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THE THYROID, THE 'NET, AND OUR PATIENTS

WEB HELPS UNTANGLE THYROID SECRETS

How many of you dedicated clinicians find that you don't have enough time to answer all of your patients' questions? Probably almost everyone. I recently saw a patient with an asymptomatic thyroid nodule for whom I did my usual careful H & P, obtained a serum TSH, and performed a FNAB—just like it says to do in the ATA Guidelines (Arch Intern Med. 1996; 156:2165-2172). The cytology was compatible with a colloid nodule. "Great", I thought—"everyone will be happy". Not so fast! Will it grow, and will I choke? Can it turn into cancer? How can you be sure it's benign? Shouldn't I have another biopsy? Should I take thyroid medication? Why didn't you do an ultrasound—"I saw online that you should do one", she said. SAW ONLINE?!!! I panicked, since my very recently acquired computer knowledge still has me at the novice-minus level.

Well, more and more patients are becoming net-savvy, even in Southern California, where surfing doesn't just mean hanging ten, and we clinicians need be able to guide them to patient-advocacy and information sites that are both helpful and accurate. After all, most lay-people really can't differentiate between fact and fiction where medical issues are concerned. So, I thought I'd check out some thyroid websites on the internet, and discov-

ered the good, the bad, and in some cases, the ugly.

Checking out medically related sites was a real education for me—you can go anywhere from the Mayo Clinic (www.mayoclinic.org), which has great articles covering the breadth of health-related issues, to the Male Clinic (www.insyght.com/male-clinic), whose focus is, well, you probably can guess. Now, I'm such a computer-novice that my judgements are partially guided by how easy it was to find and use the sites. But this might even be an advantage to those looking for information. Space limitations preclude me from covering all of the thyroid-related sites (there are dozens) in this issue of the SIGNAL, so I'll describe some familiar ones here, and some others in the future:

Thyroid Foundation of America (www.tsha.org): The TFA was established in 1986 by ATA member Larry Wood, and is the granddaddy of thyroid patient advocacy organizations in the United States. Larry continues to chair the TFA, and it is difficult to think of anyone who is more interested in patient advocacy and education. The TFA website is user-friendly, and contains clinically accurate and easily readable information for patients. The articles are especially helpful, but some of the topics listed either haven't been written or posted yet. There are numerous

links to other organizations, and most are relevant to our patients. Thyroid "news" is fairly up-to-date—the 1999 NEJM articles on T4/T3, and hypothyroidism in pregnancy are discussed, but I didn't see Tipper Gore's nodule mentioned. Overall, an excellent site, and I refer my patients to it frequently. Editor's rating ★★★★★1/2.

The Thyroid Society for Education and Research (www.the-thyroid-society.org): The Thyroid Society was established by ATA member Sheldon Rubinfeld, who is still Managing Director. This website is easy to use, and information for patients is first-rate. It seems that the principle focus of The Thyroid Society is education, and in this regard it certainly succeeds. The Featured Articles section contains excellent articles, written by authors who span the specialties related to thyroid disease. Readers may also download information on various thyroid topics. The Hot Topics section did not cover the T4/T3 controversy, but it was discussed in an excellent article by Steve Sherman in the Featured Articles section. There are many links to other organizations dealing with thyroid disease. This is top-notch site for patient information. Editor's rating ★★★★★1/2.

Thyroid Foundation of Canada (www.home.ican.net): The TFC was founded in 1980,

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



De ar Friends and Colleagues, I want to report that your officers, Council and Committees have been quite busy on behalf of the ATA during the past 6 months. Council had a weekend meeting in Baltimore MD to discuss a number of issues of concern to our membership and the thyroid community in general. First is the 12th International Thyroid Congress, which will be held between October 22-27, 2000 in Kyoto, Japan. I want to urge as many ATA members as possible to attend and participate in the

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congress. This meeting is extremely important and, by agreement with all of the world thyroid associations, it will replace our annual meetings for 2000. Therefore, the Kyoto meeting will be the only meeting where you will hear up to the moment basic and clinical thyroid research in 2000. Those of you who attended the last international thyroid congress in Toronto in 1995, hosted by the ATA, can attest to the added excitement of interacting with many more of our international colleagues from all over the world than at one of our annual meetings.

The outline of the program for the meeting has been fleshed out and looks very exciting, and the Local Arrangements Committee has developed most interesting programs to complement the scientific meeting.

