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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### My Wish for the New Year

**H**appy New Year! A warm welcome to new members, and a warm welcome back for those returning. It is a great honor to represent you as the President of the Los Angeles Pediatric Society. The Society began in 1934, and boasts a time-honored tradition of providing continued medical education in cutting edge pediatric topics and the unparalleled Eve and Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program that introduces young people to the wonder of medicine. My time on the Board has been most enjoyable,

and although the landscape for practicing medicine has become quite treacherous, it continues to be my fellow physicians who often make the storm worth weathering. To that end, I think it apropos to give a hat tip to my historical colleagues who strived to delineate the health care crisis in the very same year that the Los Angeles Pediatric Society was established.

“No national program of economic security can be regarded in any sense as complete or effective without adequate provision for meeting the risks to security which arise out of ill health. Sickness, the loss of earnings because of the disability of the wage earner, the costs of medical care -- these are spectres which haunt the lives of the great majority of the American people. Economic insecurity from illness is not the consequence of a depression; it threatens people of small means even in good times. The problem is not created -- it is only exaggerated and made more severe -- in bad times.

Every careful study of the economic experience of wage-earning families has revealed the inadequacy of individual savings to afford full protection against the costs of ill health. This explains why tens of millions of families live in dread of sickness, why millions of families - who are independent and self-sustaining in respect to the ordinary, routine needs of life - sacrifice other essentials of decent living in order to pay for medical service, go without needed medical care, carry the burden of medical debts, rely upon the charity of doctors and hospitals, or receive their services from tax-supported and philanthropic agencies.”

These words were written in 1934, when the country was facing turmoil not unlike that which we are facing today. A commission entitled The Committee on Economic Security (CES) was convened to develop policy that considered;

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### *From the President Continued from pg. 1*

"... the protection of the individual against dependency and distress. This includes all forms of social insurance (accident insurance, health insurance, invalidity insurance, unemployment insurance, retirement annuities, survivors' insurance, family endowment, and maternity benefits) . . ."

The medical care group, which comprised one fourth of the committee was responsible for marshaling the research and developing the recommendations for health insurance and disability insurance, and passing those recommendations along to then President Franklin Roosevelt. The committee convened, held multiple meetings throughout 1934, and prepared a document entitled *FINAL REPORT ON RISKS TO ECONOMIC SECURITY ARISING OUT OF ILL HEALTH*. This document outlined in great detail and with startling elegance a strategy to resolve the healthcare crisis in America. Articulate and thorough, the report was the culmination of a collaborative effort between allied health professionals, lawmakers and leaders. The crafters of this document considered the strengths and weaknesses of other countries' plans.

It simultaneously addressed the scope of the problem, public health threats, affordability, reimbursement concerns and comprehensive care for the entire population. It is striking to understand how little the crisis has changed in character over seventy-six years.

The document was intended to be included as part of the President's proposal to the administration, but was so rife with controversy, that Roosevelt himself recommended it be withheld until after the Administration debated, and passed the other considerations in the proposed plan. Sadly it never was included, nor published. Nor apparently even made available for viewing for seven decades.

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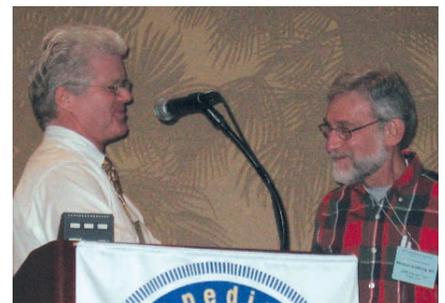
3000 pages of unintelligible legislation, amounting to no more than a massive corporate giveaway to the health insurance industry and a few scraps for the people? Or will our leaders of this new millennium take a page (literally) from history and establish a lasting legacy of true health care reform – affordable, comprehensive care to all of those residing within this great country. This is my wish for the New Year.

