

Updated Medical Consultation Form  
Little People of America Regional Conference, Las Vegas, NV  
April 7-11, 2016

We are thrilled that the following providers will be donating their time and expertise at this conference.

**Dr. Robert M. Bernstein, MD**

**Orthopedic Pediatric Surgery, Cedars Sinai Hospital, Los Angeles, CA**

Dr. Bernstein's clinical areas of expertise include pediatric orthopaedics, pediatric spine surgery/scoliosis, and pediatric orthopaedic prosthetics and orthotics. Board certified in orthopaedics, he is internationally recognized as an expert in the areas of scoliosis and spinal deformity, hip dysplasia, clubfeet, children's fractures, limb lengthening, children with limb deficiencies, arthrogryposis, Charcot-Marie Tooth disease, Marfan syndrome, and other skeletal dysplasias.

Dr. Bernstein is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America, the Scoliosis Research Society, the Association of Children's Prosthetic and Orthotics Clinics, and the International Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology. He serves as a member of the Medical Advisory Board of the Hereditary Motor-Sensory Neuropathies Foundation and the Little People of America (LPA).

Dr. Bernstein earned his medical degree from the University of Southern California School of Medicine. He completed an internship at the University of South Florida and an orthopaedic residency at the Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Residency Program at Massachusetts General Hospital. He also completed a fellowship in pediatric orthopaedics at Children's Hospital in Boston and a fellowship in spine surgery at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

**Dr. Guy Paiement, MD**

**Orthopedic Surgery, Cedars Sinai Hospital, Los Angeles, CA**

Guy D. Paiement, MD, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon, is Associate Director for Education at the Cedars-Sinai Orthopaedic Center. He also is a member of the Cedars-Sinai/USC Gloria Kaufman Dance Medicine Center. His primary clinical interests are orthopedic trauma and adult joint reconstruction and joint replacement.

Dr. Paiement is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Orthopaedic Association, the California Orthopaedic Association, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

Dr. Paiement earned his medical degree at the University of Montreal, Montreal Canada, where he also performed his residency in orthopedic surgery. He completed a research fellowship in joint replacement and biomechanics at Harvard Medical School, a joint replacement clinical fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital, and a clinical fellowship in orthopedic trauma from the University of Montreal. Also, Dr. Paiement earned a master's in business administration from the University of California, Irvine.

**Dr. Michael A. Kropf, MD**

**Spine Surgeon, Cedars Sinai Hospital, Los Angeles, CA**

Michael A. Kropf MD is a Spine Surgeon and Co-Director of Spine Surgery at Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles. He has over 25 years experience treating patients with Skeletal Dysplasia. He specializes in aging of the spine, arthritis of the neck and back, disc disorders, scoliosis, cervical myelopathy, spinal stenosis, and spinal cord injury.

Dr. Kropf attended medical school at UCLA in Las Angeles, where he also completed his residency and fellowship. Patients travel from around the country to see him for his reputation and expertise.

**Dr. Richard Kerbavaz, MD**

**ENT(Ear Nose Throat)-otolaryngologist, Berkeley, CA**

Dr. Kerbavaz is a board-certified otolaryngologist whose primary interests are skeletal dysplasia, craniofacial differences, and research ethics. He attended medical school at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine, did a residency in general surgery at St. Mary's Hospital, and a residency in Otolaryngology at Kaiser Permanente. Dr. Kerbavaz is on the Little People of America's Medical Advisory Board.

**Ericka Okenfuss, M.S., LCGC**

**Genetic Counselor, Kaiser Medical Center, Sacramento, CA**

Ms. Okenfuss is a board-certified genetic counselor who coordinates the Regional Multispecialty Skeletal Dysplasia Program at Kaiser in Sacramento. She also provides genetic counseling services for prenatal, pediatric, and adult patients. Genetic counselors help people understand and adapt to genetic conditions.

Ms. Okenfuss received her Masters of Science in genetic counseling at the University of California Irvine. She is a member of the Little People of America Medical Advisory Board and is LPA's current Medical Resource Director.

**Dr. Gary Braun, D.M.D**

**Prosthodontist, UNLV, Las Vegas, NV**

Doctor Gary Braun is a 1977 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine, where he received his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree. He attended prosthodontic specialty training in 1994 at the University of Texas, where he received his Master's degree in Prosthodontics. He is a board certified prosthodontist with advanced specialty education in treatment planning, cosmetic dentistry, complete and partial dentures, implants, and crowns and bridges. Dr. Braun has nearly 40 years of experience in all phases of dentistry and is a full time faculty member at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine, and teaches in the graduate program of the General Practice Residency. He is a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry.

## Medical Consultation Form

Free medical consultations are available on Saturday afternoon. This is your chance to talk to a knowledgeable dwarfism specialist about whatever concerns you may have. The consults will be around 15 minutes per session, but you may sign up for more than one doctor. In order to give the opportunity for the maximum number of members to see the doctors, you may not sign up for more than one appointment for the same specialty.

Please sign up early for these appointments!

There are *very* limited slots, so if you do not sign up early, you may miss out on seeing the specialist that you would like to see. Please email the form below to Sarah Hunt, [district10lpa@gmail.com](mailto:district10lpa@gmail.com), and she will email you your appointment time within 2 weeks of receiving your request. If you do not have email, please call (970) 217-9657, and we can fill out the form that way. Remember – sign up early – there may not be any appointments available on-site!

First name:

Last Name:

Gender: (Check): Male Female

Birthdate:

Parent/Guardian Names (*if member is a minor*):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone: (*please include a phone that you will use at conference*)

Email (*please print*):

Diagnosis\*:

*\*if unknown, please bring x-rays and any medical records for review*

Age at Diagnosis:    Who made Diagnosis:    How was your Diagnosis made? (Please check)

Clinical    X-rays    Molecular

Please list your questions or concerns for the physicians:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What physician(s) are you requesting to see? Please check all that apply.

Dental Consultation - Dr. Braun

Genetic counselor - Ericka Okenfuss

Orthopedic surgeon - Dr. Bernstein

Orthopedic surgeon - Dr. Paiement

Spine surgeon - Dr. Kropf

ENT - Dr. Kerbavaz

You can email this form to Sarah at [district10lpa@gmail.com](mailto:district10lpa@gmail.com) with the subject line “Vegas Medical appts”. Thank you!

***Please note:*** Medical professionals **WILL NOT** fill prescriptions during the conference. Please make sure you bring appropriate medications in sufficient supply for the duration of the conference.

**Remember to bring copies of X-rays, MRIs, CTs, etc. for the clinicians to review!**