April 7, 2008

Dear Southern Pediatric Endocrine Society Member:

On behalf of the Southern Pediatric Endocrine Society (SPES), I would like to invite you to take the opportunity to attend the Annual SPES Meeting. The SPES is open to all pediatric endocrinologists, fellows and other interested personnel in the southeastern United States. The meeting’s format consists of a combination of invited speakers presenting topics of current interest in the field of pediatric endocrinology and diabetes, and interesting and instructive case reports, research activities, and discussions submitted by members and guests. Both the SPES and the A-SPES will meet this year at Colonial Williamsburg in Williamsburg, VA. The SPES meeting begins on Friday afternoon, October 3rd and adjourns on Sunday, October 5th.

We invite you to present an interesting case, research activity, or topic of interest to pediatric endocrine society members at the meeting. Your presentation should fall within the attached needs assessment parameters. The content should be based on evidence that constitutes “best practices”.

**Travel and lodging costs of presenters will be covered by the SPES. As a presenter, we will provide two nights lodging for the meeting and conference meals. Any other meals and incidentals will be on your own. Travel costs will also be covered with some restrictions which will be delineated later.** If you wish to attend without presenting, you are encouraged to do so, but you will be asked to pay a registration fee and cover your own expenses.

**We must receive your presentation topic by May 14, 2008.** Please return the attached form by email to Paula Neal at pNeal@health.usf.edu or by fax to 813-974-3217. The program agenda will be developed from the topics that fall within the needs assessment parameters. Once the agenda has been finalized, you will be notified of your selection. We encourage you to return the form early to secure a spot on the agenda.

In addition to the SPES meeting, there will be a meeting for pediatric endocrinology nurses on Thursday and Friday morning before the SPES meeting. The nurses’ forum will use the same format as the physician meeting. Please encourage your nurses to participate as well.

This meeting has become a delightful combination of learning and fellowship, with ample opportunity for interaction, both professional and social. I hope you can come.

Sincerely yours,

Jefferson Lomenick, MD
Program Chairman

**P.S. Please share this letter with a colleague. Once the program is finalized, a brochure will be sent to you with the program agenda, lodging information and other logistical details.**

[http://www.cme.hsc.usf.edu/spes/](http://www.cme.hsc.usf.edu/spes/) - Forms and letters of invitation can be found on the website.