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The elections of this past November resulted in a change in the makeup of the 108th Congress. The most significant change came as a result of the Republican Party taking control of the U.S. Senate. This change in party leadership will also result in changes in legislative agenda and public policy goals for the upcoming Congressional session.

Of most importance to The Endocrine Society, Senator Bill Frist (R-TN) is poised to become the Senate Majority Leader. Senator Frist has been helpful to the Society in the past and has sponsored society-supported legislation such as the Improved Nutrition and Physical Activity Act (IMPACT). Senator Frist is also a practicing transplant surgeon from Tennessee and having a Senate Majority Leader with a background in health care will be beneficial to The Endocrine Society and the entire medical community. Senator Frist is aware of the importance of funding medical research and supports the fair and effective delivery of health care needs to patients. Senator Frist will work closely with Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), Chairman of the full Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee to develop the committee's agenda on health care issues. This relationship with Senator Frist and others will allow the Society to directly impact public policy. The Society is excited to continue to build its relationship with the new Senate leadership.

Insiders believe that health care related issues will be a high domestic policy goal both for Congress and the White House. While matters of global concerns such as the war on terrorism and potential conflict with Iraq will likely remain of highest concern to Congress,

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public health issues have been singled out as issues to be addressed.

Specifically, the Administration would like to see Congress address the issue of prescription drugs and enact market-based reforms. The reforms would rely heavily on private insurers, rather than the federal government. In addition, the Administration will continue to pursue the development of the Department of Homeland Security, and with it, increased attention to research and development in response to bioterrorism. Congress also hopes to pass legislation that would limit the liability of medical malpractice lawsuits. Of interest to The Endocrine Society are calls from Congress to address the epidemics of obesity in the American public and the abuse of human growth hormones. The Endocrine Society will also fight to ensure that funding for medical research continues to grow despite increasing federal budget constraints and calls for decreases in spending.

The 2002 elections have changed the face of Congress, but The Endocrine Society is set to adapt and even grow as a result. As outlined in the Society's Strategic Plan, the Society looks forward to increasing its role in public policy and is poised to make a difference.

*For more information about The Endocrine Society's legislative and advocacy efforts, please contact Chris Rorick, Manager, Legislative Relations, at [crorick@endo-society.org](mailto:crorick@endo-society.org) or at (301) 941-0254.*

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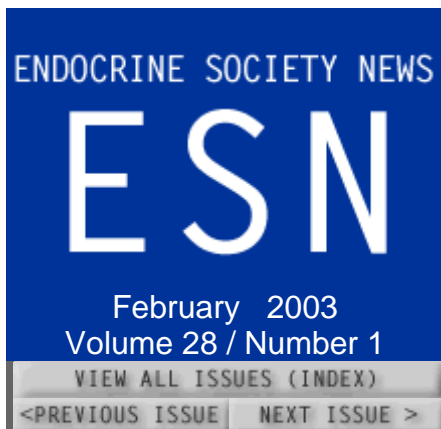
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## **We're moving!**

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The Endocrine Society offices will be moving to a new location in early March. Our new address will be: The Endocrine Society 8401 Connecticut Ave, Ste 900 Chevy Chase, MD 20815-5817 The Society's phone and fax numbers will remain the same. Phone: 301-941-0200 Toll-Free: 1-888-ENDOCRINE Fax: 301-941-0259

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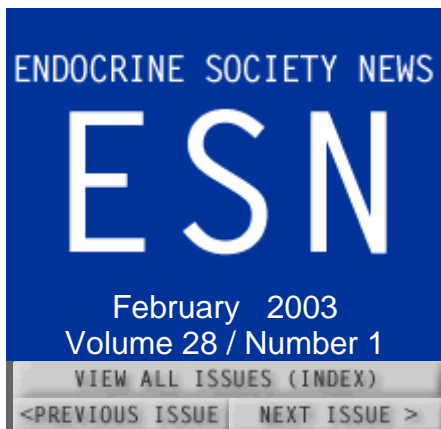
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# HORMONE FOUNDATION OPENS SEARCH FOR NEW PRESIDENT

## Hormone Foundation Begins Search for New President

The Hormone Foundation, the public education arm of The Endocrine Society, is seeking a President to assume the responsibilities of office as President-Elect in March 2004 and as President in February 2005. Dr. Robert B. Jaffe, MD, will complete his tenure as President in February, 2005, having served the maximum term of office.

The term of office is three years, and a President can serve a second term under certain circumstances. The position is voluntary, with a small stipend and support for clerical assistance at the President's office. The headquarters and staff of the Foundation are located at The Endocrine Society offices in Bethesda, MD.

A complete description of the mission and activities of The Hormone Foundation can be found on its website at [www.hormone.org](http://www.hormone.org).

The Foundation's Nominating Committee will make its recommendations to the Foundation Board of Directors, and subsequently to the Endocrine Society Council, so that an appointment can be made at the time of the June 2003 Council meeting.

The qualifications of an ideal candidate would include:

- Service on The Hormone Foundation Board or The Endocrine Society Council
- A vision for the Foundation and its role in the Society's mission
- An MD degree and ideally, experience in both

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- Commitment to an active leadership role in conjunction with the paid professional Foundation and Society staff
- Experience in dealing with the media and the public
- Excellent communications and fundraising skills
- Broad knowledge in endocrinology and medicine, with national prominence in one or more content areas.

