

SECTION ON UROLOGY

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

I am proud to be a pediatric urologist and participate in a continuum initiated over 50 years ago. (I would refer you to Dr David Bloom's *Chairman's Letter* in the Spring 2002 newsletter for an eloquent brief review of the history). Pediatric urology continues to distinguish itself clinically, academically and politically. Although relatively few in number (slightly greater than 500 including our nurses) our membership has coalesced into a cohesive and very productive group that inherently pursues excellence in the care of childhood urologic disease. For such a small group we have energetically contributed to developments in the field. As a result, we have new techniques for treatment of reflux, surgical treatments for complex congenital anomalies of the urinary tract and treatment modalities for severe bladder dysfunction. We have developed totally new technologies for bladder replacement and laparoscopic procedures, techniques beyond conception at the inception of our discipline. We have used our precious non-clinical time to support and conduct basic laboratory research and teach. These efforts have been fruitful as manifest by the outstanding scientific programs, both at the SPU and AAP national meetings. The proceeds of the AFUD benefit this year (Cirque du Soleil) were dedicated to the support of pediatric urology research.

Though frustrated by the lack of support for subspecialty certification from the ABU, we have organized our membership to a unified political front. The Section of Urology of the AAP is now tightly coordinated with the Society for Pediatric Urology through an Executive Council made up of officials from both groups, plus representation from the American Association of Pediatric Urology

(AAPU) and the Society for Fetal Urology (SFU). Through this Council the meeting programs are now tightly linked. Furthermore, we are the only subspecialty in urology that interfaces with the ABU through an Advisory Council which is headed by Gil Ruston. Through this mechanism we meet regularly with the ABU and are recognized as the "model for subspecialization in urology" by the ABU. We now have 13 ACGME approved fellowship programs which produce approximately nine well-trained pediatric urologists per year. This means that we are the only subspecialty group in urology that must pass review by the Residency Review Committee in Urology. We have our own examination instrument (pediatric inservice examination) which was developed under the aegis of the Examination Committee of the ABU and the AUA. Thanks must be given primarily to the efforts of Barry Kogan and the Pediatric Task Force from the Examination Committee for their efforts on this (incidentally, have you taken the pediatric inservice recently? – it is clinically focused and actually a fun experience!).

So, where are we going? With the open and dedicated structure that has been established, I believe our future in pediatric urology looks bright. We have the mechanism in place to improve our personal knowledge. We have talented, young scientists to use the power of research to improve our treatment of children with urologic disease. Most importantly, we have plenty of room for growth in the broadest sense and are properly primed. Although we are living in difficult times and are surrounded by "unfriendly" pressures and regulations, we still have the pleasures of the integration of our surgery and science and, as pediatric urologists, we can still have fun at work!

Please check out the plans for the AAP meeting this fall (New Orleans on November 1-3, 2003). Rich Grady has thoughtfully and carefully constructed a fantastic program. You do not want to miss the invited guest speakers, Dr. John Medina ("neurobiology of learning"), Dr. V.S. Ramchandran ("author of *Phantoms of the Brain*") who will explain why we may not be seeing what we are observing) and Dr. Richard Satava ("Robotics in Telemedical Surgery").

Have a great year. See you at the SPU this spring and the AAP in November.

Michael E. Mitchell, MD
Chairperson, AAP Section on Urology

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

March 12 – 15, 2003

ESPU/EAU Joint Meeting

Madrid, Spain

Email congress.consultants@uroweb.nl or visit www.uroweb.org

April 25, 2003

Society for Fetal Urology

Chicago, IL

Contact Lynne Smallwood at lynne.smallwood@gaurology.com

April 26, 2003

Society for Pediatric Urology

Chicago, IL

Contact Dawn Zegar at 847/995-0085, extension 11 or dzegar@healthinfodirect.com

October 31 – November 5, 2003

AAP Section on Urology Meeting

New Orleans, LA

Contact Kathleen Ozmeral at 800/433-9016, extension 7668 or kozmeral@aap.org

June 15 – 18, 2003

AAP/ESPU Joint Meeting

Uppsala, Sweden

Contact Goran Lackgren at goran.lackgren@kirurgi.uu.se

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SECTION ON UROLOGY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Michael Ritchey, MD

