



HPTH Tid-Bits

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Things have been changing rapidly with the Hypoparathyroidism Association these past few months. As you are aware, I had to be dragged kicking and screaming in to the year 2010, leaving claw marks in my driveway and torn fingernails on my hands. The reality of things is the fact these changes were and are necessary if we are to continue to make a difference in the world of hypoparathyroidism.

Many members have commented that things they have learned and experienced through our Association have had a tremendous effect on their lives.

There has been a great deal of activity going on that our members have not been privy to. Physicians who are considered world renown experts in the area of hypoparathyroidism have a greater understanding today they did just a few months ago. Before, they knew you as patients; now they know you as individuals, important individuals.....people.

I feel this is perhaps the greatest achievement we have seen in the history of our Association.

We are now in a position to help the medical community understand how different regimes affect us, to find out what works and what does not work, and more importantly, what we are looking for and what we need. Part of this has included increasing the number of medical advisors to the Association from five to fifteen. The Board of Directors for our Association was also increased from six to eleven.

We are also undertaking a major update of our database as well. We need your help with this, **please update your profile with us**. Over the years many members have had changes to their contact information which they have failed to update with us. If we cannot communicate with you, you might not be aware of important information that you would have been interested in (e.g. clinical trials, conferences, newsletters, etc.).

Many of our member patients have an opportunity to make a bigger difference by participating in one of the clinical trials currently underway and those planned for the future. This participation is **essential** if we are ever going to get an FDA approved regime for treating hypoparathyroidism. **This cannot happen without your help**. More information can be found on our [patient studies](#) page.

Our International Patient Conference will be held on June 4-5, 2010, at the Rockville Hilton in Rockville, Maryland. Speakers are currently being lined up. More information about the [conference](#) is available on the web site and a registration page is included at the end of this newsletter.

We have added an "Ask the Doc" column to our newsletters. This column will allow you, the members, to ask general questions about hypoparathyroidism (i.e., not patient specific) and one of our medical advisers will answer them for you. Only one or two questions at a time will be published in our monthly and quarterly newsletters. Please submit your questions, to askthedoc@hpth.org and see your answer in print.

Since we all like to eat. We would like to add a column for hypoparathyroidism friendly recipes. If you have any recipes you would like to share with others, then please send your favorite recipe(s) to recipes@hpth.org. We will print one or two recipes a month. If there is enough interest, we will publish a recipe book at the end of the year.

Shhhh, whisper, whisper - don't tell Jim but we need a better name for our Newsletter. Something creative. So as an incentive to get suggestions, I am prepared to pay the winner's banquet fee at next Patient Conference in June 4-5, 2010 in Rockville, MD. To submit your suggestion(s) please email me at csanders@hpth.org.

REGISTER TO BE A MEMBER:

You can register with your check or money order (in USD), and mail it, along with this form, to **HPTH Association Inc., P.O. Box 2258, Idaho Falls, ID 83403.**

I would like to become a member:

- 1 yr..... \$25.00
- 2 yr..... \$45.00
- Lifetime.....\$210.00

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing address: _____

Additional members: _____

Total \$ _____ (in USD)

TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE:

You can register by check or money order (in USD), you can mail it along with form below to: **HPTH Association Inc., P.O. Box 2258, Idaho Falls, ID 83403.**

Date of Registration: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Conference _____ \$75.00 Per Person / Banquet: _____ \$25.00 Per Person

Names of people attending: _____

I am already a paid member: _____ (subtract from Conference Fee accordingly)

(enter type of membership)

- 1 year membership.....subtract \$10.00 from Conference Fee
- 2 year membership.....subtract \$10.00 from Conference Fee
- Lifetime membership.....subtract \$15.00 from Conference Fee

- Before April 1st - subtract \$10.00 from Conf. fee for each person attending.
- After April 1st but before May 1st - subtract \$5 Conf fee for each person attending.
- After May 1st - no discount.

All discounts will be calculated based on the postmark of the registration.

Enclosed is my check/money order for: _____ Total \$ _____ (in USD).

No refunds will be given. In the event of cancellation your conference and banquet registration fees will be converted to a tax-deductible donation.