Expressions of interest or nominations must be received by March 1, 2003, and should be addressed to Chair, Nominating Committee, the Hormone Foundation, 4350 East West Highway, Suite 500, Bethesda MD 20814 by fax (301)-941-0259 or e-mail at [hormone@endo-society.org](mailto:hormone@endo-society.org)

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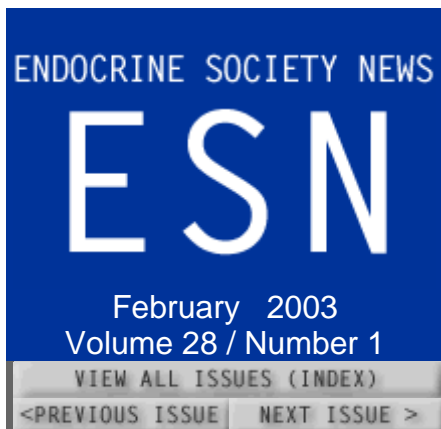
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# NIH Memorial Service Honors Dr. Roy Hertz, Past Vice-President of the Society

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Dr. Roy Hertz, one of the greatest endocrine researchers of this century, passed away on October 28 at his home in Hollywood, Maryland.

Dr. Hertz's groundbreaking discoveries include developing the first drug cure for choriocarcinoma—a cancer of the placenta that strikes in early pregnancy and is rare in the U.S., but common in Asia. He also worked with Dr. Min Chiu Li to discover that choriocarcinoma can be cured with two drugs—methotrexate and actinomycin-D. This discovery cured 90 percent of the women with choriocarcinoma and enormously impacted the treatment of other forms of cancer.

Dr. Hertz also played a critical role in creating the birth control pill. His research into progesterone analogs provided the basis for its development. Additionally, he worked with the Food and Drug Administration to set the dosage levels during the approval process for the birth control pill. Dr. Hertz was also one of the first doctors to point out the potential cancer hazards of birth control pills.

The Memorial Service for Dr. Roy Hertz was held at the chapel of The National Institutes of Health on Saturday, December 7. Society members Dr. Wayne Bardin and Dr. Sheldon Segal spoke at the service, which was attended by about 60 people. Additionally, Dr. Adolph Friedman, the Staff Consultant to the Society's History Project, participated in

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the service. Several other former associates of Dr. Hertz also expressed sentiments.

The Endocrine Society and its History Project express their appreciation to the Hertz family for their contribution of books and correspondences of Dr. Roy Hertz as well as the loan of the files of Dr. Saul Hertz for the Society's archives.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Society's History Project, contact Dr. Adolph Friedman at [afriedman@endo-society.org](mailto:afriedman@endo-society.org)

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# February President's Message

by John D. Baxter

## President's message ----- Public Awareness

Dear Colleagues,

*The mission of The Endocrine Society is excellence in hormone research and care of patients with endocrine disease. As I move through my year as Society President, continually reminding myself of our mission, I become increasingly persuaded of the importance of the section of our Strategic Plan focusing on the need for increased public awareness of endocrinology. Excellence in research and patient care requires public support and understanding. The public elect politicians who, in turn, determine our research budgets, health policies and how new developments in research become a reality in patient care. Our mission also obliges us to inform the public so that they have the opportunity to seek the best possible medical care.*

In spite of this, and in spite of relatively great gains we have made in this area in the past few years, I feel that our outreach to the public is a fraction of what it should be. Given our contributions to research and care, endocrinologists receive little national recognition. Endocrinology is not a household word. I identified cardiovascular endocrinology as my Annual Meeting theme because we make so many contributions in this area, both basic and clinical, and yet we are not recognized for that. This lack of awareness prevails in many other areas as well.

Why is this? It's because we haven't done our job well enough. We publish the very best of endocrine science in our journals, and our

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Annual Meeting is acknowledged universally as a showcase of "who's who" and "what's what" in endocrinology. But the public and the press who are largely responsible for delivering medically related information to the public still stumble over pronouncing our name.

Working in our favor is that the public wants to hear about clinical practice and basic science developments. The recent flurry of publicity about the sequencing of the mouse and mosquito genomes illustrates the public's hunger for information about basic science. The publicity over the recent findings with hormone replacement therapy illustrates the public's desire to learn about clinical treatment developments.

We need to enhance the resources we already have in place to communicate with the public and to bring more urgency to the resolution of policy issues that relate to media interests. Current resources include The Hormone Foundation, the Media Advisory Committee, our four journals (after all, we publish about 14,000 pages annually), our Annual Meeting committee (ENDO attracts around 6,000 participants) and other meeting committees. The solutions will involve Council and The Hormone Foundation Board, but they will also involve more resources and help from you, our members. How can we do this together?

This won't all be resolved during my Presidential year, but I hope I will be able to trace a significant enhancement in awareness and public outreach efforts to 2002-2003.

The Hormone Foundation was created by the Society to carry information about endocrinology directly to patients. Development of the Foundation has been slow, largely due to insufficient funding and the natural growing pains of a new organization. I was a member of The Hormone Foundation Board of Directors prior to being elected Society President, and I both support the Foundation and empathize with its problems. There are challenges to build a financial base and an identity that will allow an organization to showcase endocrinology to

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the public in the way we ultimately must.

I urge all members to provide their own contributions to The Hormone Foundation, as I have done, in addition to supporting the Society's continuing efforts to assist this fledgling organization establish itself. Notwithstanding the challenges it faces, the Foundation's efforts are increasing on a number of fronts. There is a more proactive effort to expand and update the Foundation Web site that now gets about 38,000 hits/month. There are also plans for more conferences which will generate additional brochures to be made available to the public. In addition to the successful women's health initiative, the Foundation is working on initiatives on the metabolic syndrome, obesity, hormone abuse, and hormones and prostate cancer. But all of these plans are dependent upon securing outside funding.

The Media Advisory Committee has been working with the JCE&M editorial board in recent years to select newsworthy articles from the journal that should be featured in press releases. Working with staff, the editorial office and with authors, this hardworking committee prepares releases and arranges for the scientists or clinicians to be interviewed. The committee's new efforts have been so successful that this past year we have experienced a 75% increase in media requests over 2001, representing a total print media exposure of 80 million.

