



PARTNERSHIP for the ACCURATE TESTING of HORMONES

STEERING COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER February 2022

PATH UPDATES

PATH Annual Meeting – The PATH Steering Committee traditionally has an in-person meeting in the Spring. Please keep an eye out for a brief survey that will be sent separately asking members for preferences on whether to conduct in person (with a virtual component) during the Endocrine Society meeting in Atlanta in June or to plan a zoom meeting this April. Based on member responses we will schedule in the next few weeks.

PATH Training Series Progress Report – The PATH Accurate Hormone Testing Series, a 4-part online course designed to educate fellows and endocrinologists on the importance of, and methods to ensure, accurate hormone testing, continues to increase enrollments:

- Module 1, which focuses on the importance of hormone measurements and assay standardization and features Alvin M. Matsumoto, MD has 439 enrollments.
- Module 2, which focuses on hormone types and characteristics of an ideal assay and features Christina Wang, MD and Frank Stanczyk, MD has 155 enrollments.
- Module 3, which focuses on methods used to measure hormones and validation/judging the quality of an assay and features Kyle Lund, PhD; Nanette Santoro, MD has 94 enrollments.
- Module 4, the final module, which explores factors affecting the interpretation of hormone concentrations specifically for use in diagnosing endocrine disorders features Jack Fuqua, MD has 79 enrollments.

Each module is eligible for 1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits and is available at no charge as part of the Endocrine Society's Fellows Training Series and the Society's public online education course catalogue. Additional details about the series, including learning objections and registration is available at <https://education.endocrine.org/URL/AccurateHormoneTesting>.

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We strongly encourage all PATH member organizations to help promote this complimentary series to their organizations and colleagues.

Please see [the PATH member toolkit](#) to promote the Accurate Hormone Testing Series you're your members. Note: the password is "hormones." The toolkit includes:

- Sample text for an email to members, website, newsletter about the training series.
- Sample social media posts
- Graphics to be used in social media, website promotion

PATH Animated Video on Accurate Hormone Testing – Last year PATH launched an animated video on the importance of accurate hormone testing to its website. If you have not seen it, please visit the video on the [PATH website homepage](#) and enjoy.

UPDATES FROM MEMBERS

American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC) Sign-on

Opportunity – Last year, the AACC led an effort to include report language in the FY2022 House Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill encouraging the CDC to start to work on improving pediatric reference intervals. Several PATH organizations participated. AACC is now looking for sign-ons to [a letter](#) making the request for pediatric reference intervals in FY2023. This letter is the same as last year, except that it recognizes the report language. Please let Vince Stine at vstine@aacc.org know by February 18th if your organization would like to be listed on the letter.

National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) – The NACDD presented on PATH's achievements during its annual [Program Success Showcase](#) held on January 20. Information on PATH's work was included in a breakout session focused on cardiovascular health, data, and surveillance.

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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