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Unique Feature for "Members Only"

The Endocrine Society and its Corporate Liaison CenterWatch, the leader in clinical trial market intelligence, will offer members a clinical trials database featuring clinical trials, clinical trial results, opportunities for and more.

One of the initiatives of Endocrine Society President has been to increase the Society's clinical trials service. The Society sought to provide members with the latest information currently being conducted as well as information on The Corporate Liaison Board has worked to formulate a partnership with CenterWatch, which will allow Endocrine Society on top of endocrine-related clinical trials activity.

ENDOTrials will enable The Endocrine Society to provide the latest in scientific and drug development. Additionally, the Society's committees with the ability to monitor endocrine databases will also help members quickly discover clinical trial patients endocrine disorders and identify promising Phase I-IV endocrine-related trials worldwide. In short, *ENDOTrials* will keep Endocrine Society and its members up to date on the endocrinology.

To access the database, visit www.endo-society.org and click on the "What's New" area on the right-hand side of the page. Enter your username and password (if you do not know this information, contact the Society's Member Services at members@endo-society.org). In the "ENDOTrials" area select from the following list of search options:

Clinical Trials Listing Service

- Database of active phase I-IV clinical trial listings (includes government)
- Lists hundreds of active industry-sponsored clinical trials and several thousand government sponsored clinical trials
- Searches can be conducted by region of the country

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- All clinical trial listings are IRB-approved and r
- Clinical trial listings are updated weekly

Drugs in Clinical Trials

- Research database lists hundreds of drugs worldwide
- Summary drug profiles include the mechanism with contact information, indications, research p

TrialWatch—Investigator Opportunities

- A bulletin of pre-qualified clinical trials for w actively seeking potential investigative sites

Clinical Trial Results

- Database tracks hundreds of trial results of dru pipeline since January, 2000. It includes resu marketed drugs
- Searchable by therapeutic area, drug name, gene

FDA Drug Approvals

- Listing of approved endocrine drugs since 1995
- Includes descriptions of drugs that have rece Information includes clinical results, side effe additional information

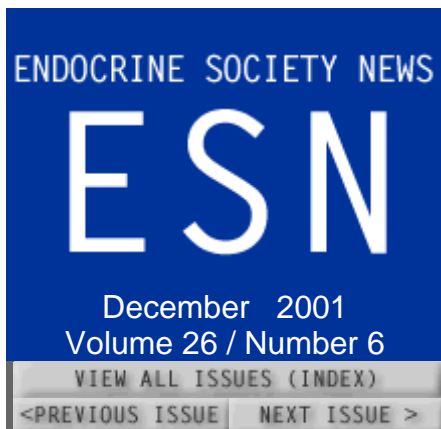
Gateway to NCI and NIH Clinical Trials Listings

- NIH Listings include:
- Listing of government funded clinical research s facilities
- Site updated weekly including clinical trial summary, eligibility criteria, citations, contact in
- National Cancer Institute (NCI) Listings include
- Information on cancer treatment screening, prev approximately 1,700 actively enrolling cancer tr
- Searchable by indication and geography

All of the databases and other clinical trials resources be provided exclusively to Endocrine Society memb area of the Web site. As a resource to patients, the Clin Clinical Trials Definitions will also be linked to The I *ENDOTrials: The Endocrine Clinical Trials Network* members to become more knowledgeable about clini as an investigator in clinical trials activity. In additio inform their patients about the latest inves *ENDOTrials: The Endocrine Clinical Trials Networ*. Endocrine Society's clinical trials initiative. Look f weeks about new education opportunities and other s

offering members to enhance your clinical trial experience. For more information about *ENDOTrials: The Endocrine Clinical Trials Network*, the upcoming clinical trials activity, contact Nancy C. Hill at nchill@endo-society.org or 301-941-0203. Visit [www.endo-society.org](#) to see—*ENDOTrials: The Endocrine Clinical Trials Network*

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Member Honors

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Thomas Landefeld, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Scholarly Activities at California State University, Dominguez Hills, was honored at the Minority Access Inc.'s Second National Role Models Awards Banquet in November. This honor is presented to exemplary mentors who have served as role models in research and other fields.

