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# President's Message

by Dr. John D. Baxter

## New President to Focus on Cardiovascular Endocrinology

Dear Members,

As you probably know by now, the The Endocrine Society has launched an ambitious Strategic Plan. In the past, much of the strategic planning for the Society came in the form of presidential initiatives. However, given that we now have a Strategic Plan developed by a number of our members in through a consensus mode, I feel think that my energies are best used in implementing the initiatives in this plan.

A key aspect thrust of the plan is to reach out to constituencies that have perhaps not received the focus that they deserve. One of these as-yet-not fully recognized constituencies is composed of our members (clinicians and scientists) who are involved in cardiovascular endocrinology. As a result, I have made the theme of the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Society "Cardiovascular Endocrinology" and formed a Cardiovascular Endocrinology Task Force.

This constituency was chosen because our members have made and are continuing to make a major impact in this important area, and it has been under-represented in many Endocrine Society activities, including the Annual annual Meetingmeeting. Developing cardiovascular endocrinology as a focus can be provide a role model for how to address other specific constituencies within the Society, as anticipated in our Strategic Plan.

The impact of our members in the cardiovascular area is enormous. In the The Endocrine Society database, we can document that 20-25% of our members have a basic research, clinical research or clinical practice

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focus in cardiovascular endocrinology. Relevant areas of science and practice include hypertension, lipid disorders, steroid metabolism and action, adrenal disease, atherosclerosis, lipoprotein disorders and obesity. However, this estimate does not include members in areas that also have a direct impact on cardiovascular biology, such as in diabetes, catecholamines, peptide hormones (e.g., angiotensin II), second messenger signaling, and nuclear receptors (PPAR, LXR, TR, etc). Thus, the percentage of those in the database noted in the first part of this paragraph is probably an underestimate of our members' involvement in this broad, exciting area.

Our members are leaders of clinics and of subspecialty services that treatin the treatment of lipid disorders, hypertension and obesity. One example of the huge impact of our researchers is that two of the five National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (SCOR): Genetics of Hypertension NHLBI grants were awarded to endocrinologists. Greater recognition of the roles of Society members in cardiovascular endocrinology would help granting agencies, such as the NIH, National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the clinical world, including referring physicians and the pharmaceutical industry, better recognize the broad importance of endocrinology for aspects of cardiovascular research.

**The Cardiovascular Endocrinology Task Force formulated several goals:**

1. Endocrinologists should be recognized as experts in managing cardiovascular endocrine disorders (e.g., hypertension, dyslipidemia, obesity, insulin resistance).
2. Endocrinologists are at the forefront of advances in cardiovascular endocrine disorders and should be recognized as such by the scientific community and granting agencies.
3. Pharmaceutical companies should recognize and support Endocrine Society sponsored efforts related to cardiovascular endocrinology.

4. Philanthropic groups should recognize and support Endocrine Society sponsored efforts related to cardiovascular endocrinology.

[Some of the activities of the Cardiovascular Endocrinology Task Force have included:](#)

1. Assisting the Annual Meeting Steering Committee with planning the cardiovascular theme, for programming ENDO 2003. for the annual meeting.

2. Commenting on the proposed guidelines for the new NIH Cardiovascular Sciences (CVS) Integrated Review Group (IRG) and its eight new study sections.

3. Convening a Endocrine Society basic science meeting on nuclear receptors and the cardiovascular system to be held in the fall of 2003. sponsored by the Endocrine Society

4. Initiating a series of regional 1-day educational programs on "Cardiovascular Endocrinology - Update for Primary Care Physicians". Endocrinologists will present these programs to primary care physicians and fellow endocrinologists. Proposed topics include:

- Syndrome X - The Dysmetabolic Syndrome -- Implications for Patient Management; New Concepts in the Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes;
- Management of Hypertension in the Diabetic;
- Obesity - Treatment Options;
- Dyslipidemia - A Practical Approach to Management;
- When is Hypertension Endocrine?

5. Coordinating efforts with the Hormone Foundation to increase public awareness of the hormonal aspects of diseases such as hypertension, obesity, hyperlipidemia, and cardiovascular disease - and increasing public recognition of endocrinologists as experts in these areas.

6. Coordinating efforts with our journal editors to review topics in cardiovascular endocrinology.

[Task Force Membership:](#)

- William F. Young, Jr., M.Sc., M.D., Chair - Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
- John D. Baxter, M.D. - UCSF, San Francisco, CA
- George L. Blackburn, M.D. - Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
- Robert M. Carey, M.D. - UVA, Charlottesville, VA
- Ronald M. Evans, Ph.D. - Salk/Howard Hughes Institute, San Diego, CA
- James W. Findling, M.D. - St. Luke's Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI Mason W. Freeman, M.D. - Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
- John W. Funder, M.D., Ph.D. - Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research, Melbourne, Australia
- Celso E. Gomez-Sanchez, M.D. - Univ. of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS
- Willa A. Hsueh, M.D. - UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
- Andres Negro-Vilar, M.D., Ph.D. - Ligand Pharmaceuticals, San Diego, CA
- Hershel Raff, Ph.D. - Medical College of WI, St. Luke's Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI David W.
- Russell, Ph.D. - Univ. of Texas Southwestern, Dallas, TX
- Paul M. Stewart, M.D. - Univ. of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK
- Gordon H. Williams, M.D. - Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