We hope to be more aggressive in identifying JCE&M newsworthy articles, to enhance our ability to write releases that capture even more media attention, and to identify newsworthy articles from our other journals, given the public's interest in basic science. The committee also plans a stronger media campaign in conjunction with our Annual Meeting, which this year already generated a total print news coverage exceeding 15 million. But making endocrinology a household word can't just be the responsibility of The Hormone Foundation and the Society's Media Advisory Committee. We need the entire Society to be working towards this goal.

Another issue we need to address more thoroughly is our Society's ability to mobilize resources quickly to respond to current or breaking medical news in endocrinology. The diseases studied and treated by endocrinologists encompass some of the most pressing public health problems our nation faces today - diabetes, breast and prostate cancers, thyroid disease, to name a few. We need Society position statements about the major health issues within the media, and we also should have panels of experts in place who can respond immediately in cases where we do not already have policies developed. If the experts don't agree, shouldn't we also tell the public about this? Don't we want everyone with an endocrine-related health problem to understand what endocrinology has to offer and what our best scientists and clinicians think?.

The topics I have addressed in this letter are ones where creative input from members is needed. I have been inspired thus far by the feedback I have received in response to my Presidential Messages. I want to keep hearing from you. Let me know about topics in endocrinology that we should publicize to the media and the public. By the same token, let me know how you react to the strong opinions I have expressed in this letter and how you think the Society can move the process forward more effectively. Please contact me at [president@endo-society.org](mailto:president@endo-society.org)

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# DRUG SHORTAGES AND PATIENT CARE:Endocrine Society Delegates to the American Medical Association work to Establish Policy

## Drug Shortages and Patient Care: Endocrine Society Delegates to the American Medical Association work to Establish Policy

In early December, Dr.'s Jon Kolodny, Susan Sherman, Robert Vigersky and Daniel Spratt attended the American Medical Association (AMA) Interim meeting in New Orleans to represent The Endocrine Society. Prior to the meeting the Society submitted a resolution to the AMA House of Delegates regarding pharmaceutical shortages. Over the past year, members of The Endocrine Society have communicated their frustrations at the lack of communication from drug manufactures to physicians with notification of the discontinuation or shortage of a particular drug. In an effort to improve this situation, the Society asked the AMA to work with the FDA (and/or appropriate regulatory offices) to require that manufacturers implement a notification system that would provide specialty societies with shortage information as soon as it is available. The resolution was supported by the AMA Endocrine Section Council, and was deferred to the AMA Board for a report in June, 2003. However, the AMA has already been working with the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) on this issue. Where appropriate, The Endocrine Society will be invited to future meetings on this topic. A

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copy of our resolution is available on the AMA  
web site at: [http://www.ama-  
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This is just one example of how the Society utilizes the AMA to improve working conditions for physician members. Please consider joining the AMA today to ensure that The Endocrine Society will retain a position in the AMA House of Delegates. For more information, please contact Susan Koppi, Director of Public Affairs at [skoppi@endo-society.org](mailto:skoppi@endo-society.org)

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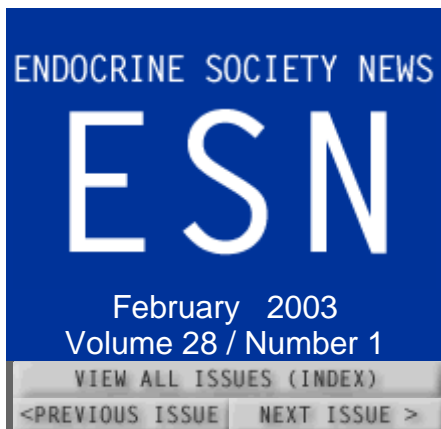
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# Career Development Workshop at ENDO 2003

## Career Development Workshop at ENDO 2003

The Endocrine Society is now accepting registrations for the Associates Council's 5th Annual Career Development Workshop. This day-long workshop for trainees will take place on June 18, 2003, in Philadelphia in conjunction with ENDO 2003.

This increasingly popular workshop provides trainees from all fields of endocrinology with multiple opportunities to enhance their career development. The workshop's morning sessions allow participants to closely interact with accomplished faculty in diverse career paths including industry, private practice, traditional PhD, translational research and a non-traditional path (PhD/JD). The afternoon sessions allow participants to attend multiple presentations on a variety of practical topics including:

- Grant Writing and Budgeting
- Clinical Trials
- Government
- Clinical Practice
- Getting Published
- Making Effective Slides and Posters
- Public Speaking - CV and Interviewing Skills
- Funding, Visas and Career Transitions for International Trainees

Early registration is encouraged. For more information and a registration form, please visit <http://www.endo-society.org/students/careerdev.cfm> or contact Colleen Gorman at 301-951-2611 or [cgorman@endo-society.org](mailto:cgorman@endo-society.org)

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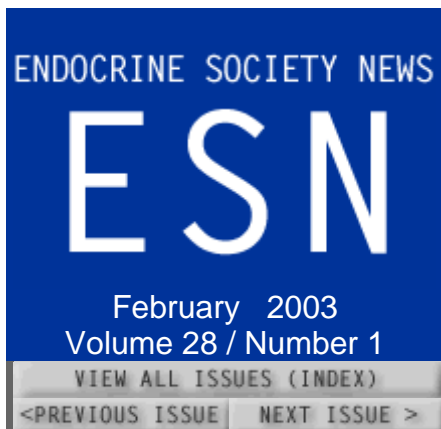
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# Women in Endocrinology Announces Mentoring Program

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Women in Endocrinology (WE) is pleased to announce the launch of an online mentoring program at ENDO 2003, The Endocrine Society's 85th Annual Meeting, which will take place in Philadelphia from June 19-22, 2003. The innovative and important program will match mentees with mentors who have expertise in a variety of topics that

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are specific to endocrine careers in academics, industry and private practice. Once they are introduced by this system, participants can determine how to interact with each other to fulfill their goals. The program will be officially launched at the WE dinner at the Endocrine Society meeting in June. A booth to demonstrate the program will also be available in the exhibit hall at ENDO. This program has been made possible through the generous support of Paul LaVoie of Procter and Gamble.

