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Chairperson's Corner

The Pediatric Pulmonary Section continues to have lots of activity. We are excited to have two new members on the Executive Committee, Drs. Michael Light and Jeff Wagener. We would also like to thank Dr. Glenna Winnie and Dr Scott Davis for their excellent job as executive committee members. The Section especially express gratitude to Dr Winnie for serving as the Program Chairperson for the past two years producing the Pulmonary Section's programs for the National Conference and Exhibit (or NCE as it is now called instead of the Annual Meeting).

The draft practice guideline "Diagnosis and Management of Childhood Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome" and corresponding technical report have been completed by the subcommittee on Sleep Apnea under the leadership and direction of Dr. Carole Marcus and Dr. Michael Schechter. The document is currently under technical review by several AAP Committees and Sections as well as outside organizations. Once a final draft has been completed, it will be sent to the AAP Board of Directors for dissemination and publication in Pediatrics.

Our section was asked to comment on a resolution from District II on Home Apnea Monitor Standards recommending that guidelines be developed for discharging patients with home apnea monitors and for the duration of their use. The American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Fetus and Newborn is currently in the process of revising the 1985 Policy Statement on Prolonged Infant Apnea and will address the issue of home monitors in the revision. We feel there is not enough evidenced-based medicine to justify the development of a practice guideline on home monitors, but that a comprehensive statement covering the topic would be useful. Therefore, we have volunteered to collaborate with the Committee on Fetus and Newborn on the revision of the statement rather than develop a separate practice guideline. We will evaluate this issue again as more evidence-based research becomes available.



Edwin L. Kendig, Jr recipient of the first annual Edwin L. Kendig, Jr Award, with Howard Eigen, presenter of the Edwin L. Kendig Lecture

At the request of the AAP, Drs. Chapman and Schaeffer have drafted a pamphlet entitled "What is a Pediatric Pulmonologist." This form has been developed for distribution to patients and parents describing the specialty, the types of treatments he/she will provide, the training that the specialist has completed, where a pediatric pulmonologist can be found, and why a pediatric pulmonologist is the best care for children and adolescents. The form is currently under technical review and will be available on the web site in the near future.

"2001 An Airspace Odyssey: A Clinical Pulmonary CME Course," co-sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Chest Physicians March 9-11, 2001 in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; was again a successful meeting from both the academic and economic perspectives. A highlight of this meeting was the presentation of the first annual Edwin L. Kendig, Jr. Award. The Section on Pediatric Pulmonology was honored to present the award to Dr Kendig as the first recipient of the award that bears his name and Dr. Howard Eigen gave the first Kendig Lecture.

The Executive Committee meets in conjunction with the CME course rather than the National Conference and Exhibition. The Executive Summary of the discussions that took place at this meeting can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

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CODING CONCERNS WITH DR. AD JACOBSON

Problem: I recently saw a neurologically debilitated patient in the office to address several pulmonary issues. This patient and family have been seen by other members of my group for these problems in the past, but not on a regular basis. They are not compliant with prior recommendations and have changed from pulmonologist to pulmonologist looking for better or different answers and recommendations. This was a new patient to me. I interviewed both parents including their concerns and previously identified respiratory problems. I did a comprehensive Review of Systems, reviewed the Family History, and reviewed the pertinent Past Medical History (including reviewing the considerable medical record). I performed a multisystem examination. I then discussed in detail my impressions and recommendations and answered the families multiple questions. The total encounter time was approximately 55 minutes. The visit was authorized by the primary care provider and a consultative report was dictated and sent. What is the most appropriate E/M code? Office Consultation, Moderate or High Complexity (99244 or 99245); Established patient, Comprehensive or Complex (99214 or 99215); New Patient (99204 or 99205); or Confirmatory Consultation (99274 or 99275)?

What's your answer?

