Letter from the President

Dear NASPAG Members,

Thank you for a wonderful fall! It is the season of giving and so I wanted to reflect on that concept.

G: Go to the NASPAG website for renewal of your membership dues. Soon the Annual Clinical and Research Meeting registration site will be open. Please encourage your colleagues to attend the 2018 meeting!

I: Investing in NASPAG is well worth your while. There are many ways to give. Please check out the NASPAG website under Donate to NASPAG. Donations may be made to the NASPAG friends fund, in Honor of Dr. Sanfilippo, Sanfilippo’s Young Scholars Development, and may be made in Memory. These donations are put to good use and ultimately help us invest in NASPAG’s future. Thank you in advance for considering!

V: Voice your concerns through advocacy! NASPAG has a very active Advocacy Committee. While new to NASPAG, this committee is very busy and has helped us launch our first NASPAG advocacy position statement on the surgical management of DSD. Please check out our website here to view the full statement.

E: Educational initiatives abound at NASPAG. The Education Committee continues to work on Clinical Documents, Patient Handouts and PAGWEDED cases. The Resident Education Committee is working on additional web tools to augment learning from online cases. The PAGWEBED tool has a new vendor as well. Look for expansion of cases and further opportunities to publicize this wonderful educational tool to our learners.

T: Time spent coding and reflecting on the work that we do, is time well spent. I encourage members to reach out to the coding committee co-chairs (Dr. Beth Rackow and Dr. Jennifer Bercaw-Pratt) if you have questions about ICD-10 or CPT codes that are troublesome. This helps the coding committee learn about member needs for the future and may help with coding tips and tricks that can be shared more widely.

H: Historic summer! This summer has been a time to reflect on families, colleagues, and patients as many parts of the country were affected by natural disasters. Please take time to remember those affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, and who may still be recovering. Many of these affected communities have exhibited incredible resilience. Please
do not hesitate to reach out to NASPAG if your area may still be recovering and there are circumstances affecting your ability to access the website for renewal fees, email, or list serve problems. We will do our best to try to help!

A: The Annual Clinical and Research Meeting will be **April 12-14, 2018** in West Palm Beach, Florida at the Hilton. The hotel is conveniently located close to the beach as well as shopping and dining. What a great way to spend a few days in the spring with colleagues, learning about our field and enjoying wonderful company. Mark your calendars as our program chair, Dr. Amy Sass, promises this year to be action-packed!

N: News bites will reach our members through the list serve, member emails, newsletter updates and website posts. I encourage members to reach out if you have an item of interest to share as well.

K: Knowing about the Publications Committee, *Journal of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (JPAG)*, and Grant opportunities shared by the NASPAG Research Committee, is helpful not only to our members who may be approached about writing an expert article, but also because members or trainees may be eligible for a research grant. Look for announcements from our active research committee throughout the year. We look forward to hearing from previous grant recipients at the ACRM following their funded project year. Please check out the NASPAG website for information about current committee leaders, the Editor-in-Chief of JPAG (Dr. Paula Hillard) or how to get in touch with these NASPAG members.

S: Social media and the website have helped not only with important member updates, but also help relay the message that NASPAG is the organization bringing Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology to the forefront! We will continue to use these powerful avenues of communication.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season everyone!

Respectfully,
Jennifer E. Dietrich MD, MSc
NASPAG President 2017-2018

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Over the last 30 years, our organization has progressed, from infancy through adolescence and on to young adulthood. How have we accomplished so much? It is a reflection of you, our membership! Please consider continuing to contribute to **Friends of NASPAG**. Donations can be added at the time of submitting your membership renewal. Your valued contribution is a button click away!

- Click here to donate to the **Friends of NASPAG Fund**, the **Friends in Honor of Dr. Joe Sanfilippo Fund**, and/or the **Sanfilippo Young Scholars Development Fund**.
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We thank you for your donations and your continued support!
ACRM UPDATE

Dear NASPAG members and friends,

We are looking forward to seeing you at the 32nd annual NASPAG ACRM, April 12-14, 2018 at the West Palm Beach Hilton in West Palm Beach, Florida! Since our wonderful ACRM in Chicago last year, the state of young women’s reproductive health has faced increasing challenges nationally and globally and the need for our NASPAG community to lead advocacy, health policy, clinical, research and innovation efforts to promote a healthy future for young women is critically high. We have designed the 2018 ACRM to provide rich learning activities to respond to this need in all of these areas and we are excited to see you in Florida to learn, share, inspire and celebrate young women’s reproductive health together.

As the winter holidays approach, I also wanted to extend my thanks and appreciation to everyone who has been involved in planning the ACRM as the production does take a village, particularly Jennifer Dietrich and the NASPAG Board of Directors, the 2018 ACRM Planning Committee members, Donna Colavita and Emily Freeman from Talley and our members who have submitted truly awesome proposals for all of our learning activities and research presentations. Please stay tuned for the launch of the 2018 ACRM program on the NASPAG website in the next few weeks.

Sincerely,
Amy Sass MD, MPH

2018 ACRM Program Chair
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A SPECIAL NOTE FROM DR. JOSEPH SANFILIPPO

My mother, Elena T. Sanfilippo died over the Thanksgiving holiday at 103 y/a. She was the oldest living graduate from Brooklyn Law School when she was honored several months ago. She always emphasized the importance of education, leading me to establish the Sanfilippo Young Scholars Development Fund at NASPAG. This is an Open Fund designed to enhance young talented individuals committed to enhancing the reproductive health of girls and young women.