*The document itself is well worth reading, and is currently available online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)*

## Scenes from the 2009, 66th Brennemann Lectures



*Incoming President Johanna Olson, MD and outgoing President, Mark Powell, MD*

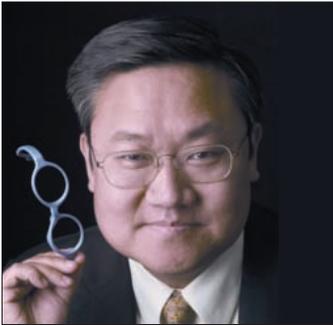


*Mark Powell, MD acknowledges outgoing Program Chair, Marshal Goldberg, MD*

## Join us for the 2010 Brennemann Lectures!

Once again we're at the happiest place on earth, Disneyland®.

For more info on this exciting upcoming event see page 11. DON'T MISS IT!

**SPECIALISTS' CORNER**

**The Importance Of Performing The Red Reflex Test**
**Thomas C. Lee, MD**

 Director, Retina Institute, The Vision Center, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles;  
 Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, Keck School of Medicine, USC

Newborn children are not born with 20/20 vision. There is a brief window of time during the first year of life where the retina and visual cortex learn to work together to produce the perception of formed vision. Should anything interfere with creating a sharply focused retinal image, the results can be dense and permanent amblyopia.

Assessing visual function in a newborn and pre-verbal child can be very challenging. The most effective way to detect ocular pathology in this population is the red reflex test, which can identify cataracts, retinal detachments and anisometropia.

In 2008, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) revised its policy statement on performing red reflex tests. It recommends that:

1. All newborn children have testing done prior to discharge from the nursery and on ALL subsequent exams.
2. The results must be documented as to whether the reflexes in both eyes were equivalent in color, intensity and clarity.
3. Children with an abnormal reflex should be referred immediately to an ophthalmologist for further evaluation.
4. The pediatrician must receive confirmation back from the ophthalmologist that the consultation was performed.
5. Children with a family history of hereditary eye diseases need to be referred to an ophthalmologist for evaluation.
6. If the parents describe a history consistent with leukocoria, the pediatrician should refer the patient to an ophthalmologist to evaluate for possible retinoblastoma. (This last recommendation is particularly important especially in an era where the parents may notice an unequal red reflex with digital flash photography.)

Even in those children with ocular pathology, the red reflex test can be challenging to perform. In 2003, a study (Abramson et al, Pedi-

atrics) reviewed 1632 patients with retinoblastoma but no family history, and found that family members made the initial observation 80% of the time while the pediatricians were the first to recognize the abnormality only 8% of the time. Much of this is now attributed to the frequency of parents taking flash photography using digital cameras.

Since the red reflex test evaluates primarily the retina within the macula, it may miss a retinoblastoma lesion that is off in the peripheral retina, whereas a flash photograph taken at an angle may identify a tumor in the periphery. Because of these statistics, it is very important for the pediatrician to follow the AAP recommendation for referral to an ophthalmologist should the parents comment on an abnormal reflex even in the setting of a normal test in the office.

There are several simple ways to increase the accuracy of the red reflex test. The first is to make the assessment in a dimly lit or dark room. It can take 10 seconds from the time the lights go down to the time the pupil reaches maximal dilation.

The second is to stand 4-6 feet away from the child and look through the direct ophthalmoscope so that the entire face is in clear focus. Then use a large enough aperture size so that both eyes are illuminated. By using simultaneous illumination, it is much easier to compare the reflex.

An absent reflex in one eye may result from a cataract. Conversely a white reflex can occur in a child with retinoblastoma or a retinal detachment due to Coats' disease. In those cases where both eyes have a red reflex but one is brighter than the other, the child may have different refractions resulting in anisometropic amblyopia.

All pediatricians need to be comfortable performing this simple yet powerful test. In many cases, pathology detected by an abnormal red reflex can be treated and in some cases may save a child's eye or life. For more information about red reflex testing or retinal diseases, please visit: [www.TheVisionCenterAtCHLA.org](http://www.TheVisionCenterAtCHLA.org) and click on the Retina Institute.

*Dr. Lee sees patients through The Vision Center, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, 4650 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, 90027*

**SPECIALISTS' CORNER**

We are actively seeking pediatric specialists who would like to contribute their expertise by writing an article on a particular topic that would assist pediatricians in the care of their patients. However, we need your help in identifying pediatric specialists; if you are such an individual or you know someone that is, please let us know! Preference will be given to LAPS Member submissions.