Secretary-Treasurer, AAP Section on Urology

Budget and Fundraising

At the close of last fiscal year (6/30/02), the Section had \$63,206 in reserve. The Lattimer fund has a balance of \$21,258. Much of the growth of section funds is due to the extraordinary fundraising efforts of Dr. Ronald Rabinowitz. A total of \$77,450 was raised during the past year.

The executive committee discussed a number of ideas for use of the funds. It was voted to provide some financial assistance for foreign abstract presenters. The AAP no longer waives registration fees for foreign abstract presenters. This fund will be capped at \$6,000. The process by which these funds can be obtained is detailed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Membership Report

Dr. Diamond gave his final report as Membership Chair. Dr. Mark Zaontz will begin a three-year term as Membership Chair at the close of this meeting.

At the recommendation of Dr. David Diamond, the following applications were approved by the executive committee to be voted upon at the business meeting:
Specialty Fellow: James Plaire, John-Paul Capolicchio, Paul Austin, Hiep Nguyen, David Lashley
Post-Residency Fellowship Affiliates:
Foreign Affiliate: Mohan Gundeti (London), Mohamed Hassan (Cairo)

They will be presented along with the following candidates approved in May:
Specialty Fellow: Thomas Kolon, Chi Keung Lee, Andrew Huang, Cameron Schaeffer
Post-Residency Fellowship Affiliates: none
Foreign Affiliate: Duncan Wilcox (Great Britain)

The section has received permission to post a Specialty Fellow application form on the Section website. Currently, potential applicants who visit the AAP website are instructed to phone the Division of Members Services to obtain a Specialty Fellow application.

Education Report

Dr. David Joseph presented his final education report. Dr. Bill Hulbert will

assume the role of Education Chair.

The following programs will be conducted by members of the section at the 2003 annual meeting in New Orleans, November 1 – 5, 2003.

Selected Short Subject

Twinges, Twists, and Testicular Tumors
Antenatal Hydronephrosis

Meet the Expert

Dysfunctional Elimination
All Circumcisions are Not Created Equally

AAP News has announced a new feature that will begin with the January 2003 issue. The *Pediatric Subspecialist Page* will feature stories about subspecialty pediatric issues and items of particular interest to pediatric medical subspecialists and surgical specialists. Dr. Hulbert will solicit members of the section to write feature articles for the AAP News Subspecialist Page.

Nominating Committee Report

The AAP has moved to electronic balloting. A consequence of the electronic balloting is that the nomination timeline has been moved up. At the 2002 business meeting, At-Large members of the Nominations Committee were selected for both the 2003 (Dr. Anthony Atala) and 2004 (Dr. Steven Docimo) elections. Response rate for the 2002 electronic ballots was poor. This spring elections will be conducted electronically via the AAP members' only channel. Electronic balloting will occur between March 1 and April 30, 2003. We will email the membership to notify them when it is time to vote.

American Board of Urology

Dr. Michael Mitchell has completed his tenure on the ABU representing the AAP. The section commends Mike for his strong advocacy and leadership on pediatric urology issues. This will continue under his leadership as our current Section chair. Dr. David Bloom was elected by the ABU to succeed Dr. Mitchell.

Medal Committee Report

The 2003 Medal Committee (Drs. H. Gil Rushton, Mike Mitchell and Marc Cendron) nominated Dr. Barry O'Donnell as the 2003 medallist.

