

SECTION ON UROLOGY

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A note from the Chair...

by *Richard Rink, MD, FAAP*

“So little time, so much to do” must have been the credo of the small group who gathered to form the Committee on Urology of the American Academy of Pediatrics in 1960. Other specialties had a tremendous head start but this did not deter but rather inspired this early group. And what a group they started! The advances of Pediatric Urology have been truly astonishing and the Section on Urology has been in the forefront of these advances. We are now more than 500 members who devote their lives to advancing and enhancing the care of children with urologic disorders. The Section on Urology annual meeting has become the premier site for presentation of scientific data as well as therapeutic advances in Pediatric Urology. Well over 350 abstracts are submitted to this meeting each year from leading urologic institutions from all corners of the world. Through the efforts of members of this organization (in particular Past Chair, Mike Mitchell and Chair Elect, Barry Kogan) there is a well-established Pediatric Urologic in-service examination. Furthermore, there is a growing commitment on the part of the NIH to fund research in our specialty. The sun continues to shine on Pediatric Urology.

The more recent leaders of this organization and those of the Society for Pediatric Urology have noted the advantages of forming a close relationship between these two groups to achieve not only academic but also political advances as well. The progress in this arena is equally astounding. There are now 17 ACGME accredited fellowships with nearly all having basic science training as an integral part of their program, thus assuring the continued advancement of our specialty. These fellowships now participate in the Match program, which this year will be administered by the American Urologic Association. The Fellowship Directors meet annually at the AAP meeting. There is a Section of the Journal of Urology dedicated to Pediatric Urology and we have hopes of our own Journal in the future. The Surgical Advisory Panel (representatives of each of the pediatric surgical subspecialties) has a growing influence in the AAP. The Section on Urology is well recognized by the AAP as one of the leaders of

this group. The Pediatric Urology Nurse Specialists (PUNS) now has over 100 members and they have their own annual academic meeting that meets in concert with the AAP annual meeting.

Not all is perfect in the world of Pediatric Urology, however. We still do not have subspecialty certification or more accurately, a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ). Through the efforts of members too numerous to list over the past 40 years, and more recently the efforts of the Coordinating Council (officers of the AAP and SPU; a representative from the AAPU and SFU; and secretary, Gil Rushton) the time seems to be near. I would like to personally thank the ABU for their courage, foresight and willingness to work with the Coordinating Council to approve in concept a CAQ. While much work still needs to be done, it is my firm wish that the next Chair will find that this CAQ has been achieved. Furthermore, for all of our clinical advances, children still suffer from Urologic disorders. Congenital anomalies still occur and many parts of the world do not reap the vast benefits of our achievements. As Hugh Hampton Young said, “there is still so much to learn, so much to do”.

I am humbled and truly honored to chair the Urology Section of the AAP. I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to attend the 2004 meeting in San Francisco (October 9-11). A truly outstanding academic program has been developed by Mark Adams with great guest speakers. I am also very excited to remind you of the upcoming combined ESPU – AAP meeting in Uppsala, Sweden on June 15, 2005. Put this on your calendar now as this promises to be a wonderful academic and social event.

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2004 AAP Urology Section Meeting Report

by Mark C Adams, MD, FAAP

Many thanks to 2004 Program Committee for reviewing the 313 abstracts (238 clinical, 75 basic research) that were submitted for consideration.

Clinical Abstract Committee

Mark C. Adams
Richard Grady
Hiep Thieu Nguyen
Howard M. Snyder, III
Stephen Koff
Bradley Kropp
Mark Cain

Basic Science Abstract Committee

Mark C. Adams
John C. Pope IV
Hiep Thieu Nguyen
Michael Freeman
Stephen Zderic
Linda Shortliffe
Eric Kurzrock
Paul F. Austin

The 2004 program has been finalized, and is posted on the Section's Web site at www.aap.org/sections/urology/. Please visit here to view a *detailed* program schedule of all 116 accepted abstracts. A summary of the 2004 program is included in this newsletter.

Invited guest speakers should liven up the three-day meeting:

Blanche Capel, PhD (Duke) will speak on development of the testicle as directed by the y- chromosome.

Marilyn Moats-Kennedy (Career Strategies, Inc.) will address what makes students choose fields like Pediatric Urology and then what keeps them satisfied once they are there.

Jack Fletcher, PhD (U.T. Houston), will examine how patients, particularly those with spina bifida, learn and organize their thoughts regarding complex tasks involved in self-care.

Interesting discussions/presentations will be interspersed throughout the abstract presentations

1. Evidence Based Research in Spina Bifida: A Research Agenda
2. Panel Discussion on Pediatric Renal Tumors: Current Issues
3. Obstruction at the Molecular Level: How Soon will Pediatric Urology Basic Research Affect Clinical Practice?

