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BETTER REGULATION OF ENDOCRINE-DISRUPTING CHEMICALS



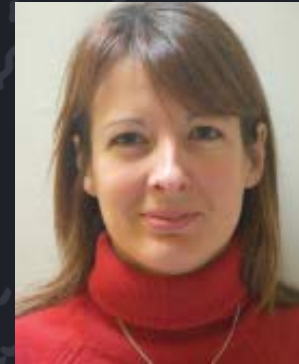
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The Endocrine Society is the voice of science in policy discussions around the globe concerning endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs). As a result of our work, policy makers now recognize EDCs as a hazardous class of chemicals, support research that studies environmental exposures and their impact on human health and are developing legislation and regulations to better regulate EDCs.

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- Endocrine Society member Andrea C. Gore, PhD led our efforts to be the first scientific organization to develop a statement on what the science tells us about EDCs and make policy recommendations.
- Endocrine Society member Leonardo Trasande, MD, MPP led our effort to publish the estimated cost of health effects from EDCs. This work grabbed the attention of policy makers in the EU and helped instigate action.
- The Endocrine Society holds a position on the group advising the EU Commission on how to implement the EU chemical strategy. Endocrine Society member Anne-Simone Parent, MD, PhD represents the Society.



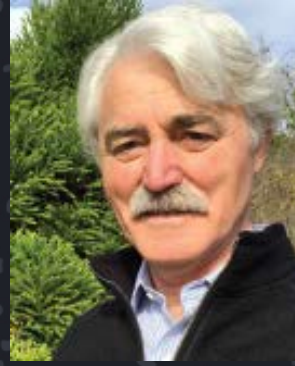
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- Endocrine Society members Jean Pierre Bourguignon, MD, PhD and Thomas Zoeller, PhD were the first co-chairs of our global EDC task force and initiated the Society's work in this area.
- Endocrine Society member Barbara Demeneix, Bsc, PhD, DSc presented at briefings before Members of the European Parliament and the European Commission and led efforts to educate European policy makers. This resulted in legislative initiatives to identify and better regulate EDCs.



PROTECTION OF ACCESS TO GENDER AFFIRMING CARE



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Across the world, access to gender affirming care has been challenged. The Endocrine Society is a leading voice providing information to policy makers and courts about gender dysphoria/incongruence, the standard of care, and evidence-based medical treatment options.

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- Endocrine Society members Joshua D. Safer, MD and Stephen M Rosenthal, MD led the development of the Society's position statement. The position statement has been a key reference point for policy makers and the courts.
- The Endocrine Society has joined several court cases challenging access to care and the use of puberty delaying medication for minors experiencing gender dysphoria/gender incongruence. While these cases continue, many courts have been influenced after hearing from us.



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- The Endocrine Society intervened in a case in the United Kingdom concerning the use of puberty delaying medication and played a pivotal role in reversing a previous decision that did not acknowledge that transgender teenagers should be able to give informed consent to treatment the same way teenagers with other medical conditions can.
- The Endocrine Society is working to better educate members of the media about transgender medicine so that they can better report on the issue and not spread misinformation. Endocrine Society members Sean Iwamoto, MD, Abby Walch, MD, and Caroline Davidge-Pitts, MB, BCh have worked with the media and policy makers to help them better understand transgender medicine.



LOWERING THE COST OF INSULIN



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The Endocrine Society is one of the leading voices calling for US legislation to lower the cost and price of insulin. Our work has influenced the Biden Administration to prioritize this issue and the US Congress to develop legislative proposals.

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- The Endocrine Society published a position statement on insulin affordability before the US Congress began working on the issue to share policy recommendations and instigate and influence legislative proposals.
- Endocrine Society member Alvin C. Powers, MD testified before the Congress providing policy recommendations that resulted in legislative proposals in both the House of Representatives and US Senate.



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- The Endocrine Society has conducted hundreds of congressional meetings to urge passage of bipartisan legislation and conducted several educational briefings for policy makers about insulin affordability. Endocrine Society Clinical Affairs Core Committee Chair Joshua Joseph, MD, MPH presented at a congressional briefing to help policy makers understand how insulin affordability impacts racial and ethnic minorities and the role of social determinants of health in diabetes care and outcomes.
- The Endocrine Society met with the Biden Administration to make insulin affordability a priority. As a result, President Joe Biden talked about lowering the cost of insulin in his State of the Union speech.



INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)



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Funding for the NIH is a top priority of the Endocrine Society, and our advocacy has led to significant funding increases for the last six years despite serious threats to shut down the government. Our goal is that all NIH Institutes receive significant funding increases as a proportionate share of the total increase. We also advocate for special attention to early career scientists and to reduce administrative burdens on scientists. In addition, we raise the visibility of endocrine-related research and researchers.

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- Endocrine Society Past President E. Dale Abel, MD, PhD testified before the Appropriations Committee and highlighted diabetes research at the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK).
- The Endocrine Society was invited to present at two different listening sessions by the Biden Administration on the development of a new Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) and discuss how the new agency could benefit endocrine-related science. Endocrine Society President Carol Wysham, MD and President-Elect Ursula Kaiser, MD represented the Society and urged policy makers to ensure funding for ARPA-H would supplement, not supplant, funding for NIH.
- The Endocrine Society continuously meets with congressional offices to discuss NIH funding and also lend our voice in the annual research community's Rally for Medical Research Hill Day calling on Congress to increase funding for biomedical research. As a result, NIH has seen seven years of significant budget increases.



DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION



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The Endocrine Society advocates for policies to increase diversity, support inclusion, and provide health equity. This includes developing policies to address social determinants of health, increase diversity in clinical trials, accessing health care, addressing diversity in the research and medical workforce, and providing care to different patient populations.

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- Endocrine Society member Ruban Dhaliwal, MD, MPH led the development of the Society's policy perspective and recommendations to eradicate racism in endocrinology.
- Endocrine Society member Ruth Keri, PhD led our successful efforts to incorporate diversity, equity, and inclusion in NIH strategic plans.



SUPPORT FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH



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The Endocrine Society advocates for better access and coverage of women's health services, increased funding for women's health research, inclusion of women in clinical trials, recognition of sex as a biological variable in research, and increased funding for Title X programs.

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The Endocrine Society's advocacy has resulted in increased support of the Office of Women's Health Research (ORWH) at the NIH. Endocrine Society members Teresa Woodruff, PhD and Hadine Joffe, PhD shared information at a congressional briefing with NIH Office of Research on Women's Health Director Janine Clayton, MD.



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The Endocrine Society advocates to increase physician payment to recognize the value endocrinologists bring to the health care system.

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- Endocrine Society advocacy resulted in averting a 10% Medicare physician payment cut in 2022. We continue to call on Congress to improve the Medicare physician payment system.
- Endocrine Society advocacy includes representation at the American Medical Association's Relative Value Update Committee and Advisors to the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Committee. Sandhya Chhabra, MD; Allan Glass, MD; Chase Hendrickson, MD, MPH; and Vijay Shivaswamy, MD represent the Endocrine at the RUC and CPT. We are the only endocrine organization that participates.”



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