Several colleagues have expressed concern about the cost of traveling to Japan, and hotel rates. The ATA administrative office has been working with Japan Airlines to develop travel and hotel packages for ATA members. Although the rates are not final, packages for round trip airfare and hotel for 6 nights, originating from the New York area, will be between \$1200 - \$1400. Final details and packages originating from other locations in North America are being developed, and you will learn of the details soon. Registration for the meeting will be 40,000 yen, which translates into \$350 - \$400, depending on the rate of exchange.

This fee is about the same as charged for the 1995 International Meeting in Toronto. Please join me at the meeting!

The Campaign for Thyroid Discovery is off to a wonderful start. As you recall, the ATA has a target of \$ 3,000,000 to be raised during the next three years and, as announced during our 1999 Annual Meeting, Knoll Pharmaceutical Corporation has pledged \$1,000,000 towards our goal. The Development Committee, under the leadership of Eli Dow, has set a goal for the ATA membership of 20 percent of the remaining \$2,000,000, about \$400,000. I am very pleased to tell you that as of now, 15 members of the ATA, including a number of Past Presidents, have already pledged \$150,000 towards that goal. You will soon be receiving a letter from Eli Dow, Chairman of the Development Committee, outlining various methods for making contributions to the ATA Endowment. Please consider making a pledge very seriously. Since proceeds from these monies will be used to fund thyroid research, the entire thyroid community will benefit from this effort. This is especially important, since NIH funding for thyroid research has declined over the years. When the ATA approaches corporations or foundations for major contributions to our Campaign, they will need to know how strongly our membership supports the Campaign. At this time, only about 25 percent of our membership have con-

tributed. Please make a pledge to demonstrate that the Campaign has broad support from our members.

Finally, we all recognize that the long-term strength and success of our Association depends on our ability to attract and retain new members. Our Membership Committee has done, and continues to do, an outstanding job in selecting new members. During the last several years, our membership roll has increased and diversified, with new members who are surgeons and pathologists as well as endocrinologists. With the help of the ATA administrative office, I have reviewed the attendance records of our meetings during the last five years and identified 30 nonmembers who attended three meetings and 33 nonmembers who attended two of the meetings. I offered my personal sponsorship for membership to this group and, as of today, 14 have submitted applications for active membership. I ask all of you to think of clinicians and scientists in your communities who might be interested in attending our meetings and then proposing them for membership.

Cordially,

MARTIN SURKS, M.D.

President, American Thyroid Association

ATA WELCOMES THREE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

*Cheng, Gershengorn, and Levy
Appointed to Four-Year Terms*

Three new ATA Executive Council Members were brought on board at the 72nd Annual ATA meeting last October. This is our opportunity to introduce them to the ATA membership:

Sheue-yann Cheng received her Ph.D. from the University of California at San Francisco, and went on to do a post-doc at the Ben May Laboratory for Cancer Research at the University of Chicago. She is currently Chief of the Gene Regulation Section, Laboratory of Molecular Biology, at the National Cancer Institute.

Sheue-yann has been an ATA member since 1980, and has served on several committees, including Membership (Chair, 1989-1990), Research, and Program. Much of the credit for the superb program of our 71st Annual ATA Meeting belongs to Sheue-yann, who served as chair of the Program Committee for that meeting.

Sheue-yann has two children who fulfill the Jewish mother's dream—son Andrew has both a M.D. and a Ph.D (partially following in Mother's footsteps), and daughter Caroline is a lawyer.

Marvin Gershengorn graduated from New York University School of Medicine, and after completing a medical residency at Strong Memorial Hospital, served as a clinical associate in the Clinical Endocrinology Branch at the NIH. He is currently Professor of Medicine, Cell Biology and Genetics, and Director of the Division of Molecular Medicine at Cornell University Medical College and The New York Hospital.