Shlomo Melmed, M.D., Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Professor and Director, Cedars-Sinai Research Institute, UCLA, has been appointed to the Board of the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP).

The Following Endocrine Society Members were recently elected to the **Institute of Medicine (IOM)**, a private organization that elects new members from among candidates chosen for their major contributions to health and medicine, or other related fields. Election to membership is both an honor and an obligation, as members are committed to engage in a broad range of health policy issues.

Edward R. B. McCabe, M.D., Ph.D., Professor and Executive Chair, Department of Pediatrics, and Director, Child Health Research Center, School of Medicine, UCLA;

Eric N. Olson, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Molecular Biology, and Director, Hamon Center for Basic Cancer Research, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas;

Charles B. Wilson, M.D., M.S.H.A., Tong-Po Kan Professor, Department of Neurological Surgery, School of Medicine, University of California, San

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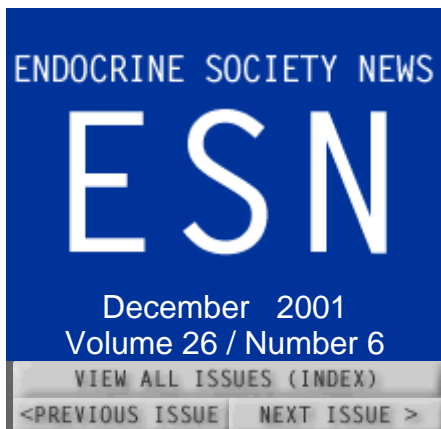
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Francisco, were elected as members of the IOM.

Henry G. Friesen, M.D., Distinguished Professor Emeritus and Senior Fellow, Centre for the Advancement of Medicine, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, was elected as a Foreign Associate member of the IOM.

Let us know about your honors! Submit your honors online in the Members Only section of the Society's Web site, www.endo-society.org or send them to ESN@endo-society.org with "Member Honors" in the subject line.



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Molecular Endocrinology Nominations

Editor-in-Chief of *Molecular Endocrinology* Sought

Nominations Solicited

Dr. John Nilson will complete an extended six year term as the Editor-in-Chief of *Molecular Endocrinology* on December 31, 2003, having provided exceptional organizational skills, leadership, and dedicated stewardship over the journal. The Endocrine Society now seeks nominations and applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief of *Molecular Endocrinology* from members of the Society. The new Editor-in-Chief will formally assume responsibility on January 1, 2004, but must be able to open the editorial office and begin receiving manuscripts in the fall of 2003. The official term will end December 31, 2008, but the Editor-in-Chief must be available, during the editorial office's phase out operations, until January 31, 2009.

Molecular Endocrinology is an interdisciplinary journal that is the leader in the field of molecular endocrinology. Its Impact Factor ranks it as fourth among endocrinology journals in ISI's current Science Citation Index and in the top 150 of all 5,700 scientific journals. It is devoted to the rapid publication of original, peer-reviewed papers that deal with the molecular, mechanistic events involved in the actions of hormones and growth factors and their surrounding infrastructure.

Applicants must be members in good standing of The Endocrine Society. They should be dynamic, nationally recognized investigators who are willing to devote a significant portion of their time to Journal affairs and who can maintain *Molecular Endocrinology's* reputation for cutting edge science.

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The new editor will work with a managing editor and manuscript-processing staff located in a centralized editorial office at the Bethesda, MD office of The Endocrine Society and will maintain an office and one administrative assistant at his/her institution. The electronic peer review and manuscript processing system, EReview, has streamlined the peer review process and has allowed the centralization of manuscript processing at the Bethesda office. Ample opportunity will be provided for the Editor-in-Chief and the Managing Editor to meet face to face. The Editor-in-Chief receives administrative support from The Endocrine Society Office, particularly the Director of Journal Publications, who manages all of the publishing business activities of the Journal, and the Director of Finance and Administration, who oversees the administration of the budget of the Journal.