4. Panel Presentation – Implications of Female Genital Innervation

The masters course at lunch on Sunday will target valid pediatric urodynamics in different patient populations.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting in San Francisco, October 9 – 11. Registration materials were included in the June 2004 issue of AAP News. You can also register online at www.aap.org/nce.

ESPU - AAP Joint Meeting



Please mark your calendars for the ESPU – AAP joint meeting in Uppsala, Sweden on June 15, 2005.

Uppsala is an atmospheric old university city with cobbled streets, a plethora of museums and a river running through it. Uppsala, northwest of Stockholm, is Sweden's fourth-largest city (pop. 180,000) and the focus of the country's Folklore District. The largest cathedral and the oldest university in Scandinavia are here, as well as a 16th century castle that was the site of many important events in Swedish history.

The region developed into a political and religious center between the 5th and 10th centuries. Huge burial grounds from that era are among the local attractions. Through the 13th century, Swedish kings were elected and honored at Mora Stenar, a setting of stones just south of the city center. Uppsala became the seat of the archbishop in 1164. The original cathedral burned down in 1245; the present one was consecrated in 1435. The enormous cathedral's twin towers dominate the city's skyline.

Because of the university, Uppsala has produced many prominent scientists. Chemist Carl Wilhelm Scheele, astronomer Anders Celsius, and botanist Carolus Linnaeus are among them. Visitors can inspect the gardens designed by Linnaeus, whose former residence is now a museum.

The Fyris River flows through the centre of Uppsala. Here you will find pleasant outdoor cafés, open-air markets, attractive shops and many pubs and restaurants that bring the city to life – the whole year round!

Research Report

by Barry A. Kogan, MD, FAAP

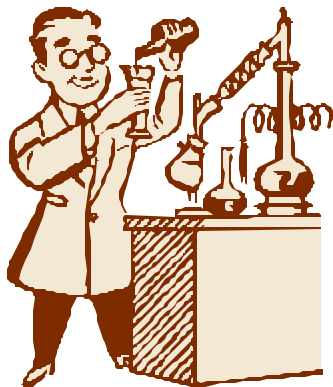
We are making slow, but steady progress from a research standpoint. There are still some major opportunities and it is possible that there will be more coming soon. Hopefully we will have enough investigators interested and able to take advantage of these opportunities.

1) It is important to remember that the major outcome of the previously held workshop on Congenital Hydronephrosis has been a Program Announcement (#PA-03-076), requesting both clinical and basic science grants related to Congenital Obstructive Uropathy. The announcement is good until February 2006 and is a great opportunity for anyone interested in this area. Proposals are encouraged for both traditional (R01) grants and for Exploratory/Development Project (R21) grants. The latter require very little preliminary data. Details are available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-076.html>. It will reflect poorly on us if we don't take advantage of this.

2) There is a high likelihood that there will be a significant multi-center clinical trial in pediatric urology funded by the NIH. Most likely the project will be in the field of reflux/UTIs. NIDDK seems committed to this. The bad news is that it depends very much on the budget, which is not good. The most important point is for us to be prepared should this come to fruition.

The NIDDK is following up on the development of a Research Progress Report in Pediatric Urology. No date has been set, but it likely will be before the end of 2004.

3) Finally, The Office of Education is continuing to send out a regular newsletter about research and funding alerts. You can subscribe by sending an e-mail to research@auanet.org.



Available at the AAP Bookstore



Urinary Tract Infections in Young Children

This patient-education brochure offers parents helpful information on the causes, symptoms, and treatments of urinary tract infections. Discusses how children get a urinary tract infection, as well as methods of diagnosis and follow-up tests.



What is Clean Intermittent Catheterization?

Clean intermittent catheterization (CIC) is a technique used to remove urine from the bladder when a child cannot empty his or her bladder completely. This brochure helps parents understand the basics of CIC and includes instructions for helping girls and boys.



Toilet Training

Provides the signs parents should be looking for as to the proper time to begin toilet training, as well as when toilet training is not yet appropriate. Details a step-by-step training program that makes the process less traumatic and more rewarding for both parent and child.

Patient education brochures are sold in packs of 100. Titles can be mixed and matched to buy more and save:
2-9 Brochure packs: \$31.50. **Member price: \$27**
10 – 50 Brochure packs: \$28. **Member price: \$24**

To order from the AAP Bookstore, call the Customer Service Center at 866/THE-AAP1 or visit the online bookstore at www.aap.org/bookstore

Extra Pocket Programs Available



If you would like to obtain extra copies of the Pocket Programs from the past Section on Urology scientific sessions (2000 to the present), 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.