2002 Scientific Program Committee

Report

Dr. Julian Wan was congratulated for putting together a tremendous program for the 2002 meeting, that is notable for several changes and innovations to the Annual Program. Conversion to full electronic presentations – The 2002 meeting will be the last meeting to allow 35 mm slide projection. All future meetings will be 100% electronic. A new poster size was introduced – The old poster size of 4' x 8' was halved to 4' x 4'. This approximates the international size used by ESPU and other societies; is less expensive to create and easier to transport; and allows more posters to be displayed in the same room size.

Fellowship Program Report

There are now 17 pediatric urology fellowship programs – the program in Pittsburgh was just approved. The Fellowship Match is currently run through the AUA Office of Education.

Last year, 20 applicants participated in the match. Thirteen programs participated, and all programs matched.

Pediatric Inservice Examination

The sixth PISE was given on November 16th. One significant problem continues to be the number of people who take the examination. This year only 78 participated in the examination. It is important to have more examinees to help develop better statistics for the examination.

For the past 4 years, Dr. Barry Kogan has headed the PISE as senior consultant in pediatrics to the AUA/ABU examination committee. He will be succeeded by Dr. Michael Ritchey. Many of you will receive solicitations to write questions for the examinations. These new ideas are needed to supplement the work of the Pediatric Task Force (Ellen Shapiro, David Joseph, Steve Docimo, Doug Hussman) on the AUA/ABU exam committee.

Registry Review committee report

A proposal by Dr. McLorie for single stage bladder exstrophy closures was approved last year. The central data collection for the

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extrophy registry will be at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. Dr. Darius Bagli is now primarily responsible for the registry. Four centers (Seattle, CHOP, Boston, and Johns Hopkins) have agreed to collaboratively combine their databases.

ESPU Joint Meeting

The ESPU/AAP meeting will be held in Uppsala, Sweden June 15-18, 2005. Place this important event on your calendars. We hope to continue the success of the initial combined meeting in Tours. There will be a regular fall AAP Section meeting in 2005.

Dialogues of Pediatric Urology

The AAP and the SPU want to recognize Bill Miller and Dr. Rick Ehrlich for their contributions to the Dialogues of Pediatric Urology. The last issue was published in December 2002. This ended a 25 year run for this publication.



AAP CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

AAP National Conference and Exhibition October 31-November 5, 2003 New Orleans, LA

Submission deadline:

April 14, 2003 for paper submissions

April 18, 2003 for electronic submissions

(Abstracts must be received by the dates listed)

Submit electronically from the AAP Web site <http://www.aap.org> under "Professional Education"

Print versions can be obtained by calling the AAP Faxback Service at 847-758-0391. Ask for Document 1201 (Abstract Form and Instructions)

Questions? Contact abstracts@aap.org, or Rebecca Marshall at 847-434-4079.

Manpower Committee to Assess Growth Patterns

The Manpower Committee, as part of an attempt to identify needs for Pediatric Urology, will be surveying representative regions of the country to try to assess overall growth as well as growth in outpatient volume as well as that growth broken down to outpatient surgical volume, in-patient surgical volume, and surgical volume in index cases. The regions sample will include the Northeast region (Boston and New York); the Mid-Atlantic region (Philadelphia and Washington); the Southeastern region (Atlanta and Orlando); the Southcentral region (Louisiana and Alabama); the Midwest region (Oklahoma, Indiana and Chicago); the Northcentral region (Rochester); the Southwest region (Houston and Las Vegas); and the Western region (Northern and Southern California). These data will be compiled over the course of the next six months in hopes of having this available for presentation at next year's AAP meeting. In addition, we will be polling academic and private practitioners about current use for physician extenders including nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

With this information we hope to determine whether our perceived understaffing is surgery driven or out-patient clinic driven in which case additional emphasis may be placed on recruiting physicians' extenders rather than surgeons.

Douglas A. Canning, MD
Chairperson, Manpower Committee

EXTRA POCKET PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

If you would like to obtain extra copies of the Pocket Programs from the 2000, 2001, or 2002 American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition, please contact Kathy Ozmeral, section manager, via voicemail (847-434-7668) or e-mail (kozmeral@aap.org).