WE is currently working with Procter and Gamble and Triple Creek Associates, Inc., a leader in on-line mentoring, to customize this new program. Additionally, WE is working to identifying individuals who would like to serve as mentors prior to launch of the program mentors to put in place prior to the launch. Participation will be critical to the success of this program, so all interested mentors are encouraged to contact a member of the program committee listed below to get involved.

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Look for progress reports in upcoming newsletters and plan to attend the WE dinner on Thursday, June 19th.

Membership in WE will be required to take advantage of this mentoring program participate in this new program. WE membership is inexpensive (\$30 per year for faculty, , \$10 per yr for postdoctoral or clinical fellows, free for students) and provides many exciting benefits, including this new mentor program and the trainee travel award preference.

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ENDO 2002 proved to be a record-breaking year for meeting attendance. There were more than 8,000 attendees yet the Society experienced a puzzling all time low for housing reservations. This resulted in financial penalties for the Society.

Some of the factors that may contribute to low booking include delegates choosing to stay at hotels outside of the society's block and more individuals increasingly choosing to book through the internet.

We have found that some of the factors that may have contributed to low booking was due in part to delegates choosing to stay at hotels outside of the ones in the group's block, and more individuals increasingly choosing to book through the internet.

When housing reservations are not made through The Society it severely impacts the meeting's overall history and the Society's ability to book it's meetings years in advance. Additionally, the negotiation of discounts with hotels in subsequent cities, the ability to anticipate the number of shuttle busses needed and most importantly the meeting's financial success (when there are penalties) are also impacted.

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with us. So as you are booking your housing reservations this year, we ask that you keep this in mind and be sure to book your housing through The Endocrine Society. We also ask that you notify us if you become aware of lower rates at our participating hotels. Please contact the Meetings Department at [meetings@endo-society.org](mailto:meetings@endo-society.org) and let us know about the lower rates and where they were being offered.

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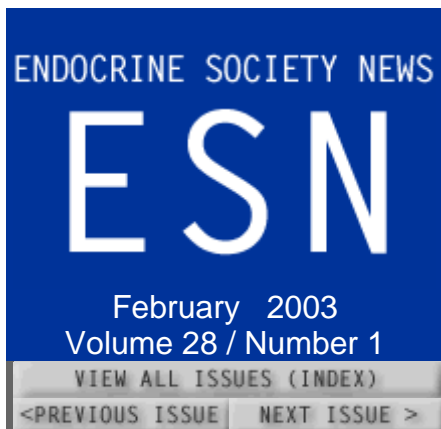
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# Pertinent CPT\* Coding Changes for Endocrinology in 2003

by Richard A Dickey

## Pertinent CPT\* Coding Changes for Endocrinology in 2003

Each year the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes are republished to reflect modifications, revisions, additions, and deletions. The changes pertinent to the practice of endocrinology for 2003 are highlighted in this issue of the newsletter. Publications for coding that have been updated and should be replaced for 2003 include *cpt 2003*, *HCPCS II* and, for diagnosis coding, *ICD-9-CM 2003*.

The pertinent CPT and HCPCS II code changes for 2003 are shown below. They should be carefully reviewed by you and those who code for your services. These codes should be used beginning on January 1, 2003. The codes are succinctly listed below and include the CPT category I codes, those with which you are familiar, and CPT category II and III codes. The CPT category II codes provide a way to track outcomes. CPT category III codes are for new services and technology, for which CPT category I codes will be created in the future if further study so justifies.

### The changes in CPT codes include

- a) new codes,
- b) codes for which the text has been revised or enhanced for clarification of the code,
- c) codes that contain new cross-reference information to reduce coding errors, and

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d) codes that have been deleted for 2003 and beyond.

Most of the changes pertinent to endocrinology are CPT category I codes, but there are two new CPT category III codes of interest.

**New CPT category I codes include:**

- 36416 Collection of capillary blood specimen (eg, finger, heel, ear stick)
- 76817 Ultrasound pregnant uterus, transvaginal
- 83880 Natriuretic peptide
- 84302 Sodium; other source
- 85004 Blood count; automated differential WBC count
- 85032 Blood count; manual cell count (erythrocyte, leukocyte or platelet) each
- 85049 Blood count; platelet automated
- 99026 Hospital mandated on call service; in-hospital, each hour
- 99027 Hospital mandated on call service; out of hospital, each hour

CPT category I codes, for which text has been revised, and include new text should be reviewed, include: collection of venous blood by venipuncture (36415), several types of pelvic ultrasound (76830, 76831, 76856, 76857), types of blood counts (85007, 85008, 85009, 85014, 85018, 85025, 85027, 85041, 85044, 85045, 85048), semen analysis (89310), tests of autonomic function (95921, 95922, 95923), and use of infusion therapy (96530, 99560, 99561 and 99562).

CPT category I codes that should be reviewed because they contain new cross-reference notations are 10022 (re FNA biopsy), 76076 (re DEXA), 81007 (re urinalysis bacteriuria screen), and 89360 (re sweat collection).

CPT category I codes for various types of selective blood counts that have been deleted include 85021, 85022, 85023, 85024, and 85031. These codes should no longer be used. Pertinent new category III codes for 2003 are 0028T (dual energy x-ray absorptiometry (DEXA) body composition study one or more sites) and 0041T (urinalysis infectious agent detection, semi-quantitative analysis of volatile compounds). *It is important for that doctors use these two new category III codes*

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*now*. They were approved by the CPT editorial panel to allow the collection of data on these procedures (considered, by the panel, to be not yet widely used) so the panel can consider creating category I CPT codes for them in the future.

