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FROM THE PRESIDENT: Diane F. Merritt, MD

It is an honor to be able to serve as your President this year. Thank you to our Executive Director, Joe Sanfilippo, and Past President, Paige Hertweck, for their efforts and energy on behalf of NASPAG in 2007-2008. A special thanks to Nathalie Fleming for the 2008 Annual Clinical Meeting (ACM) in Newport Beach. It was an event to be remembered for the expertise and enthusiasm of our speakers, the atmosphere of camaraderie, and the wonderful West Coast sunshine. Nathalie and her committee are to be complimented for one of our best attended annual clinical meetings in NASPAG history.

We look forward to the 2009 ACM which is currently well underway with the efforts of Yolanda Smith and the Program Committee. The meeting will be April 23-25, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk in San Antonio Texas, so save the date.

Our goals this year are to reach out to you to renew your commitment to this specialty and encourage that you play an active role in our society. While we have a dedicated base of professionals, we want to recruit the next generation of new members, and bring new insights into this field by broadening our base. It is our hope to generate grant support to enable us to invite a number of residents and or medical students to attend our 2009 ACM and cover the costs of their transportation, hotel and registration. This year with the help of Marty Fisher and Jennifer Dietrich, we are collecting clinical images to be made into a new NASPAG Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology CD. The NASPAG/ACOG CDROM titled *Clinical Cases in Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology* edited by Marc Laufer and associate editor Lisa Goldstein will be available soon on the ACOG website(<http://www.acog.org/bookstore/>). Members who ordered the CDROM at our annual meeting should be receiving the final copy soon.

We are settled in our new headquarters in the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Building at 409 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. Cassandra Larkins is our new administrative director and “voice of NASPAG”. I invite you to visit our new website where you can access resources and our journal, register for meetings, and pay your dues online at www.NASPAG.org.

NASPAG depends on the contributions of its membership for new ideas and directions. Our mission is to provide a forum for education, research and communication among health professionals who provide gynecologic care to children and adolescents. Our membership and board members are crucial in providing leadership and energy to drive this organization forward. I personally appreciate everyone’s efforts and acknowledge your contributions.

Diane F. Merritt, M.D.
President of NASPAG

**REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR
2008 MEMBERSHIP!**

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Outgoing president Paige Hertweck and incoming President Diane Merritt at the ACM 2008



NASPAG members enjoying the Wine and Cheese Reception at the ACM 2008



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NASPAG Research Awards ACM 2008

Yolanda R. Smith, MD, MS

Important missions of NASPAG include providing leadership in research and serving as a forum for research in the field of pediatric and adolescent gynecology. This year, at the 22nd Annual Clinical Meeting in Newport Beach, 60 outstanding abstracts were presented, 16 oral presentations and 44 posters. Each year NASPAG recognizes researchers with awards for best research by a trainee, best poster presentation, and best oral presentation. All of the abstract presentations were evaluated by the abstract committee members to select the award winners.

The Huffman Capraro Award recognizes the best oral research presentation by an individual in training (student, resident or fellow). To win this award requires both outstanding research and strong mentorship. This year the recipient of the award was Andrew Stewart, MD for his oral abstract presentation "Adverse Outcomes Associated with Adolescent Pregnancy" by Andrew Stewart, MD, Jennifer Walsh, MD, and Nancy Van Eyk, MD from Dalhousie University and I.W.K. Health Care Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

The winners of the Sally E. Perlman Award for best poster award were Kanakadurga Singer, MD, MA, Annon Rosenthal, MD, and Josephine Kasa-Vubu, MD, MS from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan for the abstract "Elevated Testosterone in Active Girls of Normal Weight with Oligomenorrhea".

The Evelyn G. Laufer Award for best oral presentation was received by Karolyn Kabir, M.D., Jeanelle Sheeder, MSPH, Brian Stafford, MD, MPH, and Catherine Stevens-Simons, MD from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, Colorado for the abstract "Screening for Postpartum Depression at Well-Child Visits: Is Once Enough during the First Six Months of Life?".

NASPAG congratulates all of the abstract presenters and encourages investigators in pediatric and adolescent gynecology to submit their research next fall for presentation at the 23rd Annual Clinical Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

POSTGRADUATE COURSE

VARIATIONS IN SEXUALITY AND SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT: TOWARDS A NEW UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE INTERFACE OF BIOLOGY, MEDICINE AND SOCIETY

Developed in Cooperation with the Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology Special Interest Group (PAGSIG) and the North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (NASPAG)

Saturday, November 8, 2008

Moscone Convention Center

San Francisco, California

In conjunction with the

64th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM)

Course PG9

Faculty:

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Needs Assessment and Course Description

Society dichotomizes between male and female in terms of physical appearance, sexual orientation, and gender roles. However, sexual development and sexuality exist along a broad continuum rather than as a contrast of polar opposites. Individuals who do not conform to societal stereotypes frequently are stigmatized and the psychosocial and sexual issues for these patients can be challenging. A new paradigm of care is evolving from traditional practice patterns.

This one-day course for gynecologists, urologists, reproductive endocrinologists, pediatricians and family medicine specialists will examine the environmental and genetic determinants of sexual orientation and gender nonconformity. The faculty will review the pathophysiology and the medical, surgical, and psychosocial care for patients with disorders of sexual development including androgen insensitivity, other forms of male pseudohermaphroditism, müllerian agenesis, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, and cloacal malformations. The course then will address more subtle care issues for these individuals including decisions for sex of rearing, need for surgery, timing of surgery, sexuality, and fertility. Finally, participants will gain a non-medical perspective to this subject with input by those with personal experience with disorders of sexual development.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, the participant should be able to:

- Summarize the evidence pertaining to the relative roles of environment and genetic determinants of sexual orientation and gender non-conformity.
- Review the basic pathophysiology and embryology of disorders of sexual development.
- Describe the techniques and indications for neo-vaginal reconstruction and clitoroplasty, and gonadectomy.
- Promote a broad perspective of the psychosocial, psychosexual and fertility issues for patients with disorders of sexual development and introduce a new paradigm for care.

Check the ASRM website for further details. The Postgraduate Course Syllabus will be posted online at the [ASRM website](#) in September 2008. Printed copies will be distributed on-site.

Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology HMS CME, 2008

Description: 26th Year of Harvard Medical School Continuing Medical Education Course on Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology

Dates: September 25-26, 2008

Place: Radisson Hotel, Boston, MA, USA

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SAVE THE DATE



The 2009 Annual Clinical Meeting of the North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (NASPAG) will be held April 23-25, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk, San Antonio, Texas. The program will be 2 ½ days long and will begin on Thursday April 23rd a.m. and finish Saturday April 25th at noon. The program committee chaired by Yolanda Smith, MD, is planning an exciting scientific program that will include oral and poster research presentations, keynote speakers, workshops, luncheons, and case reports.

Located on the Riverwalk, this 16-story hotel is one block away from the Alamo and Rivercenter Mall, two blocks from the convention center, one mile from Market Square and seven miles from the San Antonio International Airport. The hotel features a rooftop terrace with outdoor swimming pool, spa, and adjoining 2,800 square-foot health club, a jazz club with outdoor seating on the river. Wireless Internet access is available throughout the hotel's public areas. The hotel's garden atrium is built over an extension of the San Antonio River, which flows through the lobby via a series of water cascades.

More information on the 2009 meeting will be provided later this year. Mark your calendar for April 23-25, 2009. We hope to see you in San Antonio!

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Janice L. Bacon, M.D.

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