Election Results



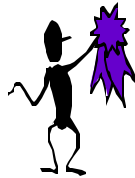
Congratulations to the following individuals who have won election to the Section on Urology Executive Committee:

Brent Snow, MD, FAAP – Chairperson Elect
Mark Adams, MD, FAAP – Executive Committee Member
Doug Coplen, MD, FAAP – Executive Committee Member

These individuals will begin their three-year term of office in November 2004. Our thanks and appreciation also go out to Saul Greenfield and William Hulbert, who will be completing their terms of office. Dr. Hulbert will continue serving the Section on Urology in his role as Education Chairperson. Dr. Greenfield will oversee the credentialing project to its completion.

2003 Research Prize Winners

Please join us in congratulating the winners of the 2003 Research Prize contest. These prizes are sponsored by the American Association of Pediatric Urology (AAPU), and were presented at the AAP National Conference and Exhibition in November 2003. The primary author received a certificate and a \$500 honorarium.



Basic Science

John M. Park, MD, Xu Cheng, MD, Hongyu Zhang, MD

COX-2 Inhibitor Preserves Medullary Aquaporin-2 Expression After Ureteral Obstruction

Clinical Research

Lily Chin-Peuckert, N, MSc (A), J.E. Rennick, N, PhD, R. Jednak, MDCM, FRSCS, J-P Capolicchio, MDCM, FRSCS, J.L. Pippi Salle, MD, PhD

Should Warm Infusion Solution Be Used for Urodynamic Studies in Children? A Prospective Randomized Study.

Welcome! New Section on Urology Members

by Mark Zaontz, MD, membership chair

The following members were approved for membership at the Section's annual business meeting in October 2003:

APPROVED MEMBERS:

Specialty Fellow

Joseph G. Borer (Boston)
Daniel Herz (New York)
John Houston (Chicago)
Steven Lerman (Los Angeles)
Mark Kolligian (Tampa)
Thomas Vates (E. Brunswick, NJ)
Gregory E. Dean (Philadelphia)

Section Affiliate: Foreign Physician

Yuichiro Yamazaki (Tokyo, Japan)
Fang Chen (Shanghai)
Dragana Filipas (Vienna)

Section Affiliate: Post Residency Training Fellows

Anthony Herndon (Birmingham, AL)
David Aronoff (Lubbock)
Jeffrey Campbell (Houston)
Seth Alpert (Chicago)

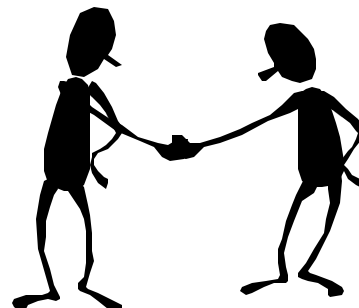
Section Affiliate: Physician

Walid Farhat (Toronto)

Section Affiliate: Nurses

Melissa Boothroyd (Farmington Hills, MI)
Beth Ernst (Birmingham, MI)
Joanna Maynard (Jackson, MS)
Gloria Mims (Vienna, VA)
Theresa Barabash (Toledo)

CONGRATULATIONS!



**Highlights of the Section on Urology
Executive Committee
New Orleans, LA**

*by Michael Ritchey, MD, FAAP
Secretary-Treasurer*

EDUCATION REPORT

Dr. William Hulbert presented an update on various education projects.

2004 NCE proposals for the general pediatrician

The Section on Urology has one program at the 2004 NCE. Urinary Incontinence, Neurologic and Non-Neurologic, by Patrick McKenna, MD. Deadline for submission of program proposals for the 2005 NCE is Spring 2004.

AAP News Focus on Subspecialties article

Sections are offered an opportunity to educate the rest of the Academy about highlights in their field. The Section on Urology has contributed a number of articles in recent issues of AAP News.

- “Evaluating minimally invasive option for management of VUR” was authored by Dr. Robert Mevorach, and appeared in the January 2004 issue of AAP News
- “Section working to spark interest, funding in urology research” was penned by Dr. Barry Kogan for the March 2004 issue of AAP News
- “Tissue engineering in urology” was written by Dr. Anthony Atala, and will appear in a summer 2004 issue of the newspaper.

Practical Pediatrics

Dr. Anthony Khoury served as faculty at a Practical Pediatrics course on October 10-12, 2003, in Toronto, Canada. He covered the following topics: UTI’s, Reflux; voiding dysfunction, urodynamics; nocturnal enuresis, acute scrotum; undescended testes.

MEDAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2004 Medal Committee (David Bloom, Richard Rink, and Clare Close) have nominated Dr. Rudy Hohenfellner (Germany) as the 2004 Urology Medalist.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Much of the growth of section funds is due to the extraordinary fundraising efforts of Dr. Ronald Rabinowitz. Dr. Rabinowitz reported that his fundraising efforts have become more challenging and the task has involved more time for less response. This year, he solicited 25 companies.

The following donations were received in fiscal year 2003-2004:

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| Aventis Pasteur | \$15,000.00 |
| Laborie Medical | \$500.00 |
| Potty MD | \$1,000.00 |
| Cook Urological | \$1,000.00 |
| Ortho McNeil | \$5,000.00 |
| Olympus | \$5,000.00 |
| American Urological Association | \$2,250.00 |
| Mentor | \$3,000.00 |
| AstraTech | \$5,000.00 |

2003 SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Dr. Richard Grady was congratulated for putting together a tremendous program for the 2003 meeting. This year, the *entire* meeting utilized a centralized computer system to coordinate power point presentations. Dr. Grady reported that there were 366 abstracts submitted for presentation; 121 were accepted for presentation for an acceptance rate of 33%.

AAP/ESPU JOINT MEETING 2005

Following the success of the 2000 Combined ESPU-AAP Meeting in Tours, it was decided to pursue another combined meeting in 2005. Both the AAP and ESPU executive committees approved the joint meeting. The meeting will start after lunch on June 15, in Uppsala, Sweden (a 30-minute train ride from Stockholm). The planning committees for both groups have been established:

AAP

Richard Rink
H. Gil Rushton

ESPU

Henri Lottman
Philip Ransley
Goran Lackgren

Goran Lackgren, Arne Stenberg, and Nils Wahlin are handling local arrangements.

The educational goal will be to have equal representation of abstracts from both groups with equal represen-

(Highlights, continued from page 5)

tation of moderators in a congenial atmosphere. A program committee from both the AAP and ESPU will rank the papers. These 2 groups will then get together to form the final program.

BYLAWS

The bylaw referendum regarding the nominations committee was passed by the section.

Section 3. The Nominations Committee shall consist of three Fellows of the Section: ~~Two Fellows will be appointed by the Chairperson of the Section Executive Committee. The third Fellow will be elected by the membership and cannot be a member of the Section Executive Committee.~~ Chairperson Ex Officio, Chairperson Elect, and a third Fellow elected by the membership who is not a member of the Section Executive Committee. A member of the nominating committee may not be nominated for election. The individuals nominated for secretary-elect and chair-elect must have served as a member of the Section on Urology Executive Committee.

TIMING STATEMENT

“Timing of Elective Surgery on the Genitalia of Male Children With Particular Reference to the Risks, Benefits, and Psychological Effects of Surgery and Anesthesia” was originally published in Pediatrics in April 1996. An addendum to the statement was published in 2000 to acknowledge “there has been considerable recent debate about the appropriate gender assignment of newborns with the most extreme forms of genital ambiguity, with some suggesting that the current early surgical treatment be abandoned in favor of allowing the affected person to participate in gender assignment at a later time.”

The section will submit an Intent for Revision of the Timing statement to the Advisory Committee to the Board on Committees and Sections. Dr. Evan Kass and Dr. Steven Docimo will serve as co-authors on the revised “Timing” statement.

RESEARCH COUNCIL REPORT

Dr. Barry Kogan reported on some major research opportunities. Hopefully we will have enough investigators interested and able to take advantage of these opportunities.

PUNS Corner

The Section on Urology/Pediatric Urology Nurse Specialists have put together an exciting program for the October meeting. We hope you can join us!

Thursday, October 7, 2004

PUNS reception

7:00 – 10:00 pm at Headquarters Hotel

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

Friday, October 8, 2004

Section on Pediatric Urology Nurse Specialists

8:00 am Continental Breakfast

8:40 am Welcome
Rosemary Grant, RN

8:45 am Design of a Dysfunctional Voiding Clinic
Eileen Gray, RN

9:45 am Advanced Fetal Care Center: Unique Role, Unique Population
Luanne Nemes, RN, MS, PNP

10:45 am Break

11:00 am New Concepts in the Management of Vesicoureteral Reflux
Kerry Zebold, RN, PNP

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

1:30 pm Journal Club: Fetal Intervention
Christina Pavlock, RN, MS, PNP
Panelists:
Lisa Tressler, MSN, CNS
Michelle Passamanek-Parrett, MSN, RN, CPNP
Alenne E. Pulsifer, RN

2:30 pm Pediatric Urology: An Overview
Richard Rink, MD, FAAP

3:30 pm Break

3:45 pm Current Trends in Pediatric Urology
Doris Carlson, RN
Sharon Gilligan, RN
Angie Hinds, RN, PNP

