to be an appreciated resource, and we’d like to continue it! Email info@pedsendo.org if you know of a camp that you’d like posted that is not already listed on our website.

Craig’s True or False (You be the Judge)
1) Thanksgiving is celebrated on the 4th Thursday in November, but it used to be on the last Thursday.
2) In the movie “Panic Room”, a mother (Jodi Foster) gave glucagon to her daughter with diabetes.
3) In the TV series “Prison Break”, the star had type 1 diabetes.
4) The quarterback of the Chicago Bears has type 1 diabetes.
5) Leonard F.C. Wendt, MD is credited with starting the first diabetes camp in Michigan in 1965.

Committee Corner
PES thanks Dr. Arlan Rosenbloom, Chair of the History Committee, and Dr. Paul Thornton, Chair of the Practice Management Council, for their updates:

History Committee: The History Committee has been actively updating the website with historical videos, articles, and historical tidbits! These include updating the history information under the “About” tab and uploading numerous items including: Mark Parker’s 2012 interviews with Bob Blizzard; linkage to the International Journal of Pediatric Endocrinology for the Lawson Wilkins memoir by Migeon/McMaster; lectures from past meetings; the Grumbach/Van Wyk papers; videos from the 100th anniversary symposium honoring the birth of Lawson Wilkins; and videos featuring Migeon, Blizzard, and Grumbach from the 35th Anniversary Celebration of PES.

Practice Management Council: So far this year, the committee has been actively working on 4 large projects:
1) Working with JDRF to develop good outcome measures for T1DM used to assess new therapies and define clinical criteria (proactively) to create scientific, clinical and patient specific outcomes statement endorsed by all societies rather than insurance driven. This will now proceed to the development of a white paper with representatives from PES (Stu Weinzimer and Karen Rubin) and the Practice Committee (Kent Reifschneider).
2) Incorporate above criteria into the second initiative: A National Diabetes Quality Improvement Registry. This collaboration between Cincinnati Children’s, JDRF, Helmsley Foundation and Practice Management Committee (Kent Reifschneider) will focus on developing an interactive online platform monitoring outcomes measurements across all institutions and clinical practice formats to help identify tools, training methods and strategies for TIDM care (creating a standard of care). This tool will allow for individual, institutional and network based analysis comparing measurements and tracking performance. In addition to establishing best practices, involvement will satisfy requirements for MOC part 4.

3) We are performing a survey of pediatric endocrinology practices to assess facilities and outcomes in T1DM (target: early 2016).

4) Finally we are working on a manuscript for publication with the results of the E&M management code and RVU survey carried out in 2012-13.

Remembering Dr. Stephen Kemp
We are deeply saddened by the passing on November 18, 2015, of Stephen F. Kemp, M.D., Ph. D, of Little Rock, Arkansas. Dr. Kemp was a Professor of Pediatrics and Medical Humanities at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Dr. Kemp was recognized as an expert in the area of growth and growth disorders, serving as principal or co-investigator on numerous clinical trials studying growth issues. He also authored or co-authored more than 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and textbook chapters and well known to members of the PES for lectures and papers on topics related to growth.

Dr. Kemp was also a talented composer of music as well as a skilled chef. Most of us knew him as a humble and supportive expert in the field of growth. Contributions in honor of Dr. Kemp may be directed to the Human Growth Foundation.

Historical Tidbit of the Month
The Society for Internal Secretions (which later became The Endocrine Society), was founded in 1917 by a charlatan who specialized in selling glandular extracts by mail order. Harvey Cushing was elected without his knowledge to the Society presidency in 1920. He accepted, hoping to reform a field that he termed “endo-criminology,” consisting largely of “poppycock.” (Bliss M. Harvey Cushing: a life in surgery. New York: Oxford University Press; 2003. pp. 382-3.)

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,

Sally Radovick, MD                                    Craig Alter, MD
PES President                                        PES Board Member

True or False Answers: 1) True, in 1941, Congress passed a law making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday of November; 2) False, she gave water to her daughter who had a blood glucose of 40; 3) False, he feigned having type 1 diabetes; 4) True, Jay Cutler has type 1 diabetes; 5) False, he did start the first diabetes camp, but in Michigan way back in 1925.