The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for both the content and direction of the Journal, subject only to the approval of the Publications committee. At present, the Journal receives approximately 450 submissions yearly and publishes 2,100 pages. The current time from submission to first decision is 30 days and the current acceptance rate is 33%. The Editor-in-Chief is assisted by five Associate Editors and an editorial board of 42. The Editor-in-Chief develops and manages the Editorial Board, and provides regular reports on Journal and editorial activities to The Endocrine Society Publications Committee, of which he/she is an ad hoc member. The Editor-in-Chief is also a voting member of the Journals Steering Committee, and is required to attend thrice yearly meetings of the Publications and Journal Steering Committees.

Applications must be submitted by February 28, 2002. Nominations must be submitted in time for the search subcommittee to solicit the application from the appropriate nominees by this date. The selection process for the Editor-in-Chief begins with the Publications Committee's review of all applicants/nominees at its meeting in March 2002. Selected candidates will be contacted after the meeting by the search subcommittee

chair and asked to provide more details about proposed associate editors, and a draft Editor-in-Chief office budget. (The Endocrine Society Finance and Journals Directors will prepare the centralized *Molecular Endocrinology* editorial office budget in consultation with the new Editor-in-Chief). The Publications Committee will interview finalists at its September 28, 2002 meeting, at which time they will choose an Editor-in-Chief to recommend to The Endocrine Society Council.

Applicants for the position of Editor-in-Chief must include the following information.

- A brief description of his/her qualifications and documentation that his/her host institution is committed to allowing sufficient time to discharge the responsibilities of the position.
- A short statement outlining the approach that will be taken to editing the Journal, including goals for content, target readership, manuscript acceptance criteria, and editorial policy.
- The desired number of Associate Editors, how meetings of the Editorial Board will be convened, and how editorial decisions will be made. He/she need not designate all of the Associate Editors, but rather suggest a sufficient number of specific individuals, with an appropriate distribution of skills, to allow the committee a sense of the composition of the group that will be responsible for Journal content.
- A discussion of the present status of the Journal, opportunities for growth and enhancement, and plans to achieve these goals.
- The application should not exceed three single-spaced, typed pages.
- A complete CV.

Please send applications and nominations to **arrive no later than February 28, 2002**, to Dr. Priscilla Dannies, Chair of the Molecular Endocrinology EIC Search Subcommittee of the Publications Committee. Nominators of individuals should provide a brief description of the candidate's qualifications for the position. **The Committee strongly encourages the submission of curricula vitae and letters of application as PDF attachments.**

Priscilla Dannies

Yale Univ. School of Med

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Individuals with questions regarding this position may contact Dr. Dannies at (203) 785-4599, email priscilla.dannies@yale.edu; Dr. William Rosner, Chair of the Publications Committee, at (212) 523-7376, email WR7@COLUMBIA.EDU; Dr. Nilson (216) 368 4710, email molendo@endo-society.org, Director of Publications, Lenne P. Miller, at (301) 941-0235, email lmiller@endo-society.org

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Minority Affairs Committee Outreach

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The Minority Affairs Committee (MAC), in its ongoing mission to increase cultural diversity within the field of endocrinology and The Endocrine Society, has been involved in several outreach programs this fall. In August, members of the Committee represented The Endocrine Society at the National Medical Association's (NMA) Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN. With over 2,000 attendees, this event proved advantageous in offering the Society opportunities in recruiting for membership, distributing information on the Shortcourse Program and discussing the possibilities of partnerships with other organizations and funding agencies.

In September, members of MAC also represented the Endocrine Society at the annual meeting of the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science's (SACNAS) in Phoenix, AZ. MAC members participated in several recruiting and networking activities, including poster judging and mentoring sessions. Eight students who presented endocrine-related posters at the conference were awarded cash prizes and certificates from the Society as well as free online subscriptions to *Endocrine Reviews* for one year and free student membership to the Society. The winners were:

Diandra Ayala

Mayra Chavez

Frances Fernando

Vivian Galicia

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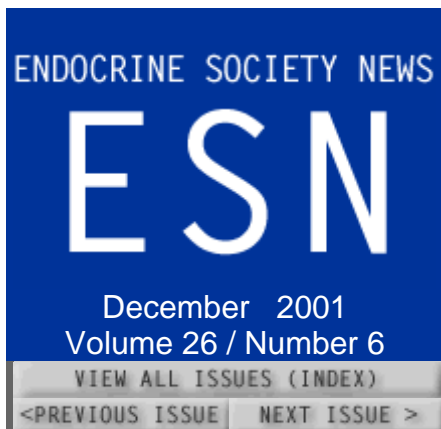
Jamie Lemus

Marie Peddinghaus

Nestor S. Rodriguez

Wanda Vila-Carriles

MAC will continue its outreach efforts throughout the upcoming year by attending other conferences that are aimed at promoting opportunities for students who select advanced training and careers in research and medicine. For additional information about the Minority Affairs Committee, please contact Kirsta Suggs at ksuggs@endo-society.org or 301-941-0244.



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by Bill Crowley, President, The Endocrine Society

Society Coordinates NIH Study Section Reorganization Efforts

A Message from the President

Dear Fellow Endocrine Society Member,

In this Presidential letter, I would like to update you on a very large effort that the Society has been mounting in support of our investigative community. As reported to you throughout the past year, a considerable effort of the Society has been devoted to the close monitoring of the NIH's efforts to reorganize the Study Section peer review process that is currently underway in the Center for Scientific Review (CSR). I also recently informed you of my initiative to build collaborations with our "sister societies," recently kicked off at our Sister Society Forum held in September.

What is particularly pleasing to report is that both initiatives have now synergized in a most advantageous manner. The Endocrine Society has utilized the leadership network of the newly organized Sister Society Forum reported to you last month to coordinate a collaboration of advocacy efforts around this reorganization process. A specific example is evident in a recent letter that the Sister Society Forum sent to the CSR regarding the future of the Biochemical Endocrinology Study Section (BCE). Based on a continued decrease in grants submitted to it and the resignation of its SRA, BCE was being

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considered for dissolution by the end of this year by the CSR. The Endocrine Society submitted a letter co-signed by five other organizations including the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, the American Thyroid Association, the Lawson-Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society, the Pituitary Society and the Society for the Study of Reproduction, which convinced the CSR to maintain BCE throughout the review period for this group of study sections. A full copy of the letter is available on the Society Web site at <http://www.endo-society.org/pubrelations/advocacy.cfm>

Reorganization Efforts

In January 2000, the NIH Panel on Scientific Boundaries for Review (PSBR) provided a report to the CSR who initiated the formal reorganization process. The overall goal of the study section reorganization was described as, "creating a system that will be flexible enough to adjust to the rapid changes in scientific opportunities and emerging fields expected in the years ahead." In this reorganization, each Integrated Review Group (IRG) within the CSR will be assessed and a recommended study section system will be submitted to the CSR for consideration. More information regarding reorganization activities is available on the CSR Web site at: <http://www.csr.nih.gov/>

The Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Reproduction (EMR) IRG timeline for review is as follows:

EMR Steering Committee: Fall, 2001

This committee, comprised of NIH personnel only, will assist the CSR in identifying qualified, experienced and well-rounded individuals from the endocrine scientific community to serve on the boundary team that will assess the EMR IRG.

EMR Study Section Boundary Team: Spring, 2002

This team will be formed in early spring—tentatively by March 2002. It will include a mix of outside research scientists, CSR and/or

other NIH staff, and a member(s) of the original PSBR committee. The work of this panel and their subsequent recommendations will be largely based on a mock sort of 450 applications assigned to IRG 16 (EMR) from applications/ abstracts reviewed for the May 2000 Council meeting. This mock sort will occur in May 2002.

Recommendations to CSR Advisory Council: January, 2003

Following a period of public commentary on the SSB team recommendations, the new IRG organization will be presented to the CSR National Advisory Council for final approval in January of 2003. Implementation will take approximately another year.