6 4:45 pm Adjournment

Zany Musical Will be Highlight of Fall Banquet

by Larry Baskin, MD, FAAP
Local Arrangements Chairman

We are looking forward to having you back in San Francisco for the American Academy of Pediatrics, Section on Urology banquet. The annual entertainment and banquet is set for Saturday night. Buses will meet you at the Marriott next to the Moscone Convention Center at 6:00 PM to take you to the 7:00 PM showing of the internationally acclaimed hit musical revue, Beach Blanket Babylon. Our entertainment will be followed by dinner and drink in San Francisco. Steve Silver's Beach Blanket Babylon premiered at the Savoy Tivoli in San Francisco's North Beach, June, 1974. It is truly a San Francisco institution, with over 6500 performances seen by more than 3 million people over its 28 years. Beach Blanket Babylon is an extravagant and zany musical spoof of pop culture. The excellent cast sports a dizzying array of enormous hats (the finale hat is 8 1/2 feet wide!), some stunning visual pun costumes, and choreography that is, in a word, fantastic. You must be 21 years of age or older to attend the performance. There is a no-host bar. Dress for the performance ranges from casual to elegant, so come as you feel comfortable. You are sure to love this show!



Advanced purchase of banquet tickets is highly encouraged. We have reserved the entire main floor for our party – 261 seats. But when they are gone, they are gone! So book your tickets early. Banquet tickets can be obtained through AAP Advanced Registration. Registration materials were mailed in the June 2004 issue of AAP News. You can also visit www.aap.org/nce to print out additional forms to mail/fax back, or register online. Be sure to sign up for event C9 (Urology banquet) under F. Catered Events.

The show lasts for one hour and thirty minutes. After

the show, the buses will take us to dinner and drinks within walking distance of the AAP host hotels near the Moscone Center and Union Square. You are likely to enjoy San Francisco's fine fall weather on your stroll back to your hotel.

Looking forward to seeing you in San Francisco.

Web Update

The AAP urology page (www.aap.org/sections/urology) provides an entrance to basic Academy information and general information regarding our section. Of particular interest is program information from our most recent and past scientific meetings. As promised, photos from the New Orleans gala event organized by Joe Ortenberg have been posted. You've got to check this out! The AAP Web site also has links to registration forms for the 2004 National Conference and Exhibition. The SPU site (www.SPUonline.org) has updated information regarding the 2004 research grant application. General applicant information regarding the pediatric residency match and available programs has been updated on our site. The pediatric residency match is now administered by the AUA. Electronic application forms for the applicants and program chairman can be obtained by following the appropriate links on the Fellow's page. The links will take you directly to the AUA site. Any questions, problems or recommendations with either site can be directed to David Joseph dbjoseph@uab.edu.

Proud of Your Educational Materials? Show Them Off!

We know you have put a lot of time and effort into developing educational materials for parents and patients. The Pediatric Urology Nurse Specialists would like to help you showcase them!

This year at the AAP/PUNS San Francisco Meeting, October 8, 2004, the PUNS Executive Board voted to present a display of instructional handouts for parents/patients, teaching videos, teaching aides, etc. that have been developed by nurses and physicians at the Urology Divisions around the county.

Each item will have a DISPLAY ONLY stamp on it. If there is enough interest, PUNS will create a "Sharing Board" on its Web site to help disseminate and catalog this wealth of patient-education materials.

No one wants his or her hard work to be left out. Please send your materials in advance by September 1 to:

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Oncology Committee Update

by Jonathan Ross, MD, FAAP

On November 4th, 2003 the new COG germ cell tumor protocol opened. This protocol is open to patients less than 15 years of age with a germ cell tumor of the testis. In prepubertal patients this will most often be yolk sac tumor, but young teen-agers with other germ cell tumors are also eligible. The current protocol is based on the 100% survival obtained from the previous protocol in which Stage 1 testis tumors were observed and Stage 2-4 tumors (and those stage 1 patients with recurrence on observation) were treated with 4 cycles of PEB (cisplatin, etoposide and bleomycin). In the new protocol, stage 1 patients will again be observed and those with metastatic disease or persistently elevated markers will be treated with 3 cycles of compressed PEB (expanded to 6 cycles for those with only a partial response to the first 3 cycles). Recognizing the high incidence of benign tumors in this population, the protocol allows patients who undergo inguinal exploration with excisional biopsy and frozen section to be enrolled as Stage 1 so long as an orchiectomy is performed at the same setting if a malignancy is confirmed. (Patients who have benign tumors will not be enrolled). If a malignancy is suspected it is preferred that a CT scan of the abdomen be obtained preoperatively whenever possible to avoid confusion between metastatic disease and reactive lymphadenopathy following surgery. However, failure to do so will not exclude patients from the protocol. Retroperitoneal nodes larger than 4 cm are assumed to represent metastases. Lymph nodes between 2 and 4 cm should be biopsied (but no formal RPLND should be undertaken). Lymph nodes smaller than 2 cm are considered benign. The protocol includes tissue studies of tumors which require special handling at the time of orchiectomy. So it is important, whenever possible, to consult with a COG pediatric oncologist preoperatively who can provide instructions to you and your pathologist regarding proper tissue handling. However, again, failure to do so will not exclude your patient from inclusion.