As you and your coding staff review these changes you may become aware of coding changes or additions that are needed for your practice. Please forward your suggestions to The Endocrine Society offices, attention Chris Rorick ( [crorick@endo-society.org](mailto:crorick@endo-society.org) ), so they can be further considered by the coding representatives for the Society. When appropriate, we will initiate the steps necessary to bring about helpful changes in the complex coding and reimbursement process.

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#### The Role of Nuclear Receptors in Cardiovascular

The Endocrine Society will continue its new, high Endocrinology, in 2003 with a program entitled T Cardiovascular Disease. The symposium will be held Del Coronado on the beautiful Coronado Island in San Diego. The program directors are Ronald Evans of the Salk Institute and Hsueh-Feng Hsueh of UCLA.

The Hot Topics series is designed to present topic-oriented, relaxed, casual atmosphere. This symposium will bring together nuclear receptor biology and cardiovascular disease researchers. The interaction of basic scientists and clinical investigators will discuss developments in nuclear receptor structure and function, the roles of key nuclear receptors (PPARs, aldosterone, etc.) in disease. The nuclear receptor family regulates genes that are extremely attractive targets for pharmaceuticals. Recent developments in nuclear receptor biology have defined crucial roles of nuclear receptors in lipid and cholesterol metabolism and in the pathogenesis of disease. Presentations will range from basic nuclear receptor biology to clinical agents that target these receptors. The Society has prepared a symposium schedule to allow informal discussion and

The Society launched its "Hot Topics" series in November 2002 with two programs, The emerging Use of Genomics & Proteomics and The Molecular Basis of Metabolic Regulation. Daniel Driscoll and James Fagin from the University of Cincinnati and David Moor of the University of Pennsylvania were program directors. Over 100 by close to 200 scientists, the symposia feature oral presentations and 25 poster presentations.

The scientific program for the Hot Topics 2003 registration information will be available on the [society.org](http://www.endo-society.org) in early 2003.

*"This was a high-powered panel of speakers that provides views on [Metabolic Regulation]."-Lutz Birnbaumer, NIEHS*

*"I loved the idea of allowing a few young scientists to present in front of a large audience. It was an honor."-Sanjay Chauhan, Ph.D., Research Associate, University of Pennsylvania*

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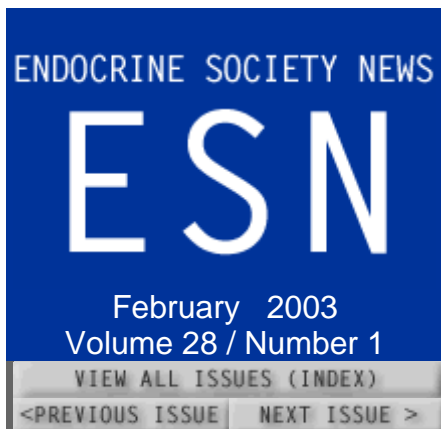
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# Ethics Preface: Animal experimentation: time for dialogue

by Dr. Paul Komesaroff, Chair, Ethics Advisory Committee

From the point of view of the relationships between scientists and the community there are few issues more intense and divisive than that of animal experimentation. Both within and without science itself, there are strong, often conflicting views. On the one hand, there is a conviction that research involving animals has yielded incalculable benefits for human beings and so must be actively supported; on the other, there is the belief that regardless of the benefits, inflicting pain and killing animals cannot be justified. On the one hand, there is the belief that all research, including that involving animals, is a noble enterprise that realizes the highest, most admirable values; on the other, there is the conviction that those who conduct experiments on animals are acting unconscionably, in contravention of basic ethical values. These differences have often generated hostile arguments, and some actual violence. As a result, both sides have come to view each other with suspicion and mistrust.

At this time of deepening divisions across the world, it is not difficult to understand how destructive such hostility can be. Indeed, the damage to both science and the wider community has been incalculable. Accordingly, just as in the international context it is becoming clear that there is a pressing need for the development of paths to reconciliation and dialogue to replace entrenched antagonisms and antipathies, in the case of animal experimentation, there is a need for greater openness and fresh attempts at communication. It is in fact not difficult to find common ground between the two camps. There can be no doubt that the views on both sides are held with passion and sincerity and

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reflect deeply held ethical beliefs about what is right for both individuals and society. Both sides can agree that animal research has generated significant benefits for human beings which we all enjoy today. More specifically, both scientists and the proponents of animal welfare can agree that the fewer animals used in research the better, and that if suitable techniques are available that permit the avoidance of animal testing these should be preferred. There is universal agreement that pain and suffering of individual animals should be avoided wherever possible.

Why in the past, in the United States at least, hostility and recriminations have prevailed over robust, constructive dialogues is difficult to say. Whatever the reason, however, it is not too late to seek the alternative course. For this to be possible it will be necessary for both sides to engage in an earnest search for processes for resolving differences based on mutual respect and an acceptance of the need for compromise. The article below from Drs Andrew Rowan and Martin Stephens is an important contribution to this process. Speaking on behalf of the Humane Society of the United States, the largest of the animal protection groups, they emphasise the common ground from which dialogue can proceed and argue in favour of negotiation and compromise concerning issues of mutual concern. Importantly, they stress the need for balanced presentations of the facts, avoidance of extreme positions and ad hominem attacks, and maintenance of open channels of communication to resolve problems as they arise.