If you are not a member, you will find a membership application on page 15 and on our website: [www.lapedsoc.org](http://www.lapedsoc.org) In addition to our online Membership Directory, we are currently developing a Pediatric Specialists' Listing Guide as a benefit of LAPS membership. Pediatricians may use this guide to locate specialists that can assist in the care of their patients.



The Los Angeles Pediatric Society  
presents the

## ANNUAL SPRING MEETING AND PARMELEE LECTURE

All Mixed Up:  
Gender Variant Behavior,  
Separating Fact from Fiction

Wednesday May 12, 2010  
6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Place: Bocca Steakhouse  
16610 Ventura Blvd  
Encino, CA 91436

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### Program Objectives

At the completion of the presentations the attendee will:

1. Define "Gender Variant Behavior."
2. Identify "normal" and/or "abnormal" gender variant behavior from childhood through adolescence.
3. Refer patients for specialist care based on specific criteria.
4. Communicate appropriately and comfortably with patients and their parents/guardians of different cultural backgrounds.

**Target Audience** – Pediatricians

Lay persons, counselors, teachers, parents are welcome to attend.

### Accreditation



This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Institute for Medical Quality and the California Medical Association's CME Accreditation Standards (IMQ/CMA) through the Joint Sponsorship of CME Consultants and Los Angeles Pediatric Society. CME Consultants is accredited by IMQ/CMA to provide continuing medical education for physicians. CME Consultants takes responsibility for the content, quality and scientific integrity of this CME activity. CME Consultants designates this educational activity for a maximum of 2 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. This credit may also be applied to the CMA Certification in Continuing Medical Education.

In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), please call the Los Angeles Pediatric Society at 310-347-8087 should you require special assistance.

## SPEAKERS



### Marvin Belzer, MD

Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Medicine, Keck School, University of Southern California, (USC), Los Angeles CA; Associate Professor, Division Adolescent Medicine, Childrens Hospital (CHLA) Los Angeles, CA

Dr. Belzer is an Adolescent Medicine physician who specializes in the care for youth with HIV, transgender youth, and youth with chronic fatigue. Dr. Belzer is an internationally recognized leader in the field of transgender care for youth. In addition to providing information all over the world, Dr. Belzer has also appeared on MSNBC to educate audiences about the needs of transgender youth.



### Catherine Forbes, PhD

Clinical Psychologist, Behavioral Services and Risk Reduction Program, Division of Adolescent Medicine, CHLA, Los Angeles, CA

Dr. Forbes specializes in providing mental health services to transgender youth, including co-creating and leading a unique therapy group for both Male to Female (MTF) and Female to Male (FTM) identifying youth. In addition, she is involved in a multitude of other adolescent health related training, consulting and research activities, including supervising the development, implementation, and evaluation of a CDC-funded HIV prevention program designed specifically for transgender youth.

## ADVANCE REGISTRATION ONLINE OR BY MAIL

**ONLINE:** You may register online and pay with a credit card. Go to our website [www.lapedsoc.org](http://www.lapedsoc.org) and click on "Parmelee Lecture 2010" under Meeting Registration

**MAIL IN:** Make Check Payable to LAPS and mail to:  
LAPS, PO Box 4198, Torrance, CA 90510-4198

The Los Angeles Pediatric Society ANNUAL SPRING MEETING AND PARMELEE LECTURE  
Thursday, May 12, 2010, Bocca Steakhouse, Encino, CA

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If Pediatric Resident, Hospital Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Advanced registration is required. Late Fee after May 5, 2010: Add \$20 to each category**

### BANQUET AND LECTURE

### LECTURE ONLY

Early Tuition Fee on or before Wednesday May 5, 2010

Physician, Member of LAPS \$65 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Emeritus Member of LAPS \$45 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Physician, Non-member \$75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Allied Health/Lay Person/  
Parent/Teacher/Counselor \$65 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Residents \$45 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### DO NOT FORGET TO MAKE YOUR DINNER CHOICE:

Chicken Brochette  Beef Brochette  Salmon  Vegetarian Pasta  
All meals at Bocca are under RCC Supervision and Glatt Kosher.