Marv has been a member of the ATA since 1977, and served as Chair of the Research Committee from 1993 to 1995. He was honored as the recipient of the Van Meter Award in 1985, and the Sidney H. Ingbar Distinguished Lectureship Award in 1998.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - NIH ENDOCRINOLOGY STUDY SECTION

Thank you to the following ATA members, who have given much time and effort to the grant-reviewing process of the NIH Endocrinology Study Section. Study Section members serve four-year terms, and for two intensive days, three times a year, review grant applications.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT



Since there will be no ATA Annual Meeting in 2000, your Secretariat has focused its efforts on three long-range initiatives for the Association in the third millennium. First, the ATA has a new office. In January, we moved to Nanuet near the Hudson River in southern New York State. We are grateful to Montefiore Medical Center which for six years made a home for us in the Bronx; but the limited space, frail infrastructure, and lack of long-term security there made a move essential. Our new leased office in the Townhouse Office Park provides a more effective, spacious, secure, and independent venue. It is also a shorter commute for our staff, which has extended the office's hours of operation. Please note contact information for the new office in this issue of the SIGNAL. Diane and Jennifer would be delighted to host a "site visit" for any members who find themselves in the neighborhood.

The Secretariat has been busy supporting two other initiatives that will shape the ATA's future: The Campaign for Thyroid Discovery, and the ATA Strategic Plan. Our three-year \$3 million dollar campaign to endow a fund for thyroid research is off to a strong start, as evidenced by the generous leading donations reported in this issue of the SIGNAL. Participation by all mem-

bers will be key as Pepper Davis and Eli Dow seek the corporate, foundation, and private philanthropic support to realize our goal.

President-elect Bill Chin has championed and will lead the ATA Strategic Planning Process. Whenever I think about such planning, I remember some sage advice that I received as an intern at the bedside of an elderly man hospitalized for failure to thrive. "Paul," my resident said, "if you don't know why you admitted him to the hospital, you'll never know when to discharge him!" The same is true of any human enterprise. The year 2000 seems like the perfect time for the ATA to take a step back and think creatively about our missions and how best to achieve them. Bill Chin and Marty Surks will soon be asking for all of your thoughts about the ATA's role and future. They have also invited a group of members representing our society's constituencies to attend a retreat in September. In addition to these formal processes, we invite all of you to contact Bill, Marty, or me personally, with your reflections, concerns, and ideas about the ATA, which we all want to prosper in the years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL W. LADENSON, M.D.
Secretary, American Thyroid Association

ATA LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

Strategic Planning Retreat Set For September

An ATA strategic planning retreat will be held in Miami, Florida in September 2000, in order to develop both a short-term and long-range plan for the future growth and continued development of the ATA. The idea for the meeting came from President-elect Bill Chin, in collaboration with our current leadership. According to Bill, "the ATA is doing very well now, but

we need to ensure that we will continue to thrive, and to look for other areas in which we can be successful." Bill stressed that while perhaps only two dozen or so people will attend the September meeting, a questionnaire will be mailed to all active ATA members for their input. "This needs to be a process of inclusion - all members must have the opportunity to help guide our future," said Bill.

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making it the first lay organization in North America devoted to thyroid patients. Like the TFA (actually, vice-versa), the TFC is a combination patient-education, patient-advocacy organization. The TFC has an excellent website (here again, experience pays off), with accurate, up-to-date information and articles written by experts. Nothing fancy about this website-just gets the job done in an efficient, friendly-to-use manner. And for patients in Quebec, there's a French version. Editor's rating ★★★★★.

National Graves' Disease Foundation (www.ngdf.org): The NGDF was founded in 1990 by Nancy Patterson, Ph.D, who continues to serve as Executive Director. I'm sure most of you have met Nancy, who usually has a booth display at our ATA meetings. In contrast to the organizations mentioned above, the NGDF is strictly a support organization, devoted exclusively to patients with Graves'. The website is a fine resource for your patients, who not only wish to obtain up-to-date factual information, but who would like to communicate with other patients with Graves'. This site is not as comprehensive as some others in terms of clinical information, although it provides excellent links to other sites that do, including, remarkably, Les DeGroot's and

George Hennemann's online *Thyroid Disease Manager*. Editor's rating ★★★★★.

Kelly G. Ripkin Program (www.thyroid-ripkin.med.jhu.edu): Like Nancy Patterson, Kelly Ripkin's impetus for involvement with thyroid disease was her own Graves' disease. And like Nancy's organization, Kelly Ripkin's program is very support-oriented. In fact, if you're in the Baltimore area, you can have free TSH testing, attend patient-education events, and even arrange to see a thyroid specialist. This friendly website offers accurate, up-to-date information, with excellent links. From the looks of it, there may be input from our Johns Hopkins colleagues, which certainly enhances its overall look and content. About five years ago I paid a lot of money for a baseball autographed by Cal Ripkin, Jr. Unfortunately, I can't find it. Kelly, if you read this, can you get me another one-cheaper, this time?! Editor's rating ★★★★★.