Be sure to include your name, address, and which meeting program(s) you desire.

ATTENTION! SECTION ELECTION

It is time to elect your section executive committee members for the 2003-2004 year. Dr. Saul Greenfield and Dr. William Hulbert will rotate off the executive committee in October 2003. The Nominations Committee for the 2003 elections (Dr. David Bloom, Dr. Rick Rink, and Dr. Tony Atala) are in the process of selecting a slate of candidates:

Elections will be held electronically. (*Section affiliates cannot vote.*) To vote:

Log into the AAP Members Only Channel (www.aap.org/moc). You will need your AAP ID#. This number is printed above your name on the mailing label of this newsletter. In addition, you can find your ID# on your *Pediatrics* mailing label (eliminate the last digit of the 7-digit number) or by calling our Customer Service Center at 1-866-THE-AAP1.

On the left-hand side of the screen, under the heading "Members," you will see the subheading "My Sections" and a list of all sections to which you belong. Click on "Section on Urology."

Select the "2003 Election" link at the top of the page. Follow the directions on the ballot page to see a candidate biosketch or vote for your candidate of choice. If you have questions about or difficulty using the Members Only Channel, contact the AAP Customer Service Center, at 866/THE-AAP1 or csc@aap.org.

Ballots for most sections will be available from **March 3 through April 30, 2003**. Section members will receive an e-mail notice and postcard reminder when the electronic ballot goes live.

If you do not have access to the Internet, or if you would prefer to vote by print ballot, contact Beki Marshall by phone (800/433-9016, ext 4079), fax (847/434-8000), or e-mail (bmarshall@aap.org).

UROLOGY MEETING AT THE 2003 AAP NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

This year's Section of Urology meeting will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana from Saturday, November 1, 2003 through Monday, November 3, 2003 (see page 5 for a detailed schedule). This is a great location for what I anticipate will be a great meeting! We have talks by three tremendous guest speakers. These include: Dr. John Medina, Director of the Talaris Research Institute, who will talk about the state-of-the-art on how we learn. Our second speaker Dr. V.S. Ramchandran (author of *Phantoms of the Brain*) is a sought out speaker well-known in his field and considered one of 100 most important people to watch this century. And, we have Dr. Richard Satava who is one of the leading figures in robotics in telemedical medical surgery who will discuss the future of surgery for us.

We have a stimulating set of controversial and/or hot topics on the docket too. Dr. Barry O'Donnell who will be receiving the pediatric urology medal will present, in only the way Barry O'Donnell could present, a brief history of the treatment of vesicoureteral reflux followed by a point counterpoint session discussing endoscopic therapy as a primary treatment option for vesicoureteral reflux: has the paradigm shifted? Dr. Mark Coltrera, Professor of Otolaryngology from the University of Washington, will be joining us to discuss the underpinnings of database creation. Dr. Bernard Churchill will moderate a video forum discussing standard and state-of-the-art techniques for the construction of catheterizable channels. Dr. Mark Adams has agreed to moderate a masters course on the management of the exstrophy/epispadias complex which will include Drs. Michael Mitchell and John Gearhart. We have also created a panel to discuss the contemporary management of intersex. This will be chaired by Dr. Ian Aaronson who has assembled a top-notch, excellent group of panelists. Finally, Monday's session will include a point counterpoint discussion on whether we should be performing intencystoplasty This will be moderated by Dr. David Bloom and will include a series of panelists well recognized in the field. We have chosen areas of controversy and state-of-the-art advances in an effort to generate discussions, ideas and interests. I anticipate that attendees will not be disappointed.

Dr. Joe Ortenberg, our Local Arrangements Chairperson for this meeting, and Dr. Michael Mitchell, the Chairman of the Section of Urology, have also been diligently working to find a forum for our social events this year.. They are exploring several different venues...which will carry on in the proud tradition of Section of Urology AAP Meetings that we have come to expect.