For Dr. Jacobson's answer and discussion,
please visit our website:
www.aap.org/sections/pulmonology

Meetings

AAP National Conference & Exhibition

(formerly Annual Meeting)

October 20 -24, 2001

San Francisco, CA

www.aap.org

ACCP - Chest 2001

November 4 - 8, 2001

Philadelphia, PA

www.chestnet.org

AAP/ACCP Pulmonary CME Course

March 22 - 24, 2002

Lake Buena Vista, FL

ATS International Conference

May 17 - 22, 2002

Atlanta, GA

www.thoracic.org



2001 National Conference and Exhibition

October 20 - 24, 2001

San Francisco, CA

Programs presented by the Section on Pediatric Pulmonology:

Sunday 10/21/01

9:30am - 11:30am

Managing Status Asthmaticus in the Office and Hospital

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Managing Status Asthmaticus in the Office and Hospital

Monday 10/22/01

9:30am - 11:30am

Care of Patients With Muscular Dystrophy and Neuromuscular Diseases:
New Developments and Dilemmas

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Tough Topics in Pulmonary Care

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Improvements in Home Therapy For Technology-Dependant Children

This is my last year as the Chair of the Executive Committee. It's been a fun and educational experience. In the fall, we will hold an election for a Chair-elect with the hopes that he or she will become familiar with the AAP infrastructure prior to assuming the Chair the following year.

Lastly, in the coming year, we will be working hard to enhance the utility and interest of our website, which can be found at www.aap.org/sections/pulmonology. Please visit the website often. If you have any suggestions for the Section, please submit them to Laura Laskosz at llaskosz@aap.org

*Paul C. Stillwell, MD
Chairperson
Section on Pediatric Pulmonology*

**American Association for
Respiratory Care (AARC)
Board of Medical Advisors**

Dr. Steve Boas continues to be our representative to the AARC. At a recent meeting the AARC expressed concern about the qualifications of individuals providing respiratory care to pediatric patients, with special concern about unlicensed assistive personnel. They have asked for comments from members of SoPPu in support of their opposition to the use of unlicensed personnel as opposed to licensed and certified respiratory care practitioners. If you would like to provide comment on this issue, please reply directly to:

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Replies can also be sent to Laura Laskosz, AAP or Paul Stillwell, Chairperson. For contact information, please see the Executive Committee Roster on page 6.

**American Academy of Pediatrics
2002 Edwin L. Kendig, Jr Award
Call for Nominations
Deadline October 1, 2001**

The Edwin L. Kendig, Jr Award recognizes an individual for outstanding achievement in the field of pediatric pulmonology. The award recipient will be selected based upon one or more of the following qualifications:

- * **distinguished clinical service and dedication to patient care**
- * **significant contribution to clinical or basic science research in the field of pediatric pulmonology**
- * **dedication to the education of pediatric pulmonary fellows or students.**

Any pulmonologist (or related specialty) can be nominated for the award. Current members of the Executive Committee are not eligible. Nominations must be in writing and should be limited to one per nominator. The letter should contain a description of the nominee's achievements and clearly state the basis for the recommendation. Please forward recommendations to:

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**Nominations may be submitted via fax at: 847/434-8000
(attn: Laura Laskosz)
or e-mail: llaskosz@aap.org.**

The award will be presented in conjunction with the American Academy of Pediatrics and American College of Chest Physicians co-sponsored 2002 CME Course to be held March 22 – 24, 2002 in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. The recipient will receive a \$2000 honorarium in addition to expenses for travel, hotel, and meals for two days/nights.

Please share this announcement with your colleagues.

**Join the American College of Chest Physicians and the
American Academy of Pediatrics in Florida for the
2002 Pediatric Pulmonary CME Course**

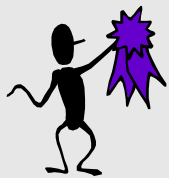
**When? March 22 - 24, 2002
Where? Caribe Royal Resort**





2001 Elections

This year, the elections were held electronically for the first time. As a result, the number of voters was slightly lower than usual. Nevertheless we feel the election was fair and valid. The newly elected executive committee members are Dr. Michael Light and Dr. Jeff Wagener. Dr. Light is at the University of Miami in Miami, Florida. Among his interests are asthma, cystic fibrosis, SIDS, and complementary medicine. His goals for the Section include improving communication amongst the Section through the use of the internet, improving the managed care environment, and improving access to funding opportunities for researchers. His first term will extend until October 2004. Dr. Jeff



Welcome!