This protocol will go on for 6 years. Prepubertal testis tumors were under-represented in the last study, largely because pediatric urologists were unaware of the protocol. It is hoped that more testis tumors will be included this time around, and this is our opportunity to make a significant contribution to our understanding of these rare tumors; so please try to enroll patients whenever possible.

If you see a boy less than 15 years of age with a testicular mass, please do the following (ideally before surgery):

1. Contact a COG pediatric oncologist for specific guidelines.
2. Obtain an abdominal CT preoperatively (unless you suspect a benign tumor).
3. Do an inguinal exploration with orchiectomy, or excisional biopsy with frozen section followed by orchiectomy if the tumor is malignant. (If the frozen section is a prepubertal teratoma or other benign tumor, then the remnant testis may be replaced in the scrotum).

If you have any questions you may contact me at any time at 1/800-223-2273, extension 49190 or pager 23863. You can also e-mail me at rossj@ccf.org.

In addition to the new germ cell tumor protocol, a new renal tumor protocol should be open soon. Work continues on rhabdomyosarcoma and integrating evaluations of long-term bladder and sexual function into the protocols. Finally there are neuroblastoma protocols active. Of particular interest is an observation protocol for patients with prenatally detected adrenal masses. To access the COG surgical guidelines for any tumor of the genitourinary tract go the member's section of the SPU Web site for a link to the COG surgery site and instructions, or contact any member of the oncology committee.

IPSO/SIOP update – Bruce Broecker has recently returned from the SIOP meeting in Cairo. The next meetings are in Oslo (2004) and Vancouver (2005). More participation by American pediatric urologists would be very welcome. Feel free to contact Bruce for more information.

Education – There will be an oncology panel at the 2004 AAP Section meeting. The topic will be renal tumors – for which there should be a new COG protocol. The session will be held early Monday afternoon at the meeting.

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Pediatric Urology Coding Corner

by Howard Snyder, MD, FAAP

In November 2003, the Unified Coding Committee had its first meeting at the American Academy of Pediatrics meeting in New Orleans. A number of issues were discussed by the committee members to assist pediatric urologists with appropriate coding. Two specific projects were discussed and are currently under development.

There was a consensus among the members that a Web-based information section for coding issues be developed. It was felt in discussion with Dr. David Joseph that this could be accomplished through the established SPU Web site. Specifically, an icon or section could be generated (member access only) to obtain information regarding common diagnostic codes and operative codes in Pediatric Urology as well as frequently asked questions. An additional section within the coding folder or icon could alert members of new coding initiatives that impact pediatric urologists announced either by the AMA, AUA, or American College of Surgeons.

There was also a suggestion from two of the members on the coding committee that coding templates for E & M coding be developed for common conditions seen by pediatric urologists. These templates would help serve as a rough guideline or draft to satisfy coding requirements for specific levels of surface and also provide a more uniform means by which pediatric urologists code E & M services. Currently, several E & M templates are being developed and piloted in several pediatric urologists' offices.

Finally, in the January 2004 issue of the AMA CPT Assistant, recommendations for coding for orchiopexy were made. Specifically, at the time of orchiopexy, if a hernia or patent processus vaginalis is identified and corrected, both codes (orchiopexy and inguinal herniorrhaphy) can be unbundled and billed separately. Previously, it was felt that this was not the case and this practice was discouraged. However, this has been clarified and it is now felt that with the backing of the AMA that this can be performed. This specific issue will be discussed further when the coding committee meets again at the AUA meeting in San Francisco in April 2004. The Unified Coding Committee seeks input from the members either by telephone or email for suggestions as to further issues of importance to the membership. We will diligently work to help facilitate and inform our members as to changes that affect pediatric urology coding practices.

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Member Benefits

One of the benefits of your AAP membership is access to the Academy's Member Center (MC) Web site. This site, developed specifically for members, provides members with breaking news about the Academy, access to the AAP Fellowship Directory, the ability to change your contact information in our membership database, and the ability to vote in section elections.