Richard W. Grady, MD
Program Chair, Section of Urology Meeting

NEWS FROM THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

We think it is important to support the mission of the AUA in passing the Training and Research in Urology (TRU) act. This is the legislation that would establish a separate Urology section at NIH within the current organizational structure of the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Disorders (NIDDK). Representative Jim Leach of Iowa will be introducing the legislation. David Joseph will be arranging to put a sample letter of support on the SPU website. Any of you who have a personal relationship with your legislators, please take advantage of that to urge them to support this. It will be particularly important later in the year, as this gets closer to a vote.

We have been pushing to develop a "Research Progress Report" in pediatric urology. This is the first step to getting additional funding specifically for Pediatric Urology topics. Dr. Allen Spiegel, the director of NIDDK has agreed in principle, but the date will not be set until a meeting at NIH in March. We'll keep you posted on progress from that standpoint. Many of you will be involved.

Based on a recent progress report on Congenital Hydronephrosis, there is likely to be additional funding from NIH in this area. The area that is likely to get supported first is the basic science of obstruction, with emphasis on biomarkers of renal injury.

In addition, we are pushing for the development of several large-scale clinical trials in pediatric urology (similar to what has been done with BPH, interstitial cystitis and prostatitis). Again, Dr. Spiegel has agreed in principle. Hopefully there will be a meeting later this year to get the ball rolling on that.

In addition, we are concerned that when opportunities come up, pediatric urologists need to be prepared to take advantage of them. This is particularly relevant in the field of clinical research, where we should have a great advantage over other groups. Last November's meeting to teach Clinical Research techniques to urologists was canceled apparently due to insufficient registration. The AUA and NIH are committed to rescheduling this, but apparently no date has been set. Dr. Barry Kogan has offered to have a meeting just for Pediatric Urologists and consideration is being given to this, but it will be critical that we have at least 25 attendees or we will lose a lot of credibility.

It is important to recognize Dr. Stuart Howards, who is giving one day of his time to Dr. Spiegel's office. He has raised the level of visibility of Pediatric Urology within NIH, but now it is important for us to take advantage of this by writing fundable grants (and lots of them!).

AAP Section on Urology Schedules for the 2003 National Conference and Exhibition

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 Section on Urology (H114)

7:45 AM – 4:45 PM

Poster Viewing and Video Loop in poster room

8:00 – 8:05 AM

Welcome and Introduction

8:05 – 10:30 AM

Podium/Poster Program Session

10:30 – 11:30 AM*

AUA Guest Lecture – John Medina, PhD
Director, Talaris Research Insititute
The Neurobiology of Learning: How infants and
young children acquire and process information

11:30 AM – 12:00 NOON*

Business Meeting

12:00 NOON – 1:20 PM*

Lunch – Poster Viewing
Box Lunches Provided

1:20 – 3:00 PM

Podium/Poster Program Session

3:00 – 3:15 PM

Break/View Posters

3:15- 3:40 PM

Podium/Poster Program Session

3:40 – 4:10 PM

Presentation
A Brief History of the Treatment of Vesico-
ureteral Reflux
Barry O'Donnell, MD, FRCS

4:10 – 4:45 PM

Point-Counterpoint: Endoscopic therapy for the
primary treatment of VU reflux: Has the
paradigm shifted?
Moderator: *Philip Ransley, MD, FRCS*
Discussants: *Anthony Casale, MD, FAAP (con);
Prem Puri, MD, FRCS (pro)*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 Section on Urology (H223)

7:45 AM – 4:40 PM

Poster Viewing and Video Loop in poster room

7:00 AM – 7:50 AM

Database / Registry Development
Marc Coltrera, MD

8:00 – 8:45 AM

Video Forum Review

Mitrofanoff Techniques

Moderator: *Bernard Churchill, MD, FAAP*
Panelists: *Michael Carr, MD, FAAP; Mark Cain,
MD, FAAP; Curtis Sheldon, MD, FAAP; Anthony
Khoury, MD, FAAP*