Advocacy Efforts

The Endocrine Society, guided ably by Kelly Mayo (Chair of the Research Affairs Committee) and his committee members, has outlined four major objectives for our advocacy in the reorganization process:

1. Maintain endocrinology, broadly defined, within the EMR grouping.
2. Recapture areas of endocrinology that have already been fragmented out of EMR.
3. Define an optimal arrangement of study sections within the EMR IRG that ensures appropriate peer review and provides for adequate representation of clinical investigators.
4. Improve overall study section experience (for volunteers).

The strategy for achieving our objectives includes:

- **Maintaining an open dialogue with the CSR**—As demonstrated in our efforts to date, the CSR is open to feedback from scientific organizations. The Endocrine Society will continue to provide thoughtful insight and recommendations to the CSR as appropriate and necessary.
- **Influencing EMR Study Section Boundary Team**—The Endocrine Society has already provided the CSR with names of exceptional candidates for potential membership on the EMR Study Section Boundary Team, and we will follow up with a refined list this fall.
- **Engaging the Endocrine Community**—A key factor in the EMR reorganization will be our ability to demonstrate the breadth and depth of endocrinology across the NIH. We will continue to utilize the sister societies to communicate a unified,

powerful position to the CSR. As recommendations from each (relevant) IRG are posted for public comment, the Society will issue a call to action to our membership.

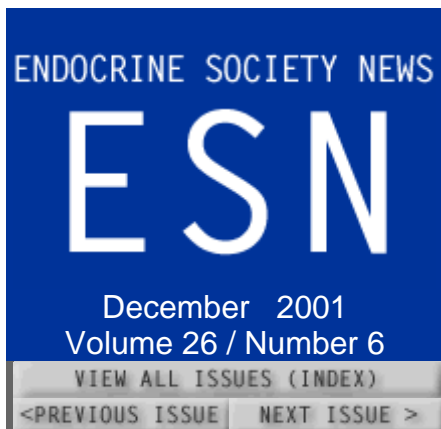
Summary

The tradition of appropriate peer review is critical and central to the study section process; our science and Society cannot function without it. A successful system is one that ensures funding for high quality, relevant research. The Endocrine Society must be actively involved in this process since so much of our basic and clinical research is potentially at risk if this process is not fair and successful. Therefore, I ask you to be involved. Participate in the public comment opportunities presented by the NIH. Represent your profession when called upon to do so. Educate a peer. Use The Endocrine Society and its Web site as a resource. While this primarily affects our investigators, it is this portion of our community that provides for the next generation of therapies for our clinicians and their patients. Therefore, when this portion of our highly collaborative and integrated Society is at risk, we all must respond. For up to date information on the Society's efforts, visit the advocacy section of our Web site at: www.endo-society.org The NIH study section reorganization is just one example of the type of advocacy that the Society carries out for our membership. I will continue to update you on this and other advocacy issues, and I encourage your feedback. Please send me your thoughts by emailing me at: president@endo-society.org

Sincerely yours,

Bill Crowley,

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During 2001 The Endocrine Society and the field of endocrinology were continuously highlighted in the media. Throughout the year, many Society members spoke with reporters on behalf of The Endocrine Society. Although the Society's media relations activities focused on a variety of issues and topics that affect endocrinologists, the Media Advisory Committee (MED) and the Public Affairs staff concentrated on three main areas—ENDO, journals promotion, and collaborations.

ENDO 2001

ENDO 2001 succeeded in attracting widespread media attention for The Endocrine Society. Nearly 20 reporters attended the meeting and utilized the Society's onsite press room. The meeting featured four press conferences that focused on a variety of topics including osteoporosis, new endocrine therapies, dietary soy and obesity. The media coverage of ENDO 2001 included stories in the *Washington Post*, Reuters Health, the *Denver Post*, United Press International, *USA Today*, CBS HealthWatch, IVillage.com and the Dow Jones News Service. Additionally, the Society produced the ENDO 2001 Research Summaries Book (RSB), which contained nearly 150 abstracts as well as lay versions of each abstract. The 2001 RSB was nearly 50 percent larger than in past years! As of November, ENDO 2001 news stories reached more than 8 million people. The Public Affairs staff and the MED are already working hard to plan media activities for ENDO 2002.