So much for thyroid websites for this issue of the SIGNAL. In a future issue I'll discuss how our professional organizations are doing. I would appreciate input from you regarding your own experiences with the thyroid and the 'net. Contact me at psinger@hsc.usc.edu.

CAMPAIGN FOR THYROID DISCOVERY

As outlined in Marty Surks' President's Letter in this issue, a number of our members have made very generous pledges to the Campaign for Thyroid Discovery. The ATA is pleased to acknowledge them here, and we ask that you climb aboard the Campaign train.

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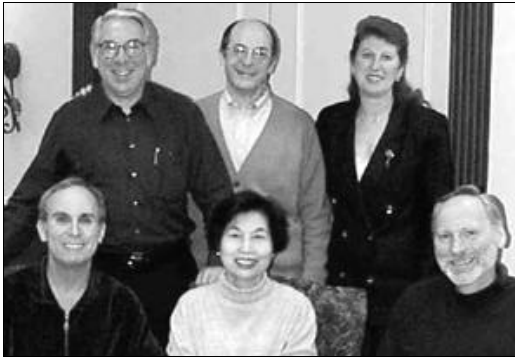


"You must be joking, Pepper, the new President is supposed to raise how much money for The Campaign for Thyroid Discovery????!!!"

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Pictured with members of the ATA leadership looking over their shoulders are new Executive Council Members (from left) Elliot Levy, Sheue-Yann Cheng, and Marvin Gershongorn.

Marv's daughter Hayley is a first-year medical student at Harvard University, and with a bit of coaxing from Dad may be a future Van Meter Award recipient.

Elliot Levy received his M.D. degree from Northwestern University School of Medicine, and following a medical residency at Washington University in St. Louis, did an endocrine fellowship at the University of Southern California. Having become accustomed to sunny weather, he and his wife Debby moved to Miami Beach, where Elliot has been in full-time clinical practice for 25 years.

Elliot joined the ATA in 1980, and has served on the Education, Standards of Care, and Development Committees. His interest for a number of years has

been the relationship of managed care and the endocrinologist. He recently became Section Editor for *Practice Makes Perfect*, a monthly column dealing with managed care issues, in THYROID.

Elliot boasts three children: Jonathan will be graduating from Northwestern

University School of Medicine this month, but unlike Dad, is not interested in the thyroid. Daughter Emily has been accepted to Brown University School of Medicine, but is deferring for a year to work on Wall Street. I hope she does better than Dad, who gives me stock tips at the ATA meeting every year. As a result, I have no hope of retiring in the foreseeable future. Daniel, who is in high school, is still impressionable, and could be a future thyroidologist.

The ATA membership congratulates our new Executive Council members, and wishes them well.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

3-7 MAY 2000

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

9th Annual Meeting and Clinical Congress of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE)

Hyatt Regency

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21-24 JUNE 2000

TORONTO, CANADA

The Endocrine Society 82nd Annual Meeting

Additional information: The Endocrine Society

FAX: 301 941-0259

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22-25 JUNE 2000

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Merck European Thyroid Symposium 2000

The Thyroid and the Environment

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4-7 OCTOBER 2000

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21-22 OCTOBER 2000

SAKYO-KU KYOTO, JAPAN

Satellite Symposium-Genetics of Complex Thyroid Diseases
Kyoto International Community House

2-1, Torii-machi, Awataguchi

Additional information: HBDI

(The Human Biological Data Interchange)

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22-27 OCTOBER 2000

KYOTO, JAPAN

Four Societies: ATA, AOTA, LATS, ETA

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Additional information: Professor Junji Konishi, Secretary AOTA

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<http://www.dnm.kuhp.kyoto-u.ac.jp/itc/>

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Host Organization: The International Society of Endocrinology

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• Kudos to Paul Ladenson, who was presented with the Thyroid Society for Education and Research's Robert Graves Award at the Fifth Annual Papillion Gala on April 1, 2000 in Houston. The award is presented to an individual in the thyroid field who has made significant and far-reaching contributions to research, teaching,

and patient care. Can you think of anyone more deserving? Congratulations, Paul!