I look forward to working with Society members on these goals and to receiving any other thoughts and suggestions from members. Responses may be sent to: [president@endo-society.org](mailto:president@endo-society.org)

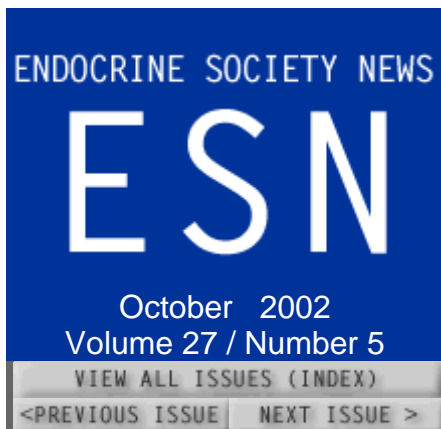
Sincerely,

John D. Baxter, M.D.

President

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# History Project Displays Early Endocrine Artifacts at ENDO 2002

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The history project exhibit at ENDO 2002 had many visitors and received extremely positive feedback from the meeting's attendees. The most notable items on display were the early endocrine texts, from years 1900 to 1920, and old scientific instruments, which were donated by Society members. Drs. Seymour Reichlin and Monte Greer donated a stereotaxic devise, which was hand made in the personal work shop of Dr. Ted Astwood. The historic piece will remain in the Society's archives as a memorial to Dr. Greer.

Hopefully, the success of this year's history exhibit will motivate other Society members to make similar contributions. All contributions of old texts on any aspect of endocrinology help to enhance The Endocrine Society's historical library. For additional information about the history project or to make a contribution, please contact Dr. Adolph Friedman at 301-941-0200.

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## Coding Corner

by Richard Dickey

### Coding Non-Covered Services

The last issue of Coding Corner mentioned non-covered services. This term refers to one of the most important reasons payment for your services may be denied. Non-coverage terms are often a part of a patient's health insurance policy or the contract a physician has with a payer. By billing properly, you can provide any medically necessary service, even a non-covered service, and receive full payment.

The distinction between covered and non-covered services or procedures may seem unclear. The payer may pay one claim, deny a similar one as non-covered and down-code another as medically unnecessary. Since Medicare is a leader in payment policy, the Medicare regulations regarding non-covered services are important to understand.

The original Medicare statute, which was enacted by Congress in 1965, prohibited payment for any services, equipment or procedures "which are not reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member." Exceptions, legislated in recent years, include limited coverage for screening pap smears, screening mammograms, pneumococcal and hepatitis B vaccinations, bone mass measurements and proctosigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy. However, the original exclusion still remains and screening and preventive services, routine physical examinations and related tests, immunizations and screening laboratory tests are generally not covered.

Payment for other services may be denied because they are "not reasonable and necessary." Coverage depends on the circumstances surrounding the diagnosis and the reason for care. Even if a service is covered in a given instance, that does not guarantee it will be paid for by Medicare-such services are still subject to all Medicare program regulations. You must refund any payments denied as medically unnecessary unless a waiver form was properly completed prior to the service.

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Occasionally, a claim is inappropriately denied as non-covered or medically unnecessary; this must be appealed. Several guidelines can be followed to minimize the number of claims which must be appealed. Review the basis for performance of a service and determine whether it is a Medicare covered service. Screening for possible illness on an asymptomatic patient, counseling on avoidance of risk factors, provision of screening and preventive services, which are unrelated to any symptoms or diagnoses that are present (i.e. rectal exam on a beneficiary with arthritis), are examples of services not covered by Medicare. If a symptom or diagnosis necessitates the medical service provided, it should be a covered service if it is coded properly, including the diagnosis code and coding the appropriate level of care as defined by the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) coding system. Beneficiaries will sometimes ask a physician to list a diagnosis and/or symptom on a claim in order to get a routine screening service paid by Medicare. Listing of a symptom solely to obtain coverage for such screening procedures is wrong.

Whether you are a participating or non-participating physician under Medicare, you should bill your usual patient fee for any non-covered services and should not submit the claim to Medicare. The Medicare limiting charge does not apply, but patients should be fully informed in advance that Medicare does not cover the service in question and they are liable for the full payment. Bill the patient directly at your full fee rate for preventive or periodic health evaluations, including related screening laboratory work, chest x?ray and electrocardiogram. Do not declare a covered service as a preventive or screening service for the purpose of avoiding Medicare payment limitations and maximizing reimbursement.

Occasionally, a beneficiary will request that a claim for a not covered service be submitted to Medicare so that the he or she may provide evidence of a denied explanation of benefits. Many carriers have a "non-covered service" code or modifier which should be used. Use the preventive medicine CPT codes (99381?99387 for a new patient or 99391?99397 for an established patient) or, for counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention, use CPT codes (99401?99404, 99411?99412 and 99420?99429). The ICD?9-CM3 diagnosis code for a general medical evaluation is V70.0. Do not use this diagnosis code with the CPT office visit codes

99201?99205 or 99211?99215.

