Dear Friends:

While spring remains an abstract concept in New England with snow still covering the ground, the excitement generated by the student-driven March for Our Lives was certainly a breath of fresh air. Were you as amazed as I was at how effectively the student activists mobilized support across the nation, and at their articulate and powerful personal stories and appeals to curb gun violence?!

News from the ABP: Did you know that the Pediatric Endocrine recertification exam due dates are postponed until the ABP develops the MOCA-Peds program for us (2020 or later)? MOCA-Peds offers an at-home way of recertifying by answering 20 open book questions every quarter for years 1-4 of a 5-year MOC cycle. When the Pediatric Endocrine MOCA-Peds program is launched, you will have the option to either pass MOCA-Peds or take a proctored exam every five years.

News from NIH: The All of Us Research Program to collect genetic and other data from 1 million patients is in beta testing and will launch soon. Most individuals over age 18 are eligible to participate in this part of the NIH Precision Medicine Initiative. I am delighted to share the wonderful news that the 2018 budget includes an NIH allocation that is much higher than anticipated, at $37 billion! This may be a good time to submit your grants...

This newsletter is full of information about our upcoming annual meeting. See you in Toronto!

Welcome New Members!

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ACTIVITIES AT PAS OF INTEREST TO PES MEMBERS:

SIG meetings Friday, May 4th from 4:30PM-6:30PM

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PES DSD SIG | Sheraton | Chestnut West

PES Schedule at a Glance
Click here to view the schedule.

PES Fellows: Mark your calendars!
NOTE: an emailed invitation has been or will be sent for the events below so that you can RSVP.
Friday, May 4, 2018
- PES Fellows meet and greet, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Westin Hotel)

Saturday, May 5, 2018
- PES Mentor/Mentee workshop, 10:30 AM – noon (Convention Centre)

Sunday, May 6, 2018
- PES Fellows meeting and lunch, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Westin)

PES Committee Participation
If you responded to our call for committee participation, you should be hearing from the chair of your selected committee shortly. The committee meetings in Toronto are planned for Friday, May 4th from 11 AM-2:00 PM. We hope you can join us. You can contact the committee and SIG leaders any time from the member’s only section of the website.
Committee Rosters: [https://www.pedsendo.org/members/CommitteesCouncils/index.cfm](https://www.pedsendo.org/members/CommitteesCouncils/index.cfm)
SIG Rosters: [https://www.pedsendo.org/members/SIGs/index.cfm](https://www.pedsendo.org/members/SIGs/index.cfm)

PES Clinical Update and Case Discussion Course for 2018!

Friday, May 4, 2018 in Toronto, Canada
Update your clinical knowledge, earn CME, attend key sessions on clinical areas of great relevance to your daily practice, and meet with colleagues and leaders in pediatric endocrinology!

Click here for more information and registration.

Camps
Time to think about summer CAMP participation! PES is pleased to share the following information on various upcoming camps! Please note that PES was not involved in the development of any camp or camp website, and a listing here does not imply endorsement by PES, but rather a resource for patients and families. Are you a pediatric endocrine Fellow looking for a camp volunteer opportunity? We invite you to visit the websites listed on our camps page for more information.
[https://www.pedsendo.org/patients_families/camps/index.cfm](https://www.pedsendo.org/patients_families/camps/index.cfm)

If you know of other camps that you would like listed here, please contact us at info@pedsendo.org

New PES Leadership Advantage Module to launch in Toronto. No pre-reqs!
Registration NOW OPEN
Following the success of our first two modules: Module 1: Influence, and Module 2: Engage, we are rolling out our third module, Inspire at the Toronto meeting. Inspire delivers leadership skills in:
- Championing Change
- Building & Aligning Teams
- Embedding Ethical Leadership Decision Making
Both new and experienced leaders will benefit from partnering with colleagues for lively exploration of these core leadership topics.
What your colleagues are saying:

"Opportunities to interact with colleagues and forcing myself to view my potential position differently and approach my interactions from another perspective."

"Some of these topics opened my eyes to a totally different aspect of leadership."

Join us on Friday, May 4th for this highly interactive, live workshop. Workshop hours are 8:30 AM-5:00 PM with a break 11 AM-2 PM for committee meetings. You can do it all!

REMINDBERS: Modules may be completed in ANY ORDER. The fourth and final module Envision is planned for 2019. A leadership certificate will be awarded upon completion of all four modules. Modules will repeat at future conferences as demand increases. Start now or continue!

Mark the date and watch for notice that REGISTRATION is open in the coming weeks! Early bird rates will be offered.

PES Visiting Fellowship Program in October 2018 at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) - APPLY NOW!

**Deadline: June 29, 2018**

This intensive two-week educational program is offered to four PES members who are current 3rd year fellows in North America or 2nd year fellows in Canada. Eligible fellows should submit a CV with a cover letter co-signed by the program director stating why she/he wants to participate in the program (not to exceed one page).

[Click here](#) for more information.

**AmazonSmile**

Amazon is tripling the donation amount to 1.5% when customers make their first eligible smile.amazon.com purchase from March 12 - 31. **Triple your impact! Amazon is tripling the donation rate on your first smile.amazon.com purchase - through March 31!** Go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7283008](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7283008) and Amazon donates to Pediatric Endocrine Society.

**Image of the Month**

Cocktail party personality

Williams syndrome (AKA Williams-Beuren syndrome) is a rare genetic disorder characterized by pre- and post-natal growth retardation, mild to moderate intellectual disability, and outgoing personality. Distinctive elfin-like facial features include: thick lips, a large wide mouth, broad nasal bridge, stellate irises, and small widely spaced teeth. Congenital heart disease, typically supravalvular aortic stenosis, and skeletal abnormalities including joint laxity and scoliosis are common. Actionable infantile hypercalcemia is infrequent (6%) and responds to pamidronate. Hypercalcemia typically resolves by a year of age but may persist for years. The etiology is unclear but resembles an increased sensitivity to vitamin D. Williams syndrome is due to a deletion of contiguous genes on chromosome 7 (7q11.23) including the elastin gene. Most cases occur sporadically but familial cases are reported with an autosomal dominant inheritance. The incidence is 1:10,000-20,000 live births. (Thanks to Judy Ranells MD, USF Genetics for the picture)

[https://rarediseases.org/rare-diseases/williams-syndrome/](https://rarediseases.org/rare-diseases/williams-syndrome/)

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**History Tidbit provided by Walter L Miller**

Philip E. Smith: The pituitary controls other glands

Smith established the central role of the pituitary. He showed that the pituitary controlled frog skin pigmentation (Science 44:280, 1916), the first evidence for melanocyte-stimulating hormone. He devised a pharyngeal hypophysectomy procedure in rats sparing the pars tuberalis and hypothalamus: the animals stopped growing; the liver, spleen and kidneys got smaller; pre-pubertal animals remained pre-pubertal; and the adrenals, thyroid and gonads atrophied (JAMA 88:158, 1927; Am J Anat 45:205, 1930). Pituitary transplants or injections of pituitary homogenates largely reversed these effects. Rats
hypophysectomized by a temporal approach had a similar outcome but also became markedly obese. Smith correctly concluded that this was due to an injury of the hypothalamus, thus helping to establish the hypothalamic-pituitary axis.

Sincerely,

Mary Min-Chin Lee, MD
PES President

Dorothy Shulman, MD
PES Board Member