**Michael Light, MD
Jeff Wagener, MD**

**as newly elected members of the
Executive Committee**

Wagener is at The Children's Hospital in Denver, Colorado where he is also a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado. His special interests include newborn screening for CF and epidemiology of CF pulmonary disease. Dr Wagener would like to increase the involvement of the Section in the national policy making role, to improve the gap between the generalist and specialist, and to improve legislative initiatives of specialists within the AAP. Both Dr Light and Dr Wagener's first term's will expire in October 2004, at that point both will be eligible to run for a second, three-year term. It is important to have a continuity of the executive committee to carry forth projects that are in progress. In an effort to better stagger the committee's structure, Drs. Chapman McColley, Schaeffer, and Ward have agreed to serve a year beyond their initial term and we'll look to elect four new members at the next election period in January 2002.

Executive Summary

March 8, 2001

The Section on Pediatric Pulmonology Executive Committee convened on Thursday, March 8, 2001 in Hilton Head Island, SC.

The Section presented the first annual Edwin L. Kendig, Jr Award to Edwin L. Kendig, Jr at the "2001 Airspace Odyssey: A Clinical Pulmonary CME Course" March 8 – 11, 2001 in Hilton Head Island, SC. A call for nominations for the 2002 Edwin L. Kendig, Jr Award will be published in the Section newsletter, on the Section web site, in AAP news, and in Peds Pulmonology. Nominations deadline: October 1, 2001.

The Section is in the process of revising the Bylaws to allow for resident fellows to join the section. The Executive Committee reassessed the annual dues fee and decided that it is acceptable to continue the \$12 annual dues fee.

The Section is planning on proposing several educational topics for the 2002 NCE, including the following topics

- Exciting and Instructive Pediatric Pulmonary Presentations
- Physician Asthma Care Education (PACE)
- Bronchiolitis: are we smarter now than we were before?
- Can we prevent chronic lung disease? If not, can we treat it?

An update was given regarding current projects and policy statements. The policy statement, "Distinguishing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome from Child Abuse Fatalities" was published in *Pediatrics* February 2001. In addition, the Technical Report "Precautions regarding the Use of Aerosolized Antibiotics" was published in December 2000. Lastly, published in the January 2001 issue of *Pediatrics*, "Early Diagnosis of Cystic Fibrosis Through Neonatal Screening Prevents Severe Malnutrition and Improves Long-Term Growth." The practice guideline

"Diagnosis and Management of Childhood Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome" is in its final stages of development and will be sent out for peer review in the near future.

Several new projects were discussed. The Executive Committee will explore the development of an educational video on asthma to clarify the guidelines for treating asthma. The Executive Committee will also propose a practice guideline to be developed on Bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) and Chronic Lung Disease of newborns.

The Section web page (www.aap.org/sections/pulmonology) will be updated to include chest x-rays/case studies, an archive of chest x-rays, pictures from "2001: An Airspace Odyssey," announcement and picture of the Edwin Kendig award presentation, and a call for nominations for the 2002 Edwin Kendig Award. In addition, A public education brochure entitled, "What is a Pediatric Pulmonologist" will be available in the near future.

The next SOPPu meeting will be held spring 2002 in conjunction with the AAP/ACCP CME Course.

Suggestions for programs for the 2003 National Conference and Exhibition are welcome!

2003 National Conference
and Exhibition:
November 1-5
New Orleans, Louisiana

**The Section on Pediatric Pulmonology would like to thank
Scott H. Davis, MD
and
Glenna Winnie, MD
for their years of service on the Executive Committee!**

Council on Sections Meeting Report



The Council on Sections met in Chicago March 24 and 25, 2001 along side the Council on Committees. Dr.

Steve Berman, AAP president, outlined the impressive advances achieved with regards to improved funding for children's health in Washington. He also had encouraging plans to increase reimbursement for pediatric services to match or exceed adult services of the same service level. After his presentation we were treated to an explanation of how important it is to use evidence-based data for policy development. After the Vice-presidential candidates spoke, we heard from Dr Gerard Anderson about the plight of children with chronic conditions and how their lives might be improved by reorganization of public policy. In the afternoon break-out sessions the proposal from SoPPu that the AAP CME policies be reviewed was defeated. On Sunday morning we voted on several recommendations. The issues of greatest direct interest to members of SoPPu include greater interaction between Chapters, Sections, and related Committees and ongoing interest in manpower and development of increased subspecialty trainees. For further information regarding this meeting contact Rebecca Marshall at 800/433-9016, ext. 4079.

