



PARTNERSHIP for the ACCURATE TESTING of HORMONES

STEERING COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER July 28, 2023

PATH UPDATES

- **PATH Annual Steering Committee Meeting** – The PATH Steering Committee met via zoom April 24, 2023, for its annual meeting. Attached please find meeting minutes prepared by NACDD Consultant Natasha McCoy summarizing the presentations and identifying specific action steps for Steering Committee members.
- **PATH Educational Modules** – 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 be received and seen as a valuable educational resource. Each module course focuses on different aspects of accurately testing and reading hormone assays. Module 1 focuses on the importance of hormone measurements and assay standardization. Module 2 focuses on hormone types and characteristics of an ideal assay. Module 3 focuses on methods used to measure hormones and validation/judging the quality of an assay. Module 4 explores factors affecting the interpretation of hormone concentrations. During 2023 we have seen enrollments increase significantly for all four modules. The Endocrine Society has promoted the series to its members and to Endocrine Program Directors. The series is housed on the Endocrine Society's Center for Learning and is available at no charge. The series originally was designed to offer CME, which made it time limited. During its annual meeting, the PATH Steering Committee agreed that CME was not what was attracting participation and decided to continue the courses on the Endocrine Society's Center for Learning without CME after July 31. We strongly encourage all Steering Committee member organizations to promote these complimentary courses to your memberships on your websites and through communications. Please talk to your organization's leadership and/or staff and share our [social media toolkit](#) (password = hormones) for templates for member emails, newsletter articles, and posting on social media.

- **PATH List of Priority Hormones** – The list of priority hormones identified by PATH can be found on the PATH website at <https://www.hormoneassays.org/resources/>

CDC UPDATES

- **New Website** – The CDC has created a new website for its Clinical Standardization Programs (CSP). Please visit www.cdc.gov/labstandards/csp/ for information about standardization, what CSP offer, why laboratories should participate in CSP, and how CSP improve health.

MEMBER UPDATES

- **AACC** – The AACC led an effort urging Congress to provide the CDC with the funding needed to improve pediatric reference intervals. Several PATH member organizations participated by joining a sign-on letter (link to letter is [here](#)).
- **NACDD** – The NACDD will take over all staffing and administrative responsibilities for PATH beginning August 1, 2023. Natasha McCoy, MPH (nmccoy_ic@chronicdisease.org) and Daphnie Loriston (dloriston@chronicdisease.org) will serve as primary contacts for the Steering Committee. Please direct any questions or requests for information to them.

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

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