## 2010 PARMELEE LECTURE ALL MIXED UP: GENDER VARIANT BEHAVIOR, SEPARATING FACT FROM FICTION



**Marshall G. Goldberg, MD, FAAP, FAAAA&I**  
Program Committee Member

A new setting! A great and important topic! Save Wednesday night, May 12, 2010 for the Parmelee Lecture. The issue of the early identification of gender preference, evaluation and management will be discussed by two experts in the field, both on the faculty of Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles. Marvin Belzer, MD and Catherine Forbes, PhD will present current thinking on this important and contemporary subject. I'm sure their presentations will generate interest, be informative and open what should be a format for questions and discussion.

The setting will be the Bocca Steakhouse on Ventura Boulevard in Encino. They serve a delicious middle-eastern style cuisine with a varied menu. The Board sampled the food and it is outstanding. I am certain that all attendees will find an entrée choice that they will thoroughly enjoy. The combination of such a thought-provoking subject, superb speakers and really excellent food should provide a very worthwhile evening. CME to boot! Hope to see you all there. This particular topic should be of interest to spouses, significant others, teachers and anyone who has or deals with children. I encourage your attendance. Bring a friend!

### Los Angeles Pediatric Society Spring Business Meeting

#### Meeting Agenda and Program

- 6:00 pm Welcome Reception
- 6:45 pm Banquet
- 7:15 pm Society Business Meeting
- There will be a short business meeting for the election of officers.*
- 7:30 pm **All Mixed Up: Gender Variant Behavior, Separating Fact from Fiction**
- 9:00 pm Questions and Topic Discussion

#### Slate of Proposed 2010-2011 Officers

<b>Member at Large</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Secretary Treasurer</b>	<b>Chester Koh, MD</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Derek Wong, MD</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Danelle Fisher, MD</b>

*All LAPS members are welcome to attend the Business portion of the Spring Meeting at no charge.*

## 2010 EVE AND GENE BLACK SUMMER MEDICAL CAREER PROGRAM – CAN YOU HELP?



**Robert Hamilton, MD, FAAP**  
Summer Medical Career Program, Chair

This coming July, the Los Angeles Pediatric Society's 'Eve and Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program' will enter its 41st year. Over these many years, the vision of the Black family has come to fruition. Literally thousands of young men and women, interested in pursuing a career in the health professions, have experienced first-hand the challenges and delights of pediatric medicine through our program.

2010 is sure to be another exciting year. Along with the Brennemann and Parmelee lecture series, the Summer Program has evolved into one our flagship programs and represents our primary outreach to our community. And as the years pass, the program is also becoming more and more competitive. Through word-of-mouth and high-school advisors, the number of applications has increased dramatically and the quality of these applicants has likewise improved.

Since we have been selecting 45-50 students each year, this trend has posed a challenge to those who make the applicant selection.

This is a good problem to have! And there is a simple solution to the problem! If there was an increase in the number of pediatrician counselors available to coordinate students, we could take more students into the program. It is that simple and those of us, who are involved in the program, would love to do just that.

Over the years, our program has relied on the teaching hospitals to serve as the 'home' bases for the majority of our students. This paradigm will continue to undergird our future, but individual practices have also hosted students. In some communities, the 'office based' experience has proved to be highly successful.

If you or your pediatric group has an interest in making a lasting and meaningful contribution this July (or any 4 weeks of the Summer that work for you), please let us know. The Eve and Gene Black Medical Career Program is a wonderful opportunity to serve.

## EVE AND GENE BLACK SUMMER MEDICAL CAREER PROGRAM REFLECTIONS

### St Mary, Long Beach

When someone hears the word lab they think about blood right away. The lab isn't just about drawing blood from someone, it's the study of a specimen. I saw different kinds of specimens and different organs of the human body; I never imagined seeing these things while participating in this program. ~Nadine S.



### Tarzana

I held a brain. I watched open heart surgery. I saw birth, death, and everything in between. I got blood on my scrubs and anti-bacterial solution on my shoes, and you know what? I still know I'm going to be a doctor. ~Lynn R.