Excerpts from the Council on Sections Management Committee (COSMAN) March 23, 2001

Medical 1 Action Group

Dr Charles H. Spencer gave a brief report on the results of an informal survey of the members of Medical 1 Action Group on workforce issues. The survey was designed as a tool to examine trends in practicing pediatric subspecialty workforce. Dr Spencer outlined the following apparent trends:

- there are more subspecialty jobs available
- referrals are becoming more complex
- HMO problems are the same or worse
- morale is good

- some workforce issues are getting worse
- there is plenty of demand for subspecialists, but not enough supply
- these trends are different from those reported in FOPE II

It was noted that the survey only involved section chairpersons, whose perceptions may not reflect the experiences of practicing pediatric subspecialists; however, it was noted that the FOPE II data is now several years old and the trends revealed may need to be reexamined. Based on this information, COSMAN issued the recommendation that the Committee on Pediatric Workforce continue to survey medical and surgical subspecialists on workforce issues.

Subspecialty Forum

Dr Gilchrist gave an overview of the Federation of Pediatric Organizations's Subspecialty Forum. In his presentation to the Forum attendees, Dr Gilchrist stressed the importance of including non-ABP-certified subspecialties, including pediatric surgical subspecialists, in ongoing discussions. A suggestion was made that the Academy should withdraw from further participation in the Forum unless surgical subspecialists are included; however, the majority of COSMAN felt that it would be more important to work from within the Forum for inclusion of surgical subspecialists. The slides from Dr Gilchrist's presentation are available on the Members Only Channel (www.aap.org/moc) on the left side under the Archive link: PowerPoint Presentations From Dr Gilchrist(pediatric subspecialties and workforce issues).

Subspecialty Workgroup Report

An updated written report was provided as follow-up to the Subspecialty Workgroup Report of May 1999. One of the issues highlighted in the report was collaboration between sections and AAP chapters. The COSMAN discussed its recent directives to promote this collaboration, and some of the challenges in initiating this collaboration were reviewed. The COSMAN reaffirmed its view that each section should designate a representative to each AAP chapter.

Excerpts from the Council on Sections (COS) March 24, 2001

The recommendation that each Section form a close relationship with its sister organizations, when appropriate, was referred to the Advisory Committee to the Board on Committees and Sections for review and approval. This relationship may be demonstrated by liaisons; combined meetings and educational activities, shared goals and advocacy; joint membership when feasible; and/or letters of agreement.

As a result of a recommendation of Medical Action Group 2, the COS recommended that the task force on Sections and Related Societies be assigned contacts on each of the sections who are not currently represented on the task force. Furthermore, AAP staff provided the names and contact information of the members of the Task Force on Sections and Related Societies to all Section chairpersons.

Concern about the Future of Pediatric Subspecialties

Because of a growing concern that there are not enough Pediatric Subspecialists in Academic settings, the Federation of Pediatric Organizations sponsored a Subspecialty Forum March 12-13, 2001 to identify the common issues among pediatric subspecialists and begin to explore potential solutions. The following organizations were represented at this meeting: American Academy of Pediatrics, American Board of Pediatrics, Ambulatory Pediatric Society, Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs, Association of Pediatric Program Directors, and the Society for Pediatric Research. A more detailed summary of this meeting can be found attached to our website. At the conclusion of the meeting we agreed that this is a useful forum to address this serious issue and future meetings will be planned. A formal report should be drafted by the organizers and the intent is to publish this report. At a subsequent COSMAN meeting a resolution was passed to continue the AAP's support for this activity.

What's New on the AAP Members Only Channel!

www.aap.org/moc

- ✓ OSHA Requirements for needlestick prevention
- ✓ New AAP Customer Service Center - launched July 16th!
- ✓ Participate in the new Pediatric Clinical Evidence online survey
- ✓ Temporary discontinuance of production of DTaP (Tripedia) and DTaP-HIB (TriHIBit) By Aventis Pasteur
- ✓ AAP Supports federal funding of Human Embryo Research
- ✓ HHS Releases First set of guidance on final privacy rule
- ✓ Pediatric Subspecialties and Workforce Issues
- ✓ Executive Summaries of meeting minutes from committees, sections, task forces and other groups.
- ✓ Handheld/Wireless Web information
- ✓ Effective communication video



Ideas for Future Newsletter Topics?

Submit your suggestions
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