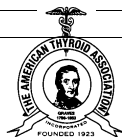
• Our very best wishes to ATA webmaster and technology consultant Richie Stark, who underwent heart bypass surgery on March 20. Get well soon, Richie - our thoughts and prayers are with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS FROM THE ATA OFFICE

- Annual Dues for 2000
Final dues statements were mailed on March 21, 2000. Please pay promptly!
- ATA Committee Chairs should submit their interim reports by June 1, 2000, for consideration by Council at the June 22nd meeting in Toronto. Reports

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Shown radiating ideas at the Mid-Winter Council Meeting is President Marty Surks, with David Cooper and Paul Ladenson.

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may be forwarded to Secretary Paul Ladenson at Johns Hopkins Hospital University School of Medicine, 1830 E. Monument Street, Room 333, Baltimore, MD 21287-0003; (410) 955-8172 (fax); ladenson@jhu.edu (email).

- The ATA Council will meet on June 22, 2000, from 6:00 p.m.-

10:00 p.m. at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Canada.

- There are less than six months left before the 12th International Thyroid Congress in Kyoto, Japan, October 22-27, 2000. Tour packages are being readied by the Administrative office, and will be sent to members.

COUNTDOWN TO KYOTO

Having doubts about going to the 12th ITC in Kyoto? Erase them now, be the first ATA member to translate the following, and receive as a prize, a personal-

ized itinerary, designed by the SIGNAL editor, for a great trip to Japan. Japanese ATA members are ineligible to enter this once in a lifetime contest.

**第十二回 国際甲状腺学会へようこそ。
 私、ピーター シンガーの家族は
 広島県出身なのをご存知でしたか？**

E-mail your answer to psinger@hsc.usc.edu.

**ATA Council Meeting Highlights
 Baltimore, Maryland
 February 12 - 13
 2000**

The ATA's new investment advisor reported the Association's funds had been invested consistent with the instructions of the Finance and Audit Committee, and that initial returns had exceeded expectations.

- In response to a request from Treasurer David Cooper, President Martin Surks directed the Finance and Audit Committee to recommend a policy regarding the long-range adjustment of dues.

- After considering the ATA's responsibilities for patient education, Council endorsed this addition to our mission statement: "To develop, disseminate and ensure the quality of educational materials for patients and others concerned about thyroid disease." Council authorized cooperation with other societies to revise patient education brochures and preliminary discussions with these societies about additional future collaborations.

- Council approved creation of an ad hoc Website Committee to define the ATA's identity and services on the worldwide web.

- Council discussed the pros and cons of future competitive elections for Officers and Council.

- Council reviewed and refined draft materials for the Campaign for Thyroid Discovery.

- Council endorsed a Strategic Planning Process to be completed during 2000 under the direction of President-elect Bill Chin.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE AMERICAN THYROID ASSOCIATION



Submit by July 1st, to be considered for the current year.

Date of application: _____ Check one: Clinical Research

Check one: Degree: M.D. M.D., Ph.D. Ph.D. Other

Check one of the following categories:

Active - Eligible to vote and hold office. Must attend at least one meeting every 3 years. Attendance at an ATA Meeting prior or the same year's meeting. Training in Thyroid-orientation and quality. Current activities display both time and effort dedicated to thyroid related activities. Publications and presentations - Thyroid relatedness and quality.

Corresponding - Not eligible to vote or hold office. Not required to attend meetings.

Must be an active member of (check one) ETA AOTA LATS.

Associate - Not eligible to vote or hold office. Attendance at a prior or this year's meeting. Current enrollment in a training program in Clinical thyroid disease or related scientific investigation. Tenure up to 3 years. Indicate your training program _____

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Date of birth: _____

Office/Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Residence: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____ Country: _____

1. Briefly describe the way in which your current professional activities reflect an interest in clinical thyroid disease or thyroid-related scientific investigation. _____

2. Briefly describe what motivates your desire to join the ATA. _____

Annual Meeting(s) of the American Thyroid Association (Check Meeting(s) attended)

Tampa '93 Chicago '94 Toronto '95 San Diego '96 Colorado Springs '97
 Portland 98 Palm Beach '99

Optional Information: (Check one): Female Male

Please attach the following to this application:

CV & bibliography - I will provide the Sponsor Letter of recommendation

Detach this application, fold over and mail. Please make sure the mailing address is visible and include your return address.

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