When a portion of a visit would be legitimately covered by Medicare (i.e. to treat a patient's hypertension), but the remainder will involve a non-covered evaluation to screen for other problems, obtain, in advance, a signed waiver form from the beneficiary stating that Medicare does not usually pay for such a comprehensive level of care, and that the patient accepts responsibility for payment of any portion deemed "medically unnecessary".

While it is not technically required to obtain waivers for non-covered services because they are simply beyond the purview of Medicare, the use of a waiver in questionable or combined coverage instances is the only way that the physician has any assurance of being paid. While the above comments and suggestions apply to Medicare, similar policies are likely for other payers. When in doubt, review your contract with the payer or ask about the issue. This will help you and your staff avoid unnecessary confusion, delays in payment, wasted effort with denials and appeals.

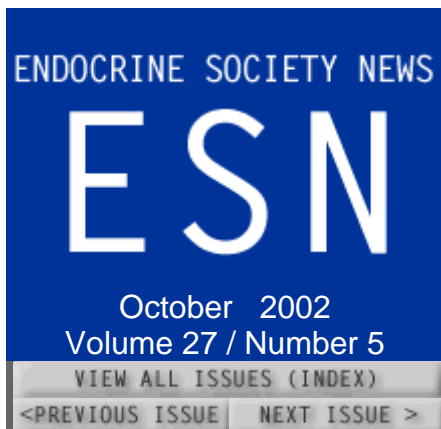
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1 For detailed information, access the Medicare Web site at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or reference the lay-language booklet, *Medicare and You 2002*.

2 For CPT Codes, see *Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology*, CPT 2002, available from the AMA or other licensees.

3 For diagnosis codes, see *International Classification of Diseases ICD-9-CM*, available from the AMA or other licensees.



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# SAVE THE DATE FOR ENDO 2003- The Premier Event in Endocrinology

## Save the Date for ENDO 2003-The Premier Event in Endocrinology

Plan to attend The Endocrine Society's 85th Annual Meeting-ENDO 2003-in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 19-22, 2003 Thursday, June 19 - Sunday June 22, 2003. This year's focus will be "Cardiovascular Endocrinology." Relevant areas of science and practice include hypertension, lipid disorders, steroid metabolism and action, adrenal disease, atherosclerosis, lipoprotein disorders and obesity. In addition, the topic includes areas that have a direct impact on vascular biology, such as in diabetes, catecholamines, peptide hormones (e.g., angiotensin II), second messenger signaling, and nuclear receptors. The cardiovascular endocrinology theme will be incorporated into many of the scientific sessions at ENDO 2003. There will also be special presentations and activities focused on this topic. Look for more information about the ENDO 2003 theme-"Cardiovascular Endocrinology" as it becomes available at [www.endo-society.org](http://www.endo-society.org)

Philadelphia, the site of ENDO 2003, is the fifth-largest city in the United States and is one of the country's most vital historical and economical metropolitan areas. Rich in cultural attractions, visitors will marvel at Philadelphia's unique blend of neighborhoods, which exude both old world charm and a promise for the future.

A walk through the Waterfront District, America's most historic square mile, uncovers quaint 18th-Century homes and cobblestone streets in addition to the famous Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and Independence

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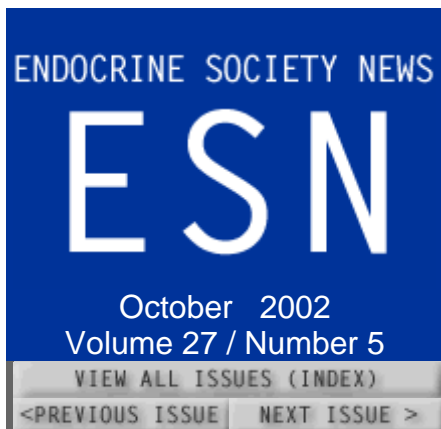
National Historical Park. Art enthusiasts will be amazed at the extensive collection at The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Rodin Museum, the city's many colorful murals, and the magnificent Swann Fountain in Logan Circle. A trip to South Philly provides a tapestry of sights, sounds and tastes to explore, including the eclectic shops and dynamic nightlife of South Street, the city's professional Sports Complex, and the home of the "must have" Philadelphia cheese steak.

Other vibrant tour spots include Chinatown, marked by the "Chinese Friendship Gate," which welcomes visitors to the area's Asian fine art, culture and excellent culinary delights; Fairmont Park-the world's largest landscaped urban park with more than 8,900 acres of winding creeks, rustic trails, green meadows and 100 miles of recreational trails; the prestigious Rittenhouse Square, famous for its beautiful architecture, world-class shopping and fine restaurants; and the Franklin Institute which houses past and future scientific wonders in honor of Ben Franklin, the "father of electricity" and one of Philadelphia's most famous citizens. To learn more about these attractions and others, visit the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau at [www.pcvb.org](http://www.pcvb.org)

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn about the latest science and research in endocrinology and experience the excitement of Philadelphia.