#### From left to right

*Combined Valley Program Counselors, Drs. Galos and Miller  
LAC USC participant ready for surgery observation  
Olive View, Counselor, Dr. Defendi and her participants  
White Memorial participant shadows a staff physician  
Working in the Lab at Childrens Hospital*

### St Johns/Santa Monica Hospitals

Every one of the doctors I worked with was friendly and welcoming to me and I am sincerely grateful to every one of them for their time and effort. I was constantly learning from the program, either from being able to witness actual medical procedures or simply from getting the chance to talk to the doctors about their experiences. ~Gianna F.

### UCLA

The Eve and Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program has truly enlightened me in every aspect of what it means to be a pediatrician. I have always wanted to be a doctor, but because of this program I am now positive pediatrics is my passion. ~Caitlyn S.

### King Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Ctr

I soon found myself in an entirely different world from the textbooks in school. I also gained valuable knowledge on the education, attitude, and extra curriculars required to finally make it to a doctor. My summer internship for the Eve and Gene Black program was truly a life-altering experience... ~Brandon L.

### Harbor UCLA

I can't forget all the doctors who took valuable time from their busy schedules to benefit a seemingly clueless high school student. The Eve and Gene Black program is beyond rewarding and I hope that it continues to have a positive influence on future high school seniors. ~Jessica I.

I want to thank the LAPS for keeping such a wonderful program going because it has truly helped me. ~JaDonna D.

### Cedars Sinai

I strongly believe that this program has steered me in the direction that I need to be in and prepared me for my future medical career. ~Velvet J.

Thank you to the participating hospitals, their counselors, and all those that generously donate to the Summer Medical Career Program; your support positively influences future generations of medical professionals.

Additional information about the **2010 Summer Program** can be found in this newsletter or on our website: [www.lapedsoc.org](http://www.lapedsoc.org)

LOS ANGELES PEDIATRIC SOCIETY APPLICATION  
41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL EVE AND GENE BLACK SUMMER MEDICAL CAREER PROGRAM  
July 5 – 30, 2010

**Applicants must in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade when they fill out this application and at least 16 years old by the start of program.** This program is best described as a medical shadow program. Students work under the supervision of a health care professional and get a realistic view of what it is really like to be a doctor, nurse, etc. All programs are run Monday through Friday for about 8 hours a day, no nights or weekends; the exact hours are determined by the program counselor at each hospital. The program is run for the 4 weeks in the month of July ONLY, except for Olive View UCLA Medical Center whose dates are noted below. If there is a financial need, a participant may request a weekly stipend of \$50 to cover program expenses such as transportation costs.

Type or Print Clearly in Black Ink Only

- **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:** Typing application from our website [www.lapedsoc.org](http://www.lapedsoc.org) (See Summer Program tab.) You can not apply online; print both pages and mail along with other required documents needed for an application set.
- **Additional Applications:** Copy this one, contact us for one in Word or print one from our website.
- **YOU MUST SUBMIT:** One original application set of documents and one copy set.
- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):** Found on our website under the Summer Program tab.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (Must be 16 by Program start) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade When Applying (Mark with "x"): \_\_\_11\_\_\_12

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities and Interests (You may attach a separate sheet with this info) \_\_\_\_\_

Honors or Honor Society Membership (You may attach a separate sheet with this info) \_\_\_\_\_

Academic and Future Career Plans \_\_\_\_\_

Transcripts are optional and do NOT need to be official or sealed. If you include a transcript, include one for each application set.

To Submit this Application, You Must Complete the Following 5 Steps:

1. Type (do not hand write) an essay (12pt., any font, single or double spaced) of no more than 1 page about why you are interested in medicine and/or this medical career program.
2. Attach 1, but no more than 3 letter(s) of recommendation from person(s) familiar with your character, abilities and/or interests. This can not be a family member. Letters of recommendation mailed separately will NOT be accepted.
3. Have a school official, i.e. principal, assistant principal, advisor or counselor, (not just a teacher) sign the application below.
4. Your parent or guardian MUST read and sign the "Consent and Agreement Form for Student Participation."
5. Please number your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice hospital. Your 2<sup>nd</sup> choice will only be used if your 1<sup>st</sup> choice hospital unexpectedly drops from the program. Select carefully as you are responsible for your own transportation. The hospitals listed below are the only hospitals participating in our program. NOTE: Hospitals with \* require students be to 18 years old by the start of the program.