This is a process in which the Endocrine Society could well play an active role. As one of the intellectual leaders in science and medicine worldwide its involvement could provide significant stimulation to and support for an important and much needed process of social reconciliation. However, it needs to be acknowledged, as the authors themselves recognize, that whatever route is taken the way is likely to be difficult. Furthermore, the nature of any such involvement and its possible benefits and risks need to be considered carefully by the Society and its

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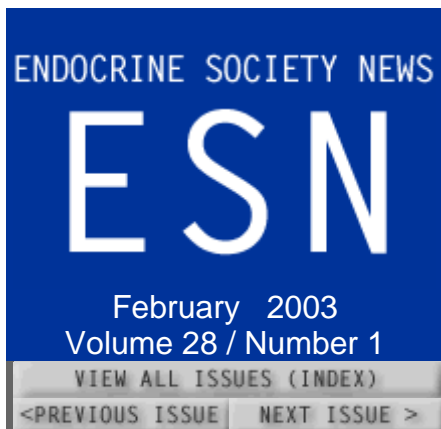
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membership. This article is offered in the spirit of encouraging consideration of these issues and continuing reflection and debate. The views of members of the Society on this important subject will be warmly welcomed. Please forward comments to: [jdow@endo-society.org](mailto:jdow@endo-society.org).

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# Ethics: Animal Research Dialogue on Animal Research Would benefit All groups

by Dr. Andrew Rowan and Dr. Martin Stephens, The Humane Society of the United States

The animal research controversy is usually treated as a zero-sum issue between researchers and the animal protection community in which one side wins and the other loses. Yet the members of both these communities are drawn from the same public that cares about both animal welfare and medical progress leading to improved health care for both humans and animals. As far as we can tell, everybody prefers that animals not be used in research that causes them harm. Furthermore, while we strive toward such a goal, we all want to ensure that animal suffering in the laboratory be minimized. These are just two of the areas in which both "sides" share substantial agreement. and We argue that there are many other issues on which significant agreement is possible. Therefore, we suggest that it would be productive to develop a dialogue (in which the concerns of both groups are given equal and serious attention,) to explore areas of common ground.

The most successful example of a dialogue initiative on animal research is the Boyd Group. This is a British gathering of researchers, animal protectionists, and ethicists. Colin Blakemore, a neuroscientist and Oxford University, Professor of physiology, and Les Ward, Director of Advocates for Animals in Scotland, met during one of the standard polarized media events that are intended to pass as meaningful public debate. After private discussion, they decided to sit down together in a secret meeting and explore potential common

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ground. This was a dramatic step, particularly because Blakemore and his family had been the target of threats and violence from animal activists. Blakemore, and Ward, and the rest of what came to be known as the Boyd Group, have since published a number of consensus recommendations on a variety of laboratory animal issues, including one that supported the establishment of institutional ethics committees in Britain.

It is less well known that the United States has had its own dialogue efforts, each driven by an ad hoc coalition of representatives from the academic, research, and animal protection communities. The outcomes included the creation and strengthening of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods , the launching of a fledgling sanctuary system for former research chimpanzees, and the proposal of a pain and distress classification system currently under consideration by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for implementation through the Animal Welfare Act.

Other, less-focused efforts here in the U.S. and abroad can also be seen as potential exercises in dialogue. The World Congresses on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences are triennial events planned and funded by representatives from industry, government, academia, and animal protection, and feature speakers from all these sectors. The U.S.-based Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) has consistently invited representatives from the animal protection community to participate in what has become the main annual conference on professional ethics in animal research. In Europe, several 'national platforms', comprising representatives from industry, government, academia, and animal protection, have been formed to pursue alternative methods (i.e., methods that can replace, reduce, or refine animal-based techniques). Also, the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, an association of industrialized countries that seeks to promote trade, now includes representatives from animal protection and other relevant sectors in its deliberations on chemical test guidelines and testing programs.

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In the United States, efforts to establish meaningful dialogue have tended to focus fairly narrowly on testing issues, rather than animal research in general. Initiatives to establish a broader dialogue have usually come to naught because of the polarized rhetoric and the fact that both sides seem to take greater comfort from casting the other in the worst possible light.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)-the nation's largest animal protection organization-views this polarized climate as damaging to progress on both research animal welfare and scientific knowledge. We have been active in all of the U.S.-based dialogue efforts mentioned above and we believe the time is right to launch a new initiative to establish meaningful dialogue. We are working to establish a Dialogue Forum for stakeholders in the animal research controversy that would provide regular opportunities for interested parties to discuss issues related to the use of animals in research, testing, and education. The forum would promote discussion and debate that increases mutual understanding and respect and that avoids polarizing arguments and ad hominem attacks. This certainly does not mean that all our differences over animal use will suddenly disappear but we do expect the discussions to be beneficial.

There is no issue more central to the animal research controversy than animal suffering caused by pain, distress, and discomfort. Pain and distress are at the heart of public policy concerns governing animal research, public opinion on the issue, and, more generally, the uneasiness of all parties, scientists included, over the use of animals in research. We believe that Minimizing animal pain and distress would be the best focal point for a new dialogue effort. The public would respond positively to such an effort. Addressing and minimizing research animal suffering would also enhance scientific quality, given the confounding effects of pain and distress on animal responses to experimental insult.

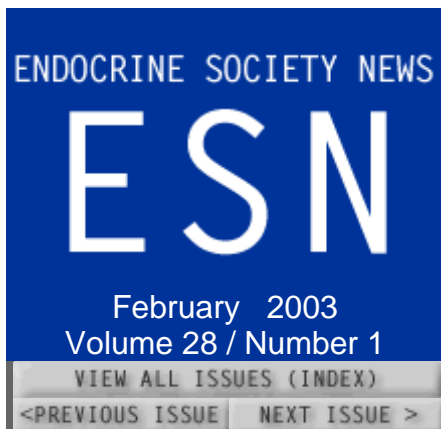
Some might argue that dialogue cannot succeed in the current climate of antagonism.

We disagree, and feel that productive dialogue that is respectful of the current sensitivities, but not constrained by them, is possible. For dialogue to succeed, it should be balanced, with no one side perceived as holding the upper hand and merely humoring the 'other side' as it airs its grievances, before returning to business as usual. Open channels of communication would allow one 'side' to approach the other about matters that it perceives as serious while avoiding polarizing confrontations via the media.

