



PARTNERSHIP for the ACCURATE TESTING of HORMONES

STEERING COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER March 31, 2020

PATH UPDATES

- **Save the Date: PATH Steering Committee Conference Call** – The annual PATH in-person meeting has been converted to a virtual meeting and is scheduled for **Thursday, April 30th from 10-12:00 CT**. We will share some brief updates and focus our time on discussions about engaging insurers and developing an online course for endocrinology fellows on standardized testing.

Two important action items for all Steering Committee members:

By **April 6**, please respond to Mila at mbecker@endocrine.org to confirm participation in the call.

By **April 15**, please send a brief update on your organization's activities relevant to PATH to Laura at ldestigter@chronicdisease.org. We will share these updates as part of the meeting packet. By providing this information ahead of time, we can reduce time on the call.

Though we are disappointed that we are not able to convene in-person, we are looking forward to connecting with you through this call. Please know that we will continue to monitor the situation and will postpone the call if it becomes necessary to do so. We appreciate your ongoing work and attention to this topic during this challenging time.

NEWS FROM STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- **CDC** – The CDC has released a [Clinical Standardization Programs Update](#) that provides information on Hormone Standardization Programs (CDC HoSt), Vitamin D Standardization Certification Program (CDC VDSCP), Thyroid Standardization Program, Cholesterol Reference Method Laboratory Network (CRMLN), Lipids Standardization Program (CDC LSP), Accuracy-based Monitoring Programs (CDC AMP), News Programs and Services for Biomarker Measurements, and the Latest List of Newly Certified Participants for CDC HoSt, VDSCP, AMP and LSP.

- **AACC** – The AACC organized two sign-on letters to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Several PATH Steering Committee member organizations supported these requests:
 - Request for Increased Funding for CDC to Harmonize Clinical Laboratory Test Results. The [letter](#) asks for an increase of \$7.2 million in the FY21 budget, which would bring funding to \$9.2 million
 - Request to Support the Development of Pediatric Reference Ranges. The [letter](#) asks for \$10 million in FY 2021 for the CDC Environmental Health Laboratory to advance this initiative.
- **Endocrine Society** – The Endocrine Society submitted [appropriations testimony](#) to the House Appropriations Committee requesting at least \$8.2 billion for the CDC in FY 2021 and highlighting the work and value of CDC's Clinical Standardization Programs.

Update on 2020 Meeting Dates for Steering Committee Organizations

We have updated our list of dates for 2020 meetings for Steering Committee organizations below. Meetings that have been cancelled due to the COVID19 pandemic are highlighted in orange.

PATH Member	Annual Mtg Date	Location
AACC	July 26-30, 2020	Chicago, IL
APHL	June 8-11, 2020	Portland, OR
ASBMR	September 11-14, 2020	Seattle, WA
ATA	Satellite Symposium Prior to ENDO March 27, 2020	San Francisco, CA
AUA	May 15-18, 2020	Washington, DC
CAP	October 10-13, 2020	Las Vegas, NV
International Society of Andrology	December 9-12, 2020	Munster, Germany
NAM	September 30-October 3, 2020	Denver, CO
PES	April 24-27, 2020	Fort Worth, TX
Endocrine Society	March 28-31, 2020	San Francisco, CA

If your organization has news to share about what it is doing related to hormone testing, please send to mbecker@endocrine.org so we can post it on the PATH website, forward to the PATH Steering Committee and/or include in our next newsletter.

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