8:45 – 10:45 AM

Podium/Poster Program Session

10:45 – 11:30 AM

National Kidney Foundation Guest Lecture:
Phantoms of the Brain
V.S. Ramachandran, MD

11:30 – 11:35 AM

Urology Medal Presentation
Recipient: *Barry O'Donnell, MD, FRCS*

11:35 – NOON

Urology Medal Recipient's Lecture

12:00 NOON – 1:20 PM

Lunch Break/Boxed lunches provided

12:15 – 1:15 PM

Master Course (overlapping lunch break)
The management of the exstrophy- epispadias
complex
Faculty: *Mark Adams, MD, FAAP; Michael E.
Mitchell, MD, FAAP; John P Gearhart, MD,
FAAP*

1:20 – 2:00 PM

Podium/Poster Program Session

2:00 – 3:00 PM

What is the Contemporary Management of
Intersex: Do we live in a Post-modern era?
Moderator: *Ian Aaronson, MD, FAAP*
Panelists: *Kenneth Glassberg, MD, FAAP; Heino
Meyer- Bahlburg, MD; Justine Schober, MD, FAAP*

3:00 – 4:45 PM

Podium/Poster Program Session

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 Section on Urology (H314)

7:45 AM

Poster Viewing and Video Loop in poster room

8:00 – 9:10 AM

Podium/Poster Program Session

9:10 – 9:55 AM

AAP Lattimer Lecture
The Future of Surgery
Richard Satava, MD
Professor of Surgery
University of Washington
Head, Robotics and Telemedical Surgery

10:00 AM – 11:20 AM

Podium/Poster Program Session

11:20 AM – 11:55 AM

Point – Counterpoint Discussion
Should we be performing intestinocystoplasty?
Moderator: *David Bloom, MD, FAAP*
Discussants: *Michael E. Mitchell, MD, FAAP;*

*Ricardo Gonzalez, MD, FAAP; Brad Kropp, MD,
FAAP; Paddy Dewan, MD, FRCS*

11:55 AM – 12:00 NOON

Presentation of Basic Science and Clinical
Research Prizes
Prizes sponsored by the American Association
of Pediatric Urology (AAPU)

12:00 NOON – 1:20 PM

Lunch Break

1:20 – 4:45 PM

Podium/Poster Program Session

Thursday, October 30, 2003 PUNS reception

7:00 – 10:00 pm

Headquarters Hotel

Wine and cheese reception for Section on
Urology physicians and affiliate members, guests,
and those interested in joining the Section.

Friday, October 31, 2003

Section on Pediatric Urology Nurse Specialists

8:00 am – 4:45 pm

8:00 am Continental Breakfast

8:40 am Welcome
Rosemary Grant, RN

8:45 am Journal Club: Ethics Article Review
Angie Hinds, RN

9:45 am Design of an Intersex Clinic
Carla Garwood, RN

10:45 am Break

11:00 am Spina Bifida: Transition into
Adulthood
Frank Cerniglia, MD, FAAP

12:00 pm Lunch/Business Meeting
Lunch provided; no tickets required.

1:30 pm Research Design and Education
Lily Chin-Peuckert, RN, MSN

2:30 pm Neurogenic Bowel
Timothy Brie, MD, FAAP

3:30 pm Break

3:45 pm Non-Neurogenic Bowel/Dysfunctional
Elimination
Diane Kemp, RN

4:45 pm Adjournment

WHO'S WHO: REPRESENTATIVES IN PEDIATRIC UROLOGY

Coordinating Council

The officers of four pediatric urology societies meet twice a year to discuss common issues and goals for the field of pediatric urology. The members of the 2003 Coordinating Council are:

☒ **American Academy of Pediatrics**

Chair: Mike Mitchell
Chair-Elect: Rick Rink
Ex Officio: David Bloom
Secretary-treasurer: Mike Ritchey