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The Women in Endocrinology (WE) Annual Dinner meeting was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2001 in conjunction with ENDO 2002. Endocrine Society President William Crowley, M.D. and President-Elect John D. Baxter, M.D. spoke at the dinner along with WE President Dr. Margaret Wierman. The dinner's keynote speaker was Dr. Judy Rosener, Professor in the Graduate School of Management at the University of California, Irvine. She presented a thought-provoking lecture entitled: "Why gender matters." Her lecture was aimed at women at all stages of their career and addressed issues important for women in the workplace -- how women can succeed and how businesses and universities should utilize the potential of women to their advantage.

Other speakers included Dr. Laura Goldsmith who acknowledged this year's WE travel awardees-a record number of 31-and presented a Women's Health Research Award, which was funded by a generous grant from Eli Lilly, to Dr. Steffi Oesterreich, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Molecular and Cellular Biology, Baylor College of Medicine for her research on breast cancer. In addition, Dr. Goldsmith presented a new award, which was funded by Aventis Pharmaceuticals to support research in the field of diabetes, to Dr. Frances J. Hayes, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School. Each of the winners received a one-year award of \$20,000 designed to promote the basic or clinical research of junior faculty members.

Dr. Anne Klibanski, Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School was also honored

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with the 2002 WE Mentor Award, which is funded by a grant from the Women's Health Care Division of Parke-Davis (now Pfizer Inc.). The annual WE Mentor Award was created to recognize investigators whose outstanding scientific achievements are coupled with a record of support for women in academics and mentoring of women in their scientific careers.



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# Hot Topics in Endocrinology: Cutting-Edge Science Featuring Renowned Experts

## Hot Topics in Endocrinology: Cutting-Edge Science Featuring Renowned Experts

Two new scientific symposia featuring cutting-edge science will be presented by The Endocrine Society in November. The symposia will be held from November 15-18 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Each meeting will be one-and-one-half days in duration and will be presented at The Astor Crowne Plaza.

### [The Emerging Use of Genomics and Proteomics in Endocrinology](#)

- November 15 and 16, 2002

#### *Program Directors:*

- Daniel J. Drucker, M.D., University of Toronto
- James A. Fagin, M.D., University of Cincinnati Medical Center

#### *Keynote speaker:*

- Dr. Jeffrey M. Friedman, will kick off the program with a presentation on *Leptin, Obesity and the Genomics of Energy Homeostasis*.
- Dr. Friedman is a Professor at The Rockefeller University in New York. Paul S. Meltzer, M.D., Ph.D., with the National Human Genome Research Institute will discuss *Using Genomics to Understand Hormone Action*.

The program will also include sessions on microarrays and endocrine networks; diabetes and proteomics; and bioinformatics.

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- November 17 and 18, 2002

### *Program Directors:*

- David D. Moore, Ph.D., Baylor College Medicine
- Mitchell A. Lazar, M.D., Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania

This symposium will feature presentations on metabolism, genetics, diabetes and obesity by scientists at the top of their fields.

### *Keynote speaker:*

- Michael S. Brown, M.D., of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center will address *How Cells Control Cholesterol*.
- Ronald M. Evans, Ph.D., of the Salk and Howard Hughes Institutes in San Diego will speak on *PPARs and PXR in Lipid Metabolism*.

These programs were announced in January 2002 by Past President, William F. Crowley, Jr., M.D. "We have heard the need from members for smaller, more focused meetings, typically in rapidly evolving areas of basic and/or clinical science," he explained. The series continues in October 2003 with a program on nuclear receptors. "We have heard the need from members for smaller, more focused meetings, typically in rapidly evolving areas of basic and/or clinical science," he explained. The series continues in October 2003 with a program on nuclear receptors.

### [Earn CME Credits by Attending the Hot Topics Meetings!](#)

The Endocrine Society is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Endocrine Society designates these education activities for a maximum of nine hours in category one credit towards the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he or she actually spends in the activity. Attend both symposia and earn up to 18.0 hours!

[There's Still Time to Register and Attend!](#)

Be among the first to attend these inaugural symposia. There is still space available. For complete program information or to register online, go to [www.endo-society.org/scimeetings](http://www.endo-society.org/scimeetings) Registration will also be available on-site in New Orleans. For more information, contact Society Services at 1-888-363-6762.

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PhRMA Issues New Code The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) has adopted new Code on Interactions with Healthcare Professionals effective July 1, 2002. This Code, which has been adopted by most, if not all, pharmaceutical companies, will change the way that companies interact with physicians. The code is designed to curb inappropriate marketing practices. Specifically, the code:

- Strongly discourages support of entertainment/recreational events
- Strongly discourages support of the healthcare professional spouse or other guest at activities
- Outlines criteria for bona fide consulting arrangements
- Defines appropriate give away items that must:
  1. Primarily be for the benefit of patients
  2. Cost \$100 or less
  3. Only be offered on an occasional basis
  4. Not be for the personal benefit of healthcare professionals (such as floral arrangements, artwork, music CDs or ticket to a sporting event)

The new PhRMA code is supported by the AMA due to consistency with the AMA's own guidelines on gifts to physicians. It is expected that the new PhRMA code will have a substantial impact on the way pharmaceutical representatives interact with physicians and will ensure that interactions with healthcare professionals will benefit patients and enhance the practice of medicine.