To sign up for the MC, access the Academy's Web site at www.aap.org and click "Members Center." Have your AAP member ID number handy. If you do not know your ID number, call the AAP Customer Service Center at 1-866-THE-AAP1 (1-866-843-2271), or click on idrequest@aap.org to e-mail your request. ID numbers are also listed on the mailing labels of *Pediatrics* and *AAP News*.

Once you are on the MC home page, you will see a list of groups on the left side of the page. These groups provide in-depth information on topics such as member services, chapters, federal affairs and reimbursement. *You will also see links to each section of which you are a member.* Sections often post information such as newsletters and Executive Committee minutes to this area, where it can be accessed only by section members. During section elections, you will also be able to access the ballot through the My Sections area of the Member Center.

Here are some useful tools available on the Member Center:

- **Member Services** — Members can change their addresses or other contact information online. Just click on the Online Address and Name Change Request Form to make sure we have your current mailing address, e-mail address, phone and fax numbers.
- **Member Directory** — Members can look up a colleague (or fellow section member) by name, state, city, section or chapter.
- **What's New** — This column features updates on immunization issues, the Heath Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and other important resources. If you visit the MC and find an item in What's New is no longer there, go to the Archive site on the left side of the page.

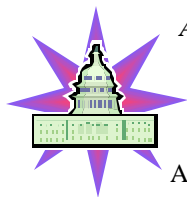
Washington Report

From the AAP Department of Federal Affairs

The AAP Department of Federal Affairs located in Washington, DC, has been our link to federal legislative and regulatory activities for 33 years. It exists to ensure the Administration and Congress is working on behalf of pediatricians and their patients. With the help of AAP members, the Academy has played a major role in helping to create important programs, ranging in the earliest days from poison prevention packaging to the more recent State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Pediatricians often serve as a source of information in Washington by testifying at congressional hearings, attending federal agency meetings and visiting with members of Congress.

FAAN Network

The AAP Dept of Federal Affairs invites you to be a part of the FAAN network. It is a network of Academy members who help support federal legislative and regulatory activities from their positions as constituents. Members choose the level and range of activities that suit their busy schedule, from simply faxing or calling congressional members about issues of concern, to requesting a personal meeting. Over the years, the FAAN network has affected numerous positive gains for children and pediatricians, thanks to AAP member commitment to child health advocacy efforts. FAAN members receive education and guidance and updated legislative information on the issues they take action on from the AAP Dept of Federal Affairs. Join online by going to the AAP Members Center, then Federal Affairs page, then FAAN Network.



AAP Dept of Federal Affairs Resources

In between section newsletters, the Member Center's Federal Affairs page will keep you up-to-date on federal legislative efforts by the Academy.

Another source is the monthly Washington Report column in *AAP News*. For

breaking news on Capitol Hill, the Dept of Federal Affairs sends out special alerts to members of the Federal Action Advocacy Network (FAAN) telling them to take action on legislation when needed.

Contact Us

You can contact the Washington office any time if you have a question about federal legislative efforts or if you are interested in advocating for pediatricians and children. Your participation is critical to our success! We can teach the easy steps it takes to help. The phone number is 800-336-5475 and e-mail is kids1st@aap.org.



The Journal of Pediatric Urology

by David Frank and Pierre Mouriquand

This is a preliminary announcement of the publication of a new journal devoted to our specialty. The Publishers Elsevier Science have agreed to support and publish the above Journal for the next five years. Hopefully this association will then continue. The Board of the European Society of Pediatric Urology have agreed that their society will be affiliated with the journal.

This journal will be a success providing you contribute to its future. Publication should start in February 2005. Papers will be peer-reviewed. These should be available on the net within two months of a favorable review and receipt of the paper back from the authors. Hard copy will be available within four to six months of acceptance. Initially the journal will be published every two months. Contents will include peer-reviewed papers, review articles, a potpourri of interesting and current paediatric urological papers, articles covering all aspects of paediatric urology, enabling a complete coverage of the specialty for postgraduate education together with multiple choice questions etc. No more than two case reports per issue, news, and a diary of events of societies that are affiliated with the journal will be included.

We appreciate that as a new journal it will not have an impact factor to begin with and it will take three years to achieve one. This will only occur by you submitting your good papers to the journal.

Support your specialty – support the Journal. We need to start receiving papers by August 2004 to prepare for the first issue. We will be sending out more details in following newsletters. Please don't just file this away in the wastepaper bin – use your considerable skills – write that paper and send it to us.

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If you are interested in advocacy, you have access to up-to-date federal and state legislative activities by visiting Federal Affairs and State Government Affairs. MemberTalk and MemberChat Live allow you to post a message and read the responses or reactions from your colleagues or go online in a live chat environment.

