

The California Legislature voted today to pass Senate Concurrent Resolution 110 pertaining to the practice of medicine for patients with variations of sex characteristics. The Societies for Pediatric Urology (SPU) appreciates the legislators' time and effort on behalf of this resolution, but disagrees with the resolution's conclusion. The resolution abrogates a parent's right to make medical decisions on behalf of their children and subjects children to potentially negative health consequences.

The SPU is extremely pleased that several key amendments that we proposed were adopted into the resolution before it came for final vote but unfortunately the resolution continues to rely on outdated medical information and the inclusion of Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia. Moreover, SCR 110 calls for many actions that are already central to current practice, including "individualized multidisciplinary care".

The SPU supports parental and patient education with accurate evidence-based literature regarding the risks and benefits of all management options. Family-centered care which includes the child's input, when possible, allows for an individualized approach to these complex conditions. SCR 110, unfortunately, promotes a one-size-fits-all approach that limits parents' options and thus could be harmful to the majority of these children.

SPU looks forward to continuing the dialogue with policymakers on these important matters pertaining to the welfare of children.

Endorsed by the American Urological Association, American Association of Clinical Urologists, and Pediatric Endocrine Society.