A copy of the new code and frequently asked questions can be found on the PhRMA website <http://www.phrma.org/press/newsreleases/2004-19.390.phtml>

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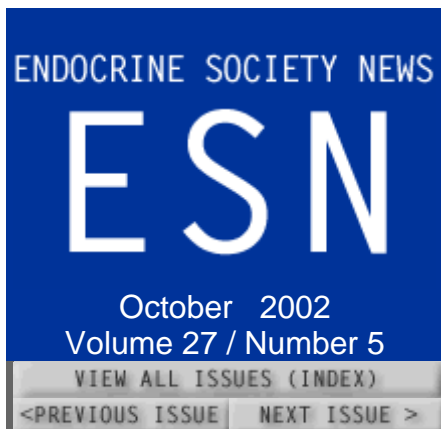
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# Scheck Celebrates 10 Years Directing Society Meetings

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ENDO 2002 marked the tenth annual meeting for Cathy Scheck-Senior Director of Meetings and Marketing. When Ms. Scheck joined the Society in 1993 the annual meeting included only 180 formal sessions, 159 booths and had 4,900 scientific attendees-ENDO 2002 featured more than 300 sessions with more than 6,800 scientific attendees and over 400 booths!

Ms. Scheck's strong planning and organizing skills facilitated the growth in symposia, plenary and meet-the-professor sessions and she has kept the Society a leader in technologies such as electronic schedule planning, abstract submission, registrations and housing. Over the past 10 years, Ms. Scheck has worked closely with the chairs of the Annual Meeting Steering Committee creating a grid planning system to insure the annual meeting's scientific program is comprehensive and balanced. Also during this time Ms. Scheck played a critical role in adding the exciting new "Hot Topics" meetings and making key improvements in other meetings, such as adding the Board review component to the CEU.

Ms Scheck notes her role in building the Society's staff into an "ENDO team" as one of her greatest accomplishments with The Endocrine Society. Beginning in her first year she instituted a series of team building and training sessions for Society staff, including customer service training, which have been emulated by many other professional societies.

"Cathy has brought her great organizing skills to enhance the society's meetings," said Scott Hunt, Executive Director of The Endocrine

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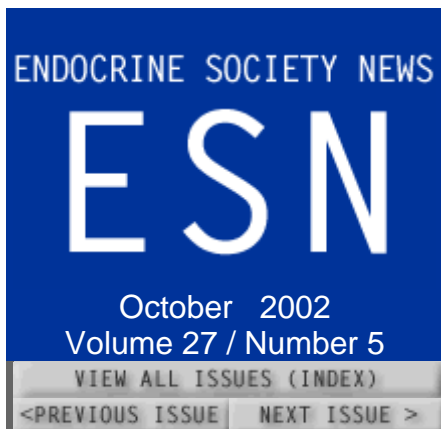
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Society. "Her ability to work with physicians and scientists in all disciplines to facilitate the planning and operation of their meetings is unparalleled. And her 'can-do' spirit has made her a leader among the staff. She's indispensable."

Ms. Scheck received her bachelors degree from Western Illinois University. She spent the next 10 years working with several professional organizations as a conference planner. In the most recent decade she has become an acknowledged leader in the meeting planning field, serving on the advisory board for a California convention bureau, and speaking frequently at meetings of the Professional Convention Management Association and the American Society for Association Executives. *Ms. Scheck can be reached at 301-941-0225, or [cscheck@endo-society.org](mailto:cscheck@endo-society.org).*





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# Legislative Update - Endocrine Society Remains Active on Capitol Hill During August Recess

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During the month of August, Members of Congress returned to their home states for a month-long Congressional recess. While elected officials were home campaigning for the upcoming elections in November, the Endocrine Society government relations team continued to meet with targeted senior Congressional staff on a variety of public policy issues impacting the field of endocrinology. In addition, the Society also convened several conference calls to prepare and further discuss strategies and initiatives to address important issues such as animal welfare, federal obesity legislation, and routine Thyroid thyroid screening.

Prior to Congress' departure for the August recess, the The Endocrine Society was successful in working with key Congressional leaders and the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee to craft legislative language addressing the issue of "Metabolic Syndrome" in the "Improved Nutrition and Physical Activity Act (IMPACT)". This legislation was officially introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senators Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) and Bill Frist (R-TN) in mid-July, 2002. The Endocrine Society was very pleased to assist Congress in drafting this important first legislative step to combat obesity. The Society officially endorsed the legislation during Congressional testimony on Capitol Hill and during a Capitol Hill press

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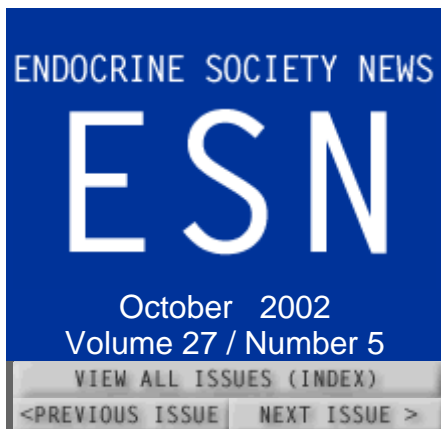
conference.