The MC is an extremely valuable tool and an empowering member benefit. The Academy will continue to provide a growing number of member benefits, like the member directory, on the MC. Accessing this comprehensive information is not only easy to do, but also is practical, saving the cost of sending print copies as well as staff time.

2004 NCE Section on Urology Scientific Program October 9-11, 2004

Saturday, October 9, 2004 H119

7:45 am – 8:00 - Introduction

8:00 am – 8:40
Podium Session 1 - Malignancy

8:41 am – 9:17
Podium Session 2 - Testes

9:17 am - 9:47
Podium Session 3 - Hypospadias

9:47 am – 10:05 - Break

10:05 am – 11:00 - Panel Discussion
“How Soon Will Pediatric Urologic Basic Research Affect Clinical Practice?”
Moderator: Earl Cheng, MD, FAAP

Panelists:
John Park, MD, FAAP
John C. Pope, MD, FAAP
Martin Kaefer, MD, FAAP
Steve Zderic, MD, FAAP

11:00 am – 11:32 am
Podium Session 4 - Exstrophy

11:32 am - 12:10 pm - Poster Viewing

12:10 pm – 1:20 - Lunch

1:20 pm – 1:54
Poster Session 1 – Basic Science / Bioengineering

1:54 pm – 2:28
Poster Session 2 - Genitalia

2:28 pm – 3:28
AAP Lattimer Lecture
“Battle of the Sexes”
Blanche Capel, PhD, Duke University

3:28 pm – 3:42 - Break

3:42 pm – 4:30
Podium Session 5 – Basic Science

4:30 pm - Adjourn

6:00 pm – 11:00 pm - Banquet

Buses depart at 6:00 pm from the San Francisco Marriott Hotel for the 7:00 pm showing of Beach Blanket Babylon.

Sunday, October 10, 2004 H222

7:30 am – 8:20 - Panel Discussion
“Spina Bifida: Developing a Research Agenda”
Moderator: David Joseph, MD, FAAP

Panelists:
Steven Skoog, MD, FAAP
Donald Lollar, MEd, CDC

8:21 am – 9:05
Podium Session 6 – Vesicoureteral Reflux

9:05 am – 9:45
Podium Session 7 – Voiding Dysfunction

9:45 am – 10:30 - Break / Poster Viewing

10:30 am – 11:28 - AAPU Lecture
“Paradigm Shifts in Professional Motivation”
Marilyn Moats-Kennedy, Career Strategies, Inc.

11:28 am – 11:42 - Medal Presentation

11:43am – 12:12pm
Poster Session 3 – Vesicoureteral Reflux

12:25 pm – 1:45 - Lunch / Masters Course
“Valid Pediatric Urodynamics”
Moderator: Stuart Bauer, MD, FAAP

Panelists:
Stephen Koff, MD, FAAP
Ulla Sillen, MD

1:46 pm – 2:10
Poster Session 4 – Basic Science

2:10 pm – 2:50
Podium Session 8 – Neurogenic Bladder

2:50 pm – 3:20
Poster Session 5 – Neurogenic Bladder

3:20 pm – 3:35 - Break

3:35 pm – 4:15
Podium Session 9 – Basic Science

4:15 pm – 5:15 - Business Meeting

5:15 pm - Adjourn

Monday, October 11, 2004 H314

8:00 am – 8:43
Podium Session 10 – Reconstruction

8:43 am – 9:23
Podium Session 11 - Hydronephrosis

9:23 am – 10:18 - Panel Discussion
“Implications of Female Genital Innervation”
Moderator: Richard C. Rink, MD, FAAP

Panelists:
Lawrence Baskin, MD, FAAP
Justine Schoeber, MD, FAAP

10:18 am – 10:50 - Break / Poster Viewing

10:50 am – 11:50 - AUA Lecture
“Spina Bifida: The Brain and Learning”
Jack M. Fletcher, PhD, University of Texas, Houston

11:50 am – 11:55
Clinical and Basic Science Research Awards

11:55am – 12:19 pm
Poster Session 6 - Imaging

12:20 pm – 1:30 - Lunch

1:30 pm – 2:15
Poster Session 7 - Reconstruction

2:15 pm – 3:10 - Pediatric Renal Tumors: Current Issues
Moderator: Bruce Broecker, MD, FAAP

Panelists:
Robert Shamberger, MD, FAAP
Michael Ritchey, MD, FAAP
Ferdinand Ferrer, MD, FAAP
Martin Koyle, MD, FAAP

3:11 pm – 3:37
Poster Session 8 – Basic Science

3:37 pm – 4:07
Poster Session 9 – Voiding Dysfunction

4:07 pm – 4:35
Poster Session 10 - Calculi

4:35 pm - Adjourn

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