Journals Promotion

Throughout 2001 the Public Affairs staff and

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published in the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism* (JCEM). Each month, one study published in the journal was selected by the MED for a press release. The Public Affairs staff worked with the authors and the MED members to draft the press releases and distribute them to national media. As a result of the media promotions, many JCEM studies were covered by national media outlets including the CBS Early Show, Reuters Health, the Associated Press and the *Washington Post*. With the successes from 2001, the Public Affairs staff and MED will work to expand the journals promotion in 2002 to include other Society journals.

Collaborations

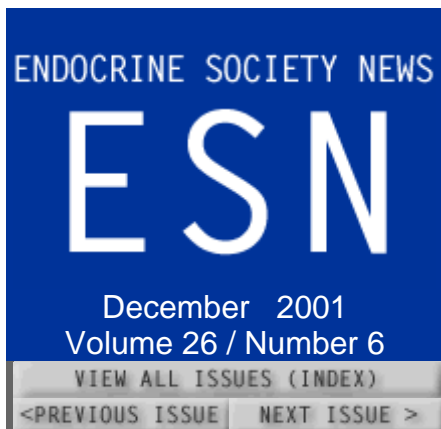
The Endocrine Society participated in several special media projects and collaborations during 2001. Two of the topics that the Society focused on during the year were precocious puberty and Synthroid. In many cases, The Endocrine Society collaborated with other endocrine-related organizations such as the American Thyroid Association, the Lawson-Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society (LWPES) and Thyca: Thyroid Cancer Survivors Group, on the media relations activities.

In March, for example, following a wave of negative media coverage on precocious puberty, The Endocrine Society partnered with the LWPES on a statement supporting additional research into the causes of precocious puberty. The statement resulted in a second wave of positive media coverage that included interviews with many Endocrine Society and LWPES members who are experts on precocious puberty. In the future, The Endocrine Society will continue to pursue additional opportunities to collaborate with other endocrine-related organizations on media relations activities.

The Society's media relations activities would not be possible without the dedicated members of the Media Advisory Committee. Throughout the year, members of the committee work with the Society's Public Affairs staff to promote the Society and the field of endocrinology. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Society's media

relations activities, please contact Marisa Lavine, Public Affairs Manager at mlavine@endo-society.org or 301-941-0255.

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Student Research Fellowship Applications

Applications for the 2002 Summer Research Fellowship Society will award these fellowships to promising undergraduate and students entering graduate school to encourage endocrinology research projects conducted under the guidance of Society members during the summer. This past summer, 19 students participated in a successful program.

Endocrine Society members may submit one application. Applications are available on the Society's www.endocrine-society.org/students/awards.cfm. The application deadline is August 1, 2002.

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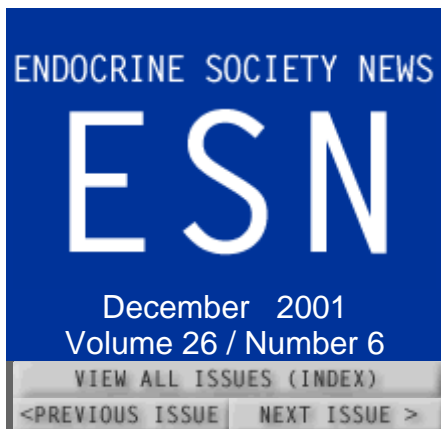
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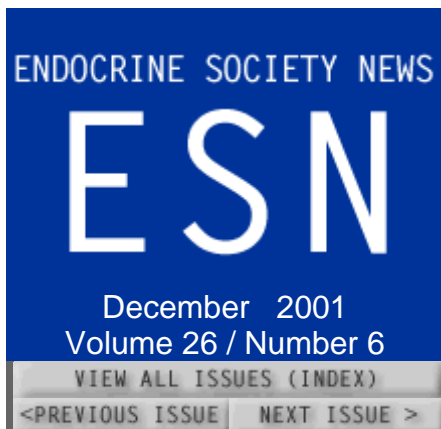
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