Upon Congress' return to Capitol Hill in September, the The Endocrine Society will continue to focus significant energy on the importance of federal coverage for routine Thyroid thyroid screening. During the August recess, the Society's government relations team educated Congressional offices and worked to further raise the overall visibility of this key issue.

In addition to activities on Capitol Hill, the The Endocrine Society is also in the process of finalizing the formation of a new Legislative Relations Committee. The first mandate of this new body will be to work with the broader Society and other appropriate Committees to update, identify and establish a proactive legislative and regulatory agenda for the organization.

*For additional information about the society's legislative activities, please visit [www.endo-society.org](http://www.endo-society.org)*





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# MAC Networks at the National Medical Association Annual Meeting of the National Medical Association

## MAC Networks at the National Medical Association Annual Meeting

The Minority Affairs Committee's (MAC) efforts to increase cultural diversity in the field of endocrinology and within The Endocrine Society continued at this year's Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly of the National Medical Association (NMA) in Honolulu, Hawaii August 3-8, 2002. During the convention which hosted approximately 3,000 African American physicians and health care professionals from across the country, MAC members were on hand to show their support to the NMA and to promote the visibility and participation of minority physicians in the programs offered by The Endocrine Society. In order to recruit new members and encourage involvement MAC members provided attendees with information highlighting the benefits of membership, an overview of the activities of MAC and the details of upcoming meetings and new Society programs. Sample journal publications and marketing materials were also distributed. In addition, members discussed the possibility of new partnerships and collaborations with other exhibiting organizations and opportunities for growth for the Minority Affairs Committee. For additional information about MAC, please contact Kirsta Suggs at [ksuggs@endo-society.org](mailto:ksuggs@endo-society.org) Caption MAC member Dr. Jim Mrotek speaks with a meeting attendee in The Endocrine Society's booth.

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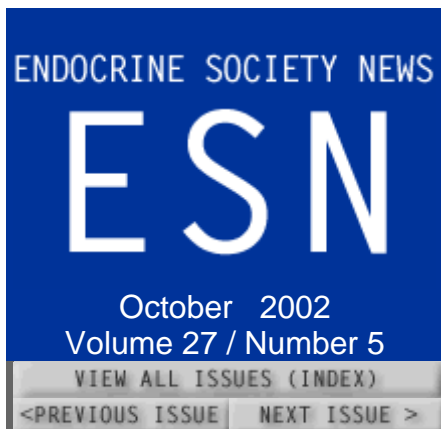
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## Don't Forget to Vote - Bylaws Amendment Ballot

### Don't forget to vote - Bylaws Amendment Ballot

A bylaws amendment ballot was mailed to all voting Society members (active and emeritus) on Sept. 5, 2002. This ballot consolidates in one integrated amendment a number of interconnected bylaw changes to The Endocrine Society's governance systems that will enable the Society to achieve the goals of the new Strategic Plan, which was approved by Council in January, 2002.

*All Ballots must be received by October 21, 2002. Send your ballots back Today!*

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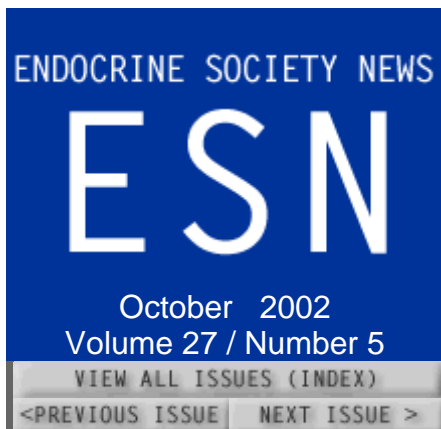
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## Endocrine Society Publications Now Available

### [CEU 2002 Syllabus](#)

The CEU Syllabus provides you with all of the latest information on clinical practice presented at Clinical Endocrinology Update 2002, including:

- A comprehensive source of current practice
- Clinical reviews written by CEU speakers
- Recommended readings
- Charts, summaries, and more!

The world-renowned endocrinologists who present at CEU compile all of the information in the publication.

### [Recent Progress in Hormone Research, Volume 57](#)

An authoritative compilation of critical reviews focusing on Reproductive Health. *Recent Progress in Hormone Research, Volume 57*, offers researchers, clinicians and physicians the opportunity to read concise, comprehensive critical summaries of the most relevant research in the field. With the purchase of the print edition, you also get access to the searchable online version of RPHR. Stay informed, save time-add this invaluable reference of important research by leading experts to your library.

