



A tour of the Vancouver Aquarium was the highlight of the Social Fun Night Thursday evening.

NEW GUIDELINES AID MANAGEMENT OF TESTICULAR MALDESCENT, CRYPTORCHIDISM

The CPS Child and Youth Health Lecture Series, new this year, will feature Dr. Sarah Jones speaking about the recent development of clinical practice guidelines for management of testicular maldescent and cryptorchidism. During her Friday afternoon presentation, Dr. Jones, head of paediatrics at Queen's University, will address this common problem which can lead to serious problems like infertility and testicular cancer.

Multiple health care providers are often involved in assessment and management of testicular maldescent and cryptorchidism, said Dr. Jones. It's clear that management of this condition would benefit from clinical practice guidelines and, ultimately, national standards. Drawing on subspecialty data from the Canadian Paediatric Surgical Wait Times Project—a group Dr. Jones chairs—clinical practice guidelines were developed to guide subspecialties with easily measurable outcomes.

Some key questions addressed by the guidelines: When should primary care physicians refer a patient to a surgeon? When should the procedure be performed? What types of complications can the primary care physician expect to see post-treatment?

Dr. Jones' presentation will focus on the new guidelines and best practices at the primary care physician level, but she will also look at

surgical practice, and address standards of definition, diagnostic work-up, and appropriate management of the condition.

Dr. Jones emphasized the need for earlier referrals to provide appropriate intervention. She recommends referral around the age of six months. Primary health care providers should know that surgical intervention can be offered as early as nine months, but usually less than 18 months.

Guidelines for the management of testicular maldescent and cryptorchidism are ready for publication. Dr. Jones said they promise to be eminently useful to both primary care physicians and specialists.

Today's Highlights

(See program for location details)

Provincial Breakfast (0730)

CPS Annual General Meeting (0945)

Concurrent Roundtable Discussions (1345)

Electronic Medical Records

Advocacy

CPS Child and Youth Health Lecture Series (1530)

Healthy Generations Foundation 6th Annual Practice What You Preach Fundraiser (1700)

PROVINCIAL BREAKFAST PROMISES DYNAMIC DISCUSSION

More than breakfast will be on the menu at 0730 this morning when participants gather for the Canadian Paediatric Society's first-ever Provincial Breakfast.

For anyone who takes part in the session, the discussion will be even more nourishing than the meal.

"We're trying this format because we really want to hear from the grassroots membership of the organization," said Marie Adèle Davis, CPS Executive Director. "We do encourage people to share their thoughts with us electronically, but that can be tough to do when everybody is so busy. Here's a chance for a free meal, and an opportunity to sit down with your board member and share those ideas."

Each discussion at the hour-long breakfast will be led by a different provincial board member. Topics, national or provincial, will be up to each group.

"We would very much like people to arrive with thoughts, with questions, with ideas of what CPS could be doing to further improve the health of children and youth," Ms. Davis said. "We want to hear from members about the particular challenges in their communities and what they think CPS could do to help them provide better care."

Participant feedback will be consolidated for the November board meeting, and will be used for the Society's strategic planning process.

"That kind of information being fed into the strategic plan, telling us where we should concentrate in the next five years, will be very valuable," Ms. Davis said.

The Provincial Breakfast will also give participants a chance to coordinate efforts in their own regions. "This is the opportunity to sit down with other paediatricians from your province, identify an issue that's important to you, and work with your colleagues to find a solution."



Raffi Headlines at CPS AGM

A special appearance by Raffi, the much-loved children's singer, entertainer, and advocate, is just one of several reasons to attend the Canadian Paediatric Society's Annual General Meeting at 9:45 this morning in Salons 2/3.

"He's being made an honorary member of the CPS for his advocacy work to ban physical discipline on children," said Marie Adèle Davis, CPS Executive Director.

Davis said Raffi's appearance will be a thrill for at least two generations of CPS members.

"Some people will remember being young ones hearing the songs themselves. Others will remember playing Raffi to their kids." But she stressed that the purpose of offering the musician an honorary membership is far less whimsical than many of his best-known songs.