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|--|---|--|
| ___ *Cedars Sinai Medical Center, LA           | ___ LAC/USC Medical Center, LA  | ___ St. Johns Hospital/Santa Monica Hospital |
| ___ Childrens Hospital Los Angeles             | ___ Los Robles Medical Center, Thousand Oaks/<br>Kaiser Panorama City/ Simi Valley Hospital<br>(COMBINED PROGRAM) | ___ * St. Mary Medical Center, Long Beach    |
| ___ Harbor UCLA Medical Center, Torrance       |   | ___ Tarzana Medical Center, Tarzana          |
| ___ King Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Ctr, LA | ___ Olive View UCLA Medical Center, Sylmar<br>PROGRAM DATES AUGUST 2 – 20 ONLY                                    | ___ UCLA Medical Center, LA                  |
|  |   | ___ White Memorial Medical Center, LA        |

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

School Official Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: The Application Envelope must be POSTMARKED BY MARCH 5, 2010**

The original set of all required documents AND 1 copy of this entire set of documents must be sent.

The required document set consists of: an application, a consent & agreement form, an essay and letter(s) of recommendation. Place the required document set and the copy set in the same envelope. This envelope will require additional postage.

Send by US Mail ONLY to: Los Angeles Pediatric Society  
PO Box 4198  
Torrance, CA 90510-4198

Do NOT send your application via Express or Certified Mail; we recommend the US Mail "Delivery Confirmation" service.

Applicants will be notified by April 20 if accepted or not.

Questions? See FAQs on [www.lapedsoc.org](http://www.lapedsoc.org) or contact Mary Ellen Osborne [meosborne@lapedsoc.org](mailto:meosborne@lapedsoc.org) or 310-347-8087



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41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL EVE AND GENE BLACK SUMMER MEDICAL CAREER PROGRAM  
JULY 5 – 30, 2010

**Consent and Agreement Form for Student Participation in the  
Eve and Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program**

As the parent or legal guardian of (Student Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Even if a student is 18, this form must be read and signed by a parent or guardian.)

I agree as follows:

1. I give my unqualified, unconditional, and express consent for Student to participate in the Eve and Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program sponsored by the Los Angeles Pediatric Society ("LAPS").
2. On behalf of Student and myself, I waive and release all claims of every type against LAPS, its members, and any persons associated with it regardless of whether any claim is based on intentional conduct, negligence, or any other type of act or failure to act by any person or entity, known or unknown.
3. On behalf of Student and myself, I agree to indemnify LAPS and all persons or entities associated with LAPS including participating hospitals and other healthcare providers, and to hold them harmless from any liability of Student, including but not limited to all costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees.
4. On behalf of Student and myself, I agree to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of patient medical information as required by law.
5. In the event of an emergency and I cannot be reached, I consent to any medical care, treatment, or surgery necessary to the Student if there is an accident, injury, or sickness of any kind. This consent does not mean that LAPS or any person or entity associated with LAPS is under any obligation to provide medical care, treatment, or surgery.
6. If any part of this consent and agreement is held by a court to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining portions of this consent and agreement shall remain in full force.
7. Prior to the start of the Program, LAPS will require proof of immunizations plus tuberculosis test and a disclosure of medical/health problems and a list of any medication(s) currently being used. Sponsoring hospitals may require a medical release from a student's doctor before being accepted into the program. Students with medical conditions that put them at risk in a hospital setting will not be accepted into the program.
8. Upon selection, a student's Social Security number may be required for participation.
9. I have read and understood this consent and agreement in its entirety and have had the opportunity to discuss it with a representative of LAPS. By signing this consent and agreement, I intend to be bound by it in its entirety. I acknowledge that neither LAPS nor any person or entity associated with LAPS is obligated to allow a Student to participate in the Eve and Gene Back Summer Medical Career Program and that my signing of this consent and agreement is a condition of any such participation.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please Enter Parent/Guardian Contact Information Below:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

