

Dear Colleague,

I have the pleasure to present the first series of the Daily Issues in Paediatric Endocrinology. This initiative was conceived within the ESPE Clinical Practice Committee with two main objectives. Firstly, to offer free access electronic documents on the most common clinical issues encountered in the daily management of children with real or suspected endocrine problems. Secondly, to offer an open confrontation opportunity among all ESPE members on the thorny subjects of our discipline. *The statements and opinions expressed in the articles are solely those of the individual authors and contributors and not necessarily those of the European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology (ESPE).* Each chapter is of course open to amendments, updates and discussion. For the moment you can directly contact the Author, e-mailing your viewpoints and suggestions. However, the chosen final format is the Wikipedia-like style or, more appropriately, the PLoS ONE format. This means that papers will be made available for community-based open peer review involving online annotation and discussion. Each ESPE member will be able to insert annotations in the original text, thus contributing to the permanent update and refinement of the chapters. Furthermore, each section will be open to discussion: a sort of forum set to clarify, criticize, rebut or simply exchange viewpoints. We hope to be able to offer this new e-format as soon as possible.

This first “experimental” series represents a prototype of a long-term and wide range initiative. Each ESPE member is in fact kindly invited to submit an “issue” which will be friendly reviewed by the Editorial Board represented by ESPE CPC members who can solicit formal reports from independent referees. This pre-publication peer review will concentrate on technical rather than subjective concerns. Contributions and proposals can be e-mailed to stefano.cianfarani@uniroma2.it. Furthermore, starting from Helsinki ESPE Congress, resumes from Meet the Expert sessions will be published on the same webpage (*Clinical Practice-Clinical Reports*: http://www.eurospe.org/clinical/clinical_clinicalreps.html)

The information set forth in this initiative represents an amalgamation of the knowledge, commitment and hard work of ESPE CPC. I would like to particularly acknowledge Gary Butler, Lucia Ghizzoni, Moshe Phillip, and Paivi Tapanainen from ESPE-CPC and other prestigious colleagues for their invaluable contribution in the first series.

Hoping you will find this initiative useful for the Society and your personal clinical reviewing, on behalf of ESPE Clinical Practice Committee I would like to wish you a thoughtful reading and invite you to contribute with your expertise to the improvement and development of the initiative.

Looking forward to having your feed-back,

I take this opportunity to send you my best regards,



Stefano Cianfarani

Chairman of ESPE Clinical Practice Committee