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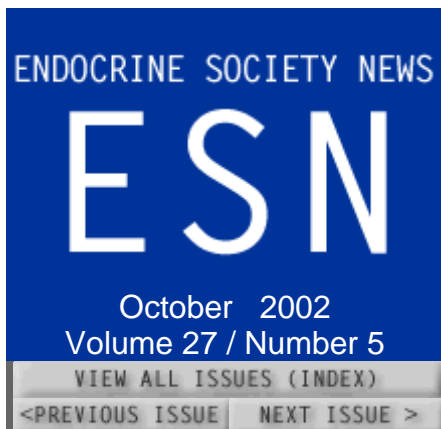
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Attention Members:

Beginning on November 1, 2002, manuscripts submitted to *Endocrinology* should be sent to the journal's office, which is now located at The Endocrine Society's office in Bethesda, Maryland.

All *Endocrinology* submissions after November 1, 2002, should be addressed to: Mr. Scott C. Herman, Managing Editor/Dr. Jeffrey Pessin, Editor-in-Chief, *Endocrinology*, 4350 East West Highway, Suite 500 Bethesda, MD 20814-4426

*Endocrinology*, the Society's oldest journal, has disseminated the science of endocrinology for most of the two-century period. One of the most authoritative biomedical research journals in the world, it publishes 6,000 pages annually of the highest quality original work ranging from subcellular mechanisms to whole animal physiology. Topics include bone and mineral; growth factors; reproductive/steroid; neuroendocrinology/signal transduction; thyroid; and general physiology. The low manuscript acceptance rate of *Endocrinology* reflects the degree to which it is committed to the highest scientific standard. In 2001, *Endocrinology* ranked 1st out of 90 journals in the ISI category of Endocrinology and Metabolism, with an Impact Factor of 4.971 (overall ranking: 253rd out of 5748 scientific journals published).

Questions regarding the new office should be addressed to Scott C. Herman at [sherman@endo-society.org](mailto:sherman@endo-society.org)

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NEW

On behalf of The Endocrine Society, the Membership Committee is proud to present its newest Active Members and Associates who were accepted into the Society between July 4, 2002 and August 23, 2002. These members have demonstrated their commitment and contributions to the field of endocrinology. Please join us in wishing them a warm welcome. We look forward to their participation in all Society programs and events.

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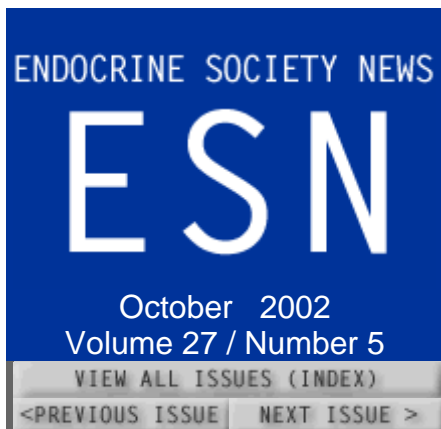
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- [It's time to renew your membership for 2003](#) Look for your 2003 membership dues invoice in the mail in early October or, visit [www.endo-society.org/membership/renew.cfm](http://www.endo-society.org/membership/renew.cfm)
- [CEU 2002 Syllabus-On Sale Now!](#) The CEU 2002 Syllabus is a comprehensive source of the lectures and clinical case discussions presented during the Clinical Endocrinology Update 2002. To order your copy, go to [www.endo-society.org/journals/catalog.cfm](http://www.endo-society.org/journals/catalog.cfm)
- [Mark your calendar for ENDO 2003!](#) ENDO 2003 will be held June 19-22 (Thursday-Sunday), 2003 in Philadelphia, PA. Visit [www.endo-society.org/scimeetings/index.cfm](http://www.endo-society.org/scimeetings/index.cfm) for more information as it becomes available.
- [Worldwide Endocrine Events Calendar](#) The Worldwide Endocrine Events Calendar-your online resource for endocrinology meetings around the globe. Search by topics, title, event sponsor or post your meeting in the calendar at [www.endo-society.org/calendar/index.cfm](http://www.endo-society.org/calendar/index.cfm)
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- *October 4-5, 2002*: Clinical Endocrine Update. Milwaukee, WI. For more information email [Linda\\_DuPont/SLM/AHC@AHC](mailto:Linda_DuPont/SLM/AHC@AHC) or call (414) 649-6421.
- *October 4-5, 2002*: Clinical Endocrinology Board Review. Portland, OR. For more information, visit [www.endo-society.org](http://www.endo-society.org) email [bglover@endo-society.org](mailto:bglover@endo-society.org) or call (301) 941-0200
- *October 4-6, 2002*: IAS Workshop - HDL, Atherosclerosis and the Metabolic Syndrome. Sydney, Australia. For more information, visit [www.meetingsfirst.com.au/meetings/IAS2002](http://www.meetingsfirst.com.au/meetings/IAS2002) or email [aas@meetingsfirst.com.au](mailto:aas@meetingsfirst.com.au)
- *October 5-9, 2002*: GH-IGF 2002 First Joint Symposium of the Growth Hormone Research Society and the International Society for Insulin-like Growth Factor Research. Boston, MA. For more information visit [www.ghigf2002.com](http://www.ghigf2002.com) or email [info@pmpmeeting.com](mailto:info@pmpmeeting.com) or call (781) 279-9887.
- *October 5-10, 2002*: Neuroendocrine-Immune Interactions - Euroconference on Molecular Mechanisms and Clinical Relevance of Brain-Immune Communication. San Feliu de Guixols, Spain. For more information visit, [www.esf.org/euresco](http://www.esf.org/euresco) or email, [euresco@esf.org](mailto:euresco@esf.org)
- *October 6, 2002*: Clinical Endocrinology Update: 2002. Portland, OR. For more information visit [www.endo-society.org](http://www.endo-society.org) or email [bglover@endo-society.org](mailto:bglover@endo-society.org) or call (301) 941-0200.
- *October 7-8, 2002*: First International Workshop on Anti-Mullerian Hormone/ Mullerian Inhibiting Substance. Aix-en Provence, France. For more information, visit [www.serono-amh-mis.com](http://www.serono-amh-mis.com) or email [josso@wotan.ens.fr](mailto:josso@wotan.ens.fr)
- *October 8-10, 2002*: 12th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian & New Zealand Bone & Mineral Society. Adelaide, Australia. For more information, visit [www.racp.edu.au/anzbms](http://www.racp.edu.au/anzbms) or email [anzbms@racp.edu.au](mailto:anzbms@racp.edu.au)
- *October 9-12, 2002*: Advances in Islet Cell Biology: From Stem Cell Differentiation to Clinical Transplantation. Anaheim, CA. For more information visit [www.levinesymposium.coh.org](http://www.levinesymposium.coh.org) or email [kramos@coh.org](mailto:kramos@coh.org) or call (800) 679-4673.
- *October 9-13, 2002*: 74th Annual Meeting of the American Thyroid Association. Los Angeles, CA. For more information visit [www.thyroid.org](http://www.thyroid.org) or email [admin@thyroid.com](mailto:admin@thyroid.com) or call (703) 998-8890.