☒ **Society for Pediatric Urology**

President: Anthony A. Caldamone
President-Elect: Martin Koyle
Past President: Stephen Koff
Secretary-Treasurer: Marc Cendron

☒ **American Association of Pediatric Urology (AAPU)**

President: Mark Adams

☒ **Society for Fetal Urology (SFU)**

Secretary-Treasurer: Andrew Kirsch

Advisory Council

In October 2000, the Coordinating Council had approved the motion that an Advisory Council on Pediatric Urology meet twice a year for the purposes of advising the American Board of Urology on issues related to pediatric urology. The composition of the 2003 ACPU is:

- ☒ Executive Secretary:
(H. Gil Rushton)
- ☒ The Secretary of the ABU or a designee (Stuart Howards)
- ☒ The Trustees of the ABU representing Pediatric Urology (Mike Mitchell, Linda Shortliffe, Howard Snyder)
- ☒ The President, Past President, and Secretary of the SPU: (Anthony Caldamone, Stephen Koff and Marc Cendron)
- ☒ The Chairman, Past Chairman, and Secretary of the AAP Section on Urology: (Mike Mitchell, David Bloom, Mike Ritchey)
- ☒ The President of the AAPU: (Mark Adams)
- ☒ The President or Secretary of the SFU: (Andrew Kirsch)
- ☒ A representative from the Governor of the American College

of Surgeons representing Pediatric Urology: (Howard Snyder)

American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Urology

Executive Committee

Michael Mitchell, MD Chair
Richard Rink, Chair-Elect
Mike Ritchey, Secretary-Treasurer
Larry Baskin, MD
Tony Casale, MD
Saul Greenfield, MD
William Hulbert, MD
Phillip Nasrallah, MD
Julian Wan, MD
David Bloom, MD, ex officio chairman

PUNS Executive Committee

Rosemary Grant, RN, BSN, Chair
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Carla Garwood, RN
Eileen Gray, RN
Angie Hinds, RN
Michaelene Ribbeck, NP-C, CUNP
Cindy Ross, BSN, RN, CURN
Shelly King, RN, Ex Officio Chairperson
Barbara Montagnino, MSN, RN, CNS (membership secretary)

Section Committee Members and Representatives

2003 Program Chairperson: Rich Grady
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Education Chairman: Bill Hulbert
Membership Chairman: Mark Zaontz
Manuscript Oversight: Anthony Casale
Publications: Julian Wan
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Medal Committee: Gil Rushton, Mike Mitchell and Marc Cendron
American Board of Urology Representative: Michael Mitchell
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American College of Surgeons Representative: Howard Snyder

Action Committee Chairpersons

Ian Aaronson: North American Task Force On Intersexuality
Darius Bagli: Exstrophy Registry
Doug Canning: Manpower
David Diamond: Registry Oversight

Committee

Ken Glassberg: International Committee
Edmond T. Gonzales: Fellowship Programs
David Joseph: Website Editor
Barry Kogan: Research Council
Saul Greenfield: Credentialing Task Force
Jonathan Ross: Oncology Committee
H. Gil Rushton: Pediatric Urology Advisory Committee to the Board on Urology
Howard Snyder: Socioeconomic committee

PUNS Meeting Summary

Over 120 nurses from the United States, Canada and Europe gathered in Boston to attend the PUNS educational program. Topics presented included strategies for helping children cope with procedural stressors, principles of ultrasonography, primary closure of exstrophy, as well as intersex and urodynamics. The "current trends" theme included segments on hematuria, cultural diversity, and intrauterine closure of spina bifida. The presentations were all stimulating and provided expert information for all levels of pediatric urology practice.

The original design of the conference was to include two interactive sessions on ultrasound as well as urodynamics; however, because of the high attendance it was not possible to provide interactive sessions that would be meaningful. The group will revisit the possibility of doing an interactive session at a future meeting.