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**COPEM UPDATE**

**Striving for a Pediatric Medical Center (PMC) in the San Fernando Valley**
**Paula J. Whiteman, MD, FAAP, FACEP**

In Los Angeles County, there are three voluntary designations for hospitals, whose Emergency Departments receive sick or injured children by ambulance. The most basic designation is Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) which is an ED approved by Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services, Emergency Medical Services (LAC DHS EMS) Agency to receive sick children transported by ambulance after a 911 call. The highest level is the Pediatric Trauma Center (PTC), which has an ED which is an EDAP, a pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) which cares for the sickest children, and a designated pediatric trauma center. In the middle is the Pediatric Medical Center (PMC) which takes sicker, but not injured children with the hopes of avoiding a secondary transport to a higher level of care. Along with being an EDAP, the hospital's PICU will meet certain requirements. Thus, a PTC is also a PMC; but the reverse is not necessarily true.

There is one free standing PMC that is not a PTC, which is Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena. Of the EDAPs, there are now 44 with the recent addition of Sherman Oaks Hospital at the beginning of this year. Two of the EDAP are just outside of LAC. There are 6 PTC's: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, LAC Harbor/UCLA Medical Center, LAC USC Medical Center, and Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, and Ronald Reagan UCLA.

Because there are no PTC's or PMC in the San Fernando Valley, LAC DHS EMS Agency studied the impact of having a PMC there. It is hoped that at least one of the three EDAPs with a PICU in the SFV, Northridge Hospital, Providence Tarzana, or Valley Presbyterian, will become a PMC to reduce the number transports out of the valley.

Looking at 2008, there were 2,069 EMS pediatric transports in the SFV with pediatrics being defined as age 14 years and under. Of those transports, 344 patients (17%) were transported to PTC/PMC with 1725 patients (83%) staying in the valley. Further analysis of the 344 patients that were transported out of the SFV showed that 119 (35%) met criteria to be transferred to a PTC, whereas 111 (32%) met criteria for transport to a PMC. The remainder of the patients were transported for other reasons, specifically base hospital judgement. The ambulance contacts their base hospital and based on a variety of factors may be directed to take a patient to a specific location.

Projecting from the transport criteria, it is estimated that if a PMC existed in the SFV in 2008, then 148 pediatric transports (43%) of those 344 patients would have been directed to that hospital. To place that in perspective, most patients transported by ambulance to EDAPs do not get admitted to the hospital. It has been found that most patients that require hospital admission 'walk-in' or get driven in by a private conveyance. Thus, it cannot be assumed that all 148 patients would end up being admitted even though they were deemed sicker at the time of initial transport. One hundred and forty-eight patients translates into approximately one extra pediatric patient every 2 to 3 days, if there was one PMC in the valley and even fewer patients than that, if there were more SFV PMCs.

The impact on the SFV community would be a decrease in prolonged transport times and helicopter transports for their pediatric patients who were evaluated after calling 911. Also if the ED visit resulted in a hospital admission, then that child would potentially be hospitalized closer to their home.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE**

**LAPS Gets Your Name on the Street**
**Mark Powell, MD  
Past President**

The Los Angeles Pediatric Society enthusiastically reports the completion of the 2010 online membership directory. The directory provides tremendous benefits both to our members as well as to the community. Affiliation with a professional pediatric organization gives physicians name recognition and credibility. Because the directory will be categorized by name, city, and subspecialty, physicians and patients alike will use it as a resource for referrals.

When the complexity of one of your patients requires the expertise of a specialist, logging onto our website instantaneously provides a list of board certified or board eligible specialists in your area. In addition, when your patients relocate, accessing the directory enables you to confidently refer their care to a colleague who is a fellow member.

As an added benefit, the directory also serves as a source of advertising. Not infrequently, when looking for a pediatrician, community members access the Los Angeles Pediatric Society website in search of a physician in their area. By being a member, your name and contact information is immediately available to them and is validated by our endorsement.

LAPS appreciates the support you have demonstrated to us by maintaining your active membership and is proud to offer the distinction of listing your name in our directory. Please check the information in the online directory for accuracy. You choose the amount of the contact information that you would like to be made available. See page 10 for more information.

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