## PhRMA Issues New Code

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## Scheck Celebrates 10 Years Directing Society Meetings

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## Legislative Update - Endocrine Society Remains Active on Capitol Hill During August Recess

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## MAC Networks at the National Medical Association Annual Meeting of the National Medical Association

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## Don't Forget to Vote - Bylaws Amendment Ballot

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## ENDOCRINE SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

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## New Address for Submitting Endocrinology Manuscripts

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## New Members

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## Bulletin Board

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- *October 10, 2002*: Klinefelter Syndrome and Associates 2002 National Conference - An Apple a Day.... Seattle, WA. For more information visit [www.genetic.org](http://www.genetic.org), or email [melissa@genetic.org](mailto:melissa@genetic.org) or call (916) 660-1599.
- *October 12, 2002*: 58th Annual Meeting of the ASRM. Seattle, WA. For more information, visit [www.asrm.org](http://www.asrm.org) or email [asrm@asrm.com](mailto:asrm@asrm.com)
- *October 12-17, 2002*: Frontiers of Cellular Microbiology and Cell Biology - Euroconference on Trafficking and Signal Transduction. San Feliu de Guixols, Spain. For more information visit [www.esf.org/euresco](http://www.esf.org/euresco) or email [euresco@esf.org](mailto:euresco@esf.org)
- *October 16, 2002*: AAFP Scientific Assembly 2002. San Diego, CA. For more information visit [www.aafp.org](http://www.aafp.org), or email [assemblyinfo@aaafp.org](mailto:assemblyinfo@aaafp.org) or call (800) 926-6890.
- *October 16, 2002*: III Latin-American Osteoporosis Congress IOF and IV Venezuelan Menopause and Osteoporosis Congress. Isla de Margarita, Venezuela. For more information visit [www.congresolatinoiof.com](http://www.congresolatinoiof.com) or email [pilproduc@cantv.net](mailto:pilproduc@cantv.net)
- *October 17-21, 2002*: First Asia-Pacific Forum on Andrology. Shanghai, China. For more information, visit [www.AsiaAndro.com](http://www.AsiaAndro.com) or email [cllan@cashq.ac.cn](mailto:cllan@cashq.ac.cn)
- *October 17-19, 2002*: 9th EFES Postgraduate Course in Clinical Endocrinology. Como, Italy. For more information, email [paolo.beckpeccoz@unimi.it](mailto:paolo.beckpeccoz@unimi.it)
- *October 18-19, 2002*: Prader-Willi Syndrome as a Model for Obesity. Symposium in memoriam Andra Prader. Zurich, Switzerland. For more information, visit [www.childgrowth.org](http://www.childgrowth.org) or email [mail@childgrowth.org](mailto:mail@childgrowth.org)
- *October 21-25, 2002*: 11th International Congress on Hormonal Steroids (ICHS)/7th International Congress on Hormones and Cancer (IHC). Foruoka, Japan. For more information, visit [www.2convention.co.jp/ichs-hc/](http://www.2convention.co.jp/ichs-hc/) or email [ichs-hc@convention.co.jp](mailto:ichs-hc@convention.co.jp)