"We bestow honorary memberships on people who hold the same ideals we do as an organization," she said. "We don't believe in the effectiveness or appropriateness of physical discipline for children and youth. He wouldn't otherwise be eligible for membership as a non-physician, so this is our way to honour his contribution and leadership."

REACH FOR THE TOP AWARD WINNERS

H1N1 vaccination, childhood asthma admissions, and paediatric health in refugee and immigrant populations were among the discussion topics Thursday afternoon when the best resident abstracts for 2010 were presented at the Reach for the Top session.

Winners in the oral category:

- J. Schuler et al, Administration of the Adjuvanted PH1N1 Vaccine in Egg Allergic Children at High Risk for H1N1 Disease
- P. Li et al, A Population-Based Study on the Association of Standardized Protocols in the Emergency Department on Childhood Asthma Admissions and Re-visits in Ontario, Canada

Winners in the poster category:

- M. Umamaheswaran-Mahara et al, Health Status of a Paediatric Urban Refugee and Immigrant Population in Canada
- R. Banihani et al, Mortality Rates and NICU Outcomes of Neonates Born at the Limits of Viability in Inborn vs. Outborn Centres

Three top cases in the Trainee Clinical Case Competition:

- Julia Morinis, MD, Horizontal Transmission of Group B *Streptococcus* in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Zainab Abdurrahman, MD, Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy Syndrome (PRES) in a Patient with Steroid-Dependent Nephrotic Syndrome
- Kelly Luu, MD, Cystic Fibrosis in a Vietnamese Adolescent: Should We Be Sweating?

Shorter CPS Annual Conference

Paediatricians have been asking the CPS to cut its annual conference back to a shorter, four-day format. Beginning in 2011, that will become a reality.

"Five days is very long for a national conference," said Jackie Millette, CPS Director of Education, Committees, and Sections. "When we look at our attendance, the peak is in the first three days, then it starts to peter out."

A member survey last year revealed that participants found it difficult to leave their offices for extended periods of time. The CPS hopes to ease that burden with a more concentrated conference schedule that runs from Wednesday through Saturday.

Winners of the 22nd Annual Paediatric Resident and Fellow Research Competition:

- In the resident category, Amita Tanya Raha, MD, Use of an Aluvia Based Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (HAART) Regimen in the Prevention of Mother to Child HIV Transmission (PMTCT) Antepartum, Intrapartum and Postpartum in Africa
- In the fellow category, Scott Nightingale, MD, Predicting Native Liver Survival After Kasaii Portoenterostomy for Biliary Atresia



REMEMBER YOUR WATER BOTTLE FOR TODAY'S RUN

Walkers, runners, joggers, and strollers are welcome for a 5K or 8K excursion through Stanley Park from 1700 to 1900 today. Or if you prefer, join us for a "Zumba." If you've signed up, but haven't checked in and picked up your water bottle, please visit the Healthy Generations Foundation booth on the concourse.

Help Desk

Registration

Located on the Bayshore Ballroom Foyer
Open 0700-1700

Conference Office (Thompson Room)

Open 0800-1700, Monday to Saturday

Child Care Services (Prospect Room)

Open 0700-1700

Delegates may arrange child care by contacting Kiddiecorp at 858-397-8909.

Internet Café

An Internet café is available on the Stanley Park Foyer (2nd level). Please limit your time to 10 minutes during busy periods.

Speaker Handouts (Chehalis Room – 2nd level)

Open 0800-1700

Delegates can print and download speaker handouts they require.

Session Pre-registration

Pre-registration is required for roundtable discussions and co-developed symposiums only. Non-registered delegates will be admitted 10 minutes after the session starts. There is no advance selection for seminars and workshops.

Media Room

Staff will be available to assist journalists from 0900-1700, Saturday from 0900-1200.

50% Off Membership!

Attention non CPS-members: Join the CPS during the annual conference and receive 50% off membership dues for 2010. Visit the CPS booth for more information.