While there are legitimate differences in mission and priorities between the research and animal protection communities, both parties share a concern for animal welfare and a desire to see science move away from methods that harm animals. In a 1994 essay entitled 'Animal Protection and the Medical Science' , three American physicians (associated with The HSUS's Scientific Advisory Council) noted the medical and animal protection communities' shared emphasis on alleviating unnecessary suffering and death. They exhorted the medical community to take pro-active steps to minimize their harm to animals. We believe that it is time for the larger biomedical community to heed this call. Pursuing honest, balanced dialogue would be a worthy beginning.

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# Medical Student Achievement Awards Society Members -- Invited to Participate

## Medical Student Achievement Awards---Society Members Invited to Participate

In 1997, The Endocrine Society established the Medical Student Achievement Awards. These awards recognize excellence during endocrine training and provide each institution the opportunity to recognize one of its graduates who has performed meritoriously in the discipline. Most importantly, the award encourages outstanding students to pursue careers in endocrinology and related fields of medicine and basic science.

The Society is expanding this flourishing award program by inviting all members and their institutions to participate. Medical Student Achievement Awards are presented to senior medical school students who have shown exceptional ability and interest in endocrinology. Because endocrinology is an integrative discipline spanning basic science and clinical medicine, it is taught in a variety of ways in different medical schools. Therefore, each school has the flexibility to establish its own selection process and criteria for the award. After selecting the winner, the contact person from the institution simply returns the completed nomination form to the Society. Each winner of the award receives an 18-month complimentary Fellow/Student Associate membership in the Society, an 18-month subscription to Endocrine Reviews, their name added to a plaque at their institution, and an award certificate which is presented to them during their school's awards ceremony. Additionally, the recipient will be

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A list of participating institutions and their designated contact person can be found at <http://www.endo-society.org/about/medical.cfm> Nominations will only be accepted when submitted by the designated contact. In February, the Society will provide each contact person with the official nomination form. If you would like the Society to add your institution to the list of participating institutions, please contact Colleen Gorman at (301) 951-2611 or [cgorman@endo-society.org](mailto:cgorman@endo-society.org)

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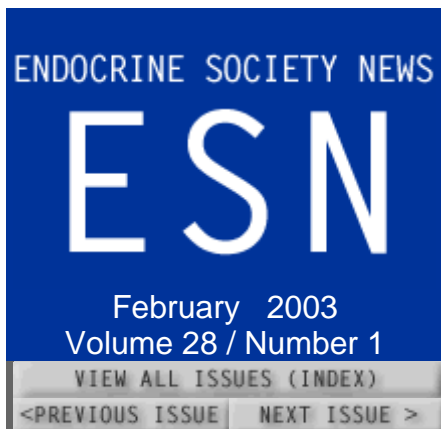
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The Endocrine Society's Student Affairs Committee is pleased to announce the 5th annual Lilly Endocrine Scholars Award. This award provides funding for up to two years for a fellow to perform clinical research relevant to pituitary disorders, bone disorders or diabetes mellitus. The Lilly Endocrine Scholars Award includes a stipend as well as financial support for health insurance, travel and supplies and indirect costs. The recipient will also receive complimentary membership to The Endocrine Society and a subscription to The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism. Applications must be received in The Endocrine Society's office by March 14, 2003. For more information or an application, please visit <http://www.endo-society.org/students/lilly.cfm> or contact Colleen Gorman at 301-951-2611 or [cgorman@endo-society.org](mailto:cgorman@endo-society.org)

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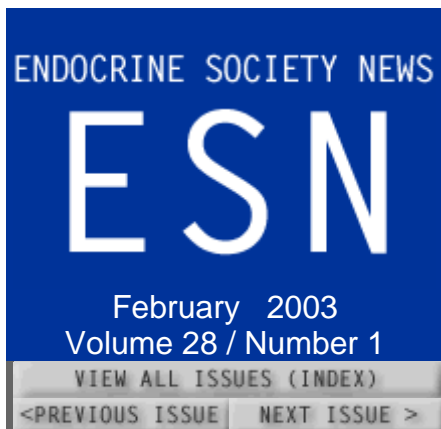
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# Call for Applications - Summer Research Fellowships

## Call for Applications

### Summer Research Fellowships

Applications for the 2003 Summer Research Fellowships are available. The Society will award 25 fellowships to promising undergraduate students, medical students and students entering graduate school to encourage them to pursue careers in endocrinology. The Society will provide each selected student with a \$4,000 stipend to participate in research projects conducted under the guidance of Society members for eight to ten weeks during the summer. This past summer, 25 students participated in this exceptionally popular and competitive program. Members of the Society may submit one application on behalf of a specific student. The application deadline is March 7, 2003. For more information or an application, please visit <http://www.endo-society.org/students/awards.cfm> or contact Colleen Gorman at 301-951-2611 or [cgorman@endo-society.org](mailto:cgorman@endo-society.org)

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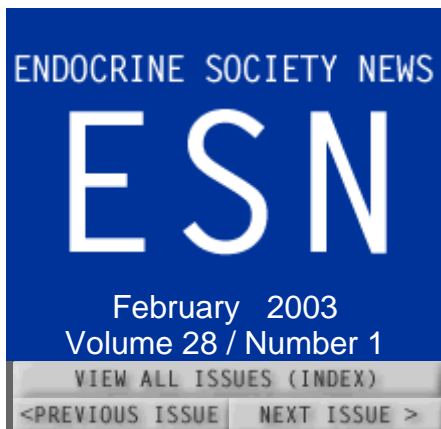
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# Call for Nominations - Genentech Clinical Fellows Travel Grants

