

**Social Security Administration
Policy Conference
Endocrine Disorders in the Disability Programs**

Agenda

November 17, 2005

8:30-9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:15 Introductory Remarks

Glenn Sklar, Associate Commissioner, Office of Disability Programs,
SSA

Overview of the Disability Process --

How We Use the Listings

Cathy Lively, Team Leader, Medical Criteria Team, Office of Medical
Policy, SSA

9:15-10:50 Session One: Adult and Pediatric Diabetes & Disability

1. Dorothy Becker, MD
2. James Reed, MD
3. Dorothy Jordan
4. Maureen McGrath

Attachment A

10:50-11:05 Break

11:05-12:15 Audience Questions and Discussion

12:15-1:15 Working Lunch

1:15-2:10 Session Two: Other Endocrine Disorders & Disability

1. Lynne Levitsky, MD
2. Eric A. Orzeck, MD, FACE, CDE

Attachment B

2:10-2:25 Break

2:25-3:40 Audience Questions and Discussion

3:40-3:55 Closing Remarks

Attachment A: Questions on Diabetes

1. With reference to SSA's definition of disability (see below), please give us your views about whether the various provisions of current listings 9.08/109.08 appropriately identify all individuals with DM who *should* be found disabled under SSA's listings. In other words, are there other or different criteria you think we should include in the listings to establish disability *per se*, as compared to the more individualized assessment of disability that SSA may also conduct (see below)?
2. Please comment on any other aspects of the current listings you deem appropriate, such as whether the provisions are up to date. For example, some of the current listing criteria for DM were written with the perspective that certain children and adults had "brittle" diabetes, which was relatively difficult to control and resulted in more morbidity and mortality. Is this concept still valid? Why or why not? Are the other criteria still valid?
3. How does DM affect development and age-appropriate functioning in children and work-related functioning in adults? Does the type of DM make a difference?
4. Does age at onset influence the impact of the disease on an individual's functioning? Does this vary with the type of insulin treatment (multiple injected dosing/day vs. continuous subcutaneous pump), or how "aggressive/tightly controlled" the treatment/regimen?
5. Does the lack of health insurance or access to quality medical care impact the course of DM? Does this differ between children and adults? If so, how?

Attachment B: Questions on Other Endocrine Disorders

1. With reference to SSA's definition of disability (see below), please give us your views about whether the various provisions of the current listings appropriately identify all individuals with endocrine disorders other than DM who *should* be found disabled under SSA's listings. In other words, are there other or different criteria you think we should include in the listings to establish disability *per se*, as compared to the more individualized assessment of disability that SSA may also conduct (see below)?
2. Please comment on any other aspects of the current listings you deem appropriate, such as whether the provisions are up to date.
3. How do endocrine disorders other than DM affect development and age-appropriate functioning in children and work-related functioning in adults?
4. Does age at onset influence the impact of the disease on an individual's functioning? Does this vary with the type of treatment?
5. Does the lack of health insurance or access to quality medical care impact the course of endocrine disorders other than DM? Does this differ between children and adults? If so, how?