



HPTH Tid-Bits

February 2010

Jim's Corner

(Dedicated to Manho Edwards)

When I sat down at my desk to write my comments for the February 2010 HPTH Tid-Bits I didn't have much of an idea about what I could write about.

Certainly many of the changes we are undergoing in our Association and what we, as an Association are trying to offer all of our members and visitors to our web site are weighing heavy on my mind. The NPS Phase III Clinical trial is currently underway in test centers throughout the United States, Canada and overseas. Our International Hypoparathyroidism Patient Conference has been scheduled for June 4-5, 2010.

When I checked my mail box I had a message from Randle Edwards letting me know his wife, Manho Edwards, one of our members, had passed away on February 18, 2010, possibly from complications from surgery in 1987. She had special feelings for our Association, who helped her as much, as we were able, to deal with hypoparathyroidism. She will be missed by me and those who were fortunate enough to have met her and who knew her.

Manho Chou Edwards - In Memorium

April 4, 1934 - February 18, 2010

Manho Chou Edwards, 75, a Chinese émigré who lived in Washington for the past eight years, died Feb. 18. She had long suffered from the effects of thyroid surgery ultimately leading to her death from renal failure.

Mrs. Edwards was born April 4, 1934 in Hangzhou, China. She was the eldest of six children. Her father was a

Chinese air force officer and regional magistrate serving in the Kuomintang government under Chiang Kai-shek.

During the war with Japan which started in 1937, the family moved around China, with stints in Yunnan, Chungching, and Chengdu. Mrs. Edwards vividly remembered the severity of the Japanese bombing even in the

countryside. She recorded in her private memoirs how she and her siblings would blow out their candles and hide under their beds when the bombs dropped.

She also remembered American relief planes dropping supplies including Klim powdered milk and Gerber's baby cookies. The care packages also contained small black scissors. Mrs. Edwards kept a pair as a treasured memento of those times.

Mrs. Edwards' family in China had many prominent members including her uncle, the major poet and essayist Zhu Ziqing. Even while most of the family were fleeing the Communist takeover in 1949, Mao Zedung praised her uncle in a famous anti-imperialist speech entitled "Farewell, Leighton Stuart!" referring to the last US ambassador to the nationalist Nanjing government. Another maternal uncle was Zhu Wuhua, China's first Harvard Ph.D. in physics and president of Shanghai Jiaotong University, often called "China's Caltech."

The family resettled in Taiwan. It was

there in 1959 that Mrs. Edwards met her future husband, Robert Randle Edwards, a young US Navy officer from Alabama who had studied Mandarin. The couple married in 1961. Mr. Edwards was threatened with early discharge from the Navy for marrying "an aborigine."

The couple moved to the US in 1961, first to Massachusetts and then the New York area, where Mr. Edwards was a professor of Chinese law at Columbia University.

Mrs. Edwards was a person of many talents and active hobbies including cello, cooking, and letter writing. She received a bachelor's degree in General Studies in 1981 from Columbia University. She suffered from hypoparathyroidism and was an advocate for fellow victims of the disease.

Survivors include her husband; her children, Lee Edwards of Beijing, China, Sue Edwards of Washington DC, and Jon Edwards of London, England; and eight grandchildren.

[BioMedSearch.com- a Search Engine](http://BioMedSearch.com)

We have been informed there is a new link available which will make it easier for us to search for articles and information about Hypoparathyroidism.

The web site is more comprehensive than PubMed or any other free site.

"BioMedSearch is an enhanced version of the NIH PubMed search that combines MedLine/PubMed data with data from other sources to make the most comprehensive biomedical literature search available.

BioMedSearch also provides advanced account features that allow saved searches, alerts, saving documents to portfolios, commenting on documents and portfolios, and sharing documents with other registered users.

Registration for BioMedSearch is free."

The web indicates they have 4894 articles on Hypoparathyroidism alone! Happy hunting!

We Need YOU! - NPS Clinical Trial

Just another update and reminder that NPS Pharmaceuticals is currently conducting a Phase III Clinical Trial of REPLACE (the 1-84 PTH hormone) in various cities throughout the world. If

YOU are interested in being part of the solution to the disease that has invaded our lives, check our [clinical trials](#) page for more information.

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

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

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 (member only)
- 2 year membership.....subtract \$10.00 from Conference Fee (member only)
- Lifetime membership.....subtract \$15.00 from Conference Fee (member only)

- 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.