Our agenda for the 2003 meeting is in place. The program promises to be diverse and will offer presentations on the evolution of an intersex clinic, neurogenic bowel and bladder, as well as transitioning to adulthood for the spina bifida patient. This will also be the first meeting to offer a journal club segment on ethics. Our section looks forward to an exciting program in October.

Please note that continuing education credit (CEU) can be obtained directly from Kathy Ozmeral by emailing her at KOzmeral@aap.org or calling (847) 434 - 7668.

Rosemary Grant, RN
Chair, Pediatric Urology Nurse Specialists

AAP STUDY: URINE TESTS ORDERED SELECTIVELY FOR FEBRILE INFANTS

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Practitioners obtained a urinalysis or urine culture for only 58% of the febrile infants younger than 3 months of age seen during a national pediatric study.

This finding is at odds with many published recommendations that suggest urine testing for all febrile infants in this age group. Interestingly, of those infants not initially tested or treated with an antibiotic, only two subsequently were diagnosed as having a urinary tract infection (UTI), and both of these infants did well. The finding suggests that with close follow-up, short-term adverse events from selective urine testing may be uncommon.

These were among the findings of a late-1990s study of febrile infants conducted in practices participating in the Academy's Pediatric Research in Office Settings network (PROS) (Newman TB, et al. *Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med.* 2002;156:44-54.

There were 573 practitioners who participated in data collection, distributed throughout 219 practices and 44 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Infants were eligible for inclusion in the study if they were no older than 3 months; had axillary, rectal or tympanic temperatures of 38 degrees C in the office or in the previous 24 hours at home; and were initially examined by a PROS practitioner.

During the study, practitioners obtained a urinalysis on 1,652 (54%) of the 3,066 infants and urine cultures on 1,608 (52%) of the infants. Overall, one or both of the tests were performed on 1,775 infants (58%). In 1,666 infants (94% of those tested), the tests were performed on the day the child was first examined. The infant characteristics that most strongly predicted urine testing included younger age, higher fever; initial ill appearance; and an absence of findings suggesting an alternative source for the fever such as otitis media, upper respiratory tract symptoms or illness of other family members.

Several factors were predictive of a UTI in the study, including lack of circumcision among boys, female sex, higher fever, lack of ill family members, fever duration of 24 hours or longer, non-Hispanic ethnicity and lack of respiratory distress.

Of particular interest are variables that were predictive of a UTI but not of urine testing. The strongest of these included female sex and lack of circumcision in males. Compared with circumcised boys, the odds of a UTI were 5.4 times higher in girls and 11.6 times higher in uncircumcised boys. Additionally, infants with fevers lasting 24 hours or longer had 80% higher odds of a UTI, but were no more likely to have had urine testing.

The authors note that the results suggest that a selective approach to urine testing is likely to be safe in the hands of experienced practitioners who closely follow up with their patients. However, several factors, including female sex, lack of circumcision in males and a longer duration of fever should be weighted more heavily in deciding which infants should have urine testing.

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PEDIATRIC UROLOGY ON THE WEB

There are two primary internet resources for our members, the AAP web page and the SPU web page. Both sites compliment each other. The AAP site www.aap.org/sections/urology/ provides an entrance into a host of AAP resources. Of particular importance is access to online abstract submission and the posting of the agenda for the annual meeting. The AAP has been very responsive to our needs but we are limited in some of our flexibility.

The SPU sponsors www.SPUonline.org. The web address has changed and the site has expanded. The site provides basic information regarding the organization and is the home for the electronic SPU newsletter. This year, online abstract submission for the annual meeting was available. The preliminary agenda for the 2003 annual meeting in Chicago is now available for viewing. The job listings page has attracted a great deal of interest by fellows and members. Any SPU member may post a job vacancy.

Subscription to the SPU mail list can be accessed through the listserv page. This list is not limited to SPU members; it is open to individuals with an affiliation to pediatric urology. There are over 270 active list members from around the world.

Questions, criticisms and suggestions are appreciated. They should be directed to David Joseph at dbjoseph@uab.edu.

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