## Call for Nominations

### Genentech Clinical Fellows Travel Grants

Through the support of an unrestricted educational grant from Genentech, Inc., The Endocrine Society is offering 80 travel grants to pediatric and adult clinical endocrinology fellows. These awards will support the fellows' travel to The Endocrine Society's annual meeting, ENDO 2003, which will be held June 19-22, 2003 in Philadelphia. Program Directors are encouraged to nominate individuals in their fellowship program who meet the specified criteria and whose education would be most enhanced by attending ENDO 2003. The application deadline is March 7, 2003. For more information or an application please go to [www.endo-society.org/students/travel\\_grant.cfm](http://www.endo-society.org/students/travel_grant.cfm) or contact Colleen Gorman at 301-951-2611 or [cgorman@endo-society.org](mailto:cgorman@endo-society.org)

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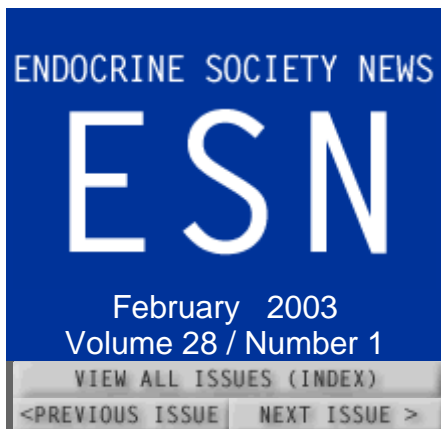
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[Mark Your Calendar for 2003 Hot Topics in Endocrinology-"The Role of Nuclear Receptors in Cardiovascular Disease"](#) Make plans to attend this highly focused scientific symposium developed by Ronald Evans and Willa Hsueh. Hot Topics 2003 will be held October 8-12, 2003 at the Hotel Del Coronado near San Diego, CA. For more information, go to [www.endo-society.org/scimeetings/hot-topics-2003.cfm](http://www.endo-society.org/scimeetings/hot-topics-2003.cfm)

[Recent Progress in Hormone Research, Volume 58](#) Includes 20 authoritative reviews by leading experts focusing on the human genome and endocrinology. Access to the searchable online version is included with the purchase of the print version. To order, visit [www.endo-society.org/journals/catalog.cfm](http://www.endo-society.org/journals/catalog.cfm)

[CEU 2002 Syllabus-Now Available!](#) The CEU 2002 Syllabus is a comprehensive source of the lectures and clinical case discussions presented during the Clinical Endocrinology Update 2002. To order, visit [www.endo-society.org/journals/catalog.cfm](http://www.endo-society.org/journals/catalog.cfm)

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*February 15 -18, 2003:* 2nd International Workshop Bone Metabolism and Disease. Davos, Switze information, visit [www.ectsoc.org](http://www.ectsoc.org) or call +44 (0) 145.

*February 17 - 19, 2003:* 3rd International Wor Resistance. New Orleans, LA. For mc visit <http://conferences.intmedpress.com/insulin> email [megan\\_ollinger@us.intmedpress.com](mailto:megan_ollinger@us.intmedpress.com) or call (4

*February 22 - 26, 2003:* Cardiothoracic Transpla International Update. Vail, CO. For more i <http://www.uchsc.edu> email [Susan.Abenilla-Brown@uchsc.edu](mailto:Susan.Abenilla-Brown@uchsc.edu) (303) 315-0295.

*February 23-28, 2003:* 6th Mayo Clinic Endocrin Coast, HI. For more information, visit [www.mayo.edu](http://www.mayo.edu) 2688.

*February 28, 2003:* Public Health Strategies for Prot with Potassium Iodide in the Event of a Nuclear Incid of the American Thyroid Association. Washington information, visit [www.med.jhu.edu/cme](http://www.med.jhu.edu/cme) email [ckk](mailto:ckk) or call (410) 614-0148.

*March 1 - 8, 2003:* Horizons in Surgery. Breckenric information visit <http://www.uchsc.edu> [Nancy.Wells@UCHSC.edu](mailto:Nancy.Wells@UCHSC.edu) or call (303)315-4797.

*March 5 - 8, 2003:* 43rd Annual Conference on Card Epidemiology and Prevention in association with Nutrition, Physical Activity and Metabolism. Miar information visit, <http://www.americanheart.org>

*March 11 - 15, 2003:* Frontiers in Reproductive Comprehensive Review and Update. Savannah, information visit, <http://www.seronosymposia.org/reproductive/ev?id=118> or email [Joanne.rawson@serono.com](mailto:Joanne.rawson@serono.com) or cal

*March 19-22, 2003:* Second International Symposium Basic Science to Clinical Applications. Florence, information, visit [www.lorenzinfoundation.org](http://www.lorenzinfoundation.org) or 0401.

*March 20 - 22, 2003:* XXXIII Annual Congress o Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology. Pisa, Italy. Fo

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visit, <http://www.ispne2003.org> or call 0039 050 5021

*March 24-26, 2003:* 22nd Joint Meeting of the Endocrine Societies. Glasgow, United Kingdom. For more information, visit [www.endocrinology.or](http://www.endocrinology.or) or call 44 (0) 1454 6422

*March 26 - 29, 2003:* North American Testis Workshop. For more information, visit <http://www.andrologysociety.com> or call (847) 619-4909.

*March 27 - 30, 2003:* Society for Gynecologic Endocrinology Annual Scientific Meeting. Washington, DC. For more information, visit <http://www.sgionline.org> email [Jcartucc@acog.org](mailto:Jcartucc@acog.org) 863-2407.

*March 29 - April 2, 2003:* American Society of Andrology Meeting. Phoenix, AZ. For more information, visit <http://www.andrologysociety.org> email [asa@andrology.org](mailto:asa@andrology.org)

*March 29 - April 5, 2003:* American Academy of Endocrinology Meeting. Honolulu, HI. For more information, visit [www.aacoenline.org](http://www.aacoenline.org)

*April 3-5, 2003:* American College of Physicians (ACP) Society of Internal Medicine (ASIM) Annual Session. For more information, visit [www.acponline.org](http://www.acponline.org) or call 202 ext.2600.

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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 October 22, 2002 and December 18, 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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