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What attracted your interest to IPSG?

I have a passion for treating pediatric and adolescent hip conditions. In order to determine the optimal treatment for children with Perthes disease we need well-designed multi-center clinical trials. The IPSG has been formed with this goal in mind and it is a privilege to work with this diverse international study group to advance our knowledge and understanding of this condition.

What would you say is the most challenging part of treating Perthes Disease?

I find that one of the most challenging aspects of Perthes disease is that no two patients with Perthes are the same. It has a prolonged clinical course and treatment decisions have to be individualized to the patient and their stage of the disease. It is often difficult for families to understand what Perthes is and what needs to be done, if anything, to best optimize hip development.

What would you like to see accomplished through annual IPSG meetings?

The IPSG is an excellent forum for those of us who treat Perthes patients to come together and advance our knowledge of the management of Perthes disease. We need to work together on well-designed multi-center clinical trials to answer difficult questions to allow us to better care for these patients and their families.



