

Endocrine Society Hosts Partnership for the Accurate Testing of Hormones (PATH) and Helps Identify Path Forward for Accurate Hormone Assays



A busy day for the PATH Steering Committee, which met May 3 at the Endocrine Society's Washington, D.C., headquarters to plan strategies for the coming year.

The Partnership for the Accurate Testing of Hormones (PATH) was established in 2010 to address the need for better hormone tests for use in healthcare and research to enable better patient care. PATH currently comprises 20 clinical, research, and public health organizations. It provides technical and scientific support to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Clinical Standardization Programs and conducts educational activities on hormone measurements for physicians and other healthcare providers.

On May 3, the PATH Steering Committee met at the Endocrine Society headquarters for a strategy session. During the meeting, the Steering Committee heard a presentation from Hubert Vesper, PhD, director of the Clinical Standardization Programs at the CDC and co-chair of PATH on the CDC's activities to ensure laboratory measurements are accurate and reliable. During the year, PATH and PATH members have had many accomplishments from launching a new website to conducting

an educational briefing for congressional offices to sharing presentations at several conferences. The Steering Committee is excited to continue its work to seek universal use of standardized hormone tests.

In the coming year, PATH plans to continue advancing its agenda, including participating in an upcoming workshop to develop normal ranges for estradiol in postmenopausal women hosted by the North American Menopause Society (NAMS) in September and an effort led by PATH co-chair Alvin Matsumoto, MD, to develop training materials.

For more information about PATH and how you can participate, please visit the PATH website hormoneassays.org or contact Endocrine Society Chief Policy Officer Mila Becker at mbecker@endocrine.org.