Please click here to donate in honor of Elena T. Sanfilippo.

Thank you for your continued support.

Joe Sanfilippo, MD, MBA
Dear NASPAG folks,

We are rapidly approaching the end of my first year as Editor-in-Chief of JPAG. It has been a busy year, with a steep learning curve for me. Fortunately, I’ve had really excellent partners in the endeavor. One partner has been Andrea Boccelli, the Elsevier publisher, who has worked as a true collaborator with me. David Newcombe is the Managing Editor, who has many years of experience as managing editor for other journals, and who has been infinitely patient with my many questions. When he doesn’t know the answer to my questions, he will find out from someone else—with the Elsevier production team, or the IT fix-it team. David, Andrea and I are all newbies in our positions with JPAG, and while we haven’t had the institutional memory among the 3 of us, we have been bolstered and supported by Deputy Editor Eduardo Lara-Torre, and Associate Editors Jenn Dietrich and Hina Talib who have all been in their positions for a while, and who provide stability, expertise, and memory. Paul Wood joined the Associate Editors team more recently, and Rupa DeSilva has continued as the Social Media Editor. We have all been energized by the mission of publishing the premier journal in PAG. I give all of these folks my sincere thanks, and when you see them at our annual meetings or in-between please also thank them as well.

At last year’s ACRM in Chicago, we convened a mini-retreat for the journal’s Editorial Advisory Board Members. Many members of the advisory board had been with the journal for a number of years. All were invited to continue their service to the board; some individuals chose to move on to other projects and ventures, while many recommitted their service to the journal. Members of the Editorial Advisory Board serve the journal with their expertise: as reviewers, as a sounding board for new ideas, as content experts in the field, and as ambassadors for the journal. To replace the board members who chose not to continue, several new individuals have agreed to be on the board. New members include: Ann-Marie Amies Oelschlager, OB-Gyn University of Washington; Mary Brandt, Pediatric Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine; Bob Brown, retired from OSU in Adolescent Medicine; Kalyani Marathe, Pediatric Dermatology at Children’s National Health System; Mihriye Mete, Biostatistics and Epidemiology at Georgetown; Lies Quint, Ob-Gyn University of Michigan; Bob Rosenfield, retired University of Chicago in Pediatric Endocrinology now affiliated with UCSF; and Charles Sultan, Faculté de medicine de Montpellier. We welcome them to the team. As you can see, we have made an effort to broaden the expertise represented on the Editorial Advisory Board. NASPAG members need to hear how much our ongoing board members and these new individuals are contributing to the strength and quality of JPAG. Take a look at the new masthead, and see all of the board members listed. Be sure to thank them when you see them. They are working hard to contribute to JPAG.

In addition, JPAG sincerely thanks all of you who contribute your time and energy to providing quality reviews for the journal. We are publishing our list of reviewers in the end of the year issue of JPAG. Read the list and know that these individuals strengthen the field of PAG through their thoughtful reviews of submissions to JPAG.

Finally, dear NASPAG members, I want to thank all of you—for the care that you provide to girls and teens with gynecologic problems; for your thirst for lifelong learning that you quench by reading JPAG; for your scholarly approach to clinical care that leads to case reports on unusual and rare clinical entities that you research and share with us through JPAG; and for those of you who are contributing to the scholarship of discovery of new knowledge through your research that you submit to JPAG for peer review and publication.

I am enthusiastic and excited about my ongoing work with JPAG. Thanks for your support!

Paula J Adams Hillard, MD
Editor-in-Chief
Journal of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology
BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Liz Miller, MD

Who and/or what inspired you to get involved in PAG?

Believe it or not, I actually did not really know about the field of PAG until I moved to Pittsburgh in 2011 and got to know Dr. Sanfilippo (our former Executive Director) who was providing PAG care within our adolescent medicine clinic. I also had the privilege of working with Drs. Gina Sucato and Pam Murray who were actively engaged in NASPAG, both of whom introduced me to NASPAG and the amazing resources available.

What do you most enjoy about the field of PAG and/or NASPAG?

I greatly appreciate the interdisciplinary nature of NASPAG, that adolescent medicine and ob/gyn and surgical colleagues can come together to learn together.

What are some insights that you could share with junior NASPAG members to assist them in being successful in PAG?

The senior faculty at NASPAG LOVE to mentor and guide members who are earlier in their careers.

We are thrilled to meet not only at the ACRM but also appreciate hearing from members during the course of the year, including requests for formal mentoring.

Can you tell us a bit about your experience volunteering with NASPAG and serving on the Board of Directors?

I greatly appreciate learning from other board members, especially our discussions related to advocacy and how we partner with other related organizations such as the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine.

What do you most enjoy in your “down time?” Any favorite hobbies or activities?

I love to fence (yes, the sport, as a veteran!) and to garden. I am also in a book club that Gina Sucato and Pam Murray (NASPAG members) introduced me to.

What remains on your “bucket list?”

I turned 50 this year and have a lot of things on my list of what I want to accomplish. One is to win a medal at a fencing competition. The other has been to learn to read Hebrew and chant Torah, which I will do this year on November 18th! I am also hoping to learn “Bollywood” dancing.
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2. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

2018 Association of Professors in Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO):
February 28-March 3, 2018 in Washington, DC

The NASPAG Resident Education Committee will be presenting a workshop at this meeting so come out and support your colleagues!

2018 Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM):
March 14-17, 2018, in Seattle, WA

Do you have information or announcements that may be beneficial to NASPAG members? Send us an email to hq@naspag.org!

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