

PES PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINE SOCIETY

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To the members of the Oregon Senate Committee on Education:

My name is Dr. Mitchell Geffner and I am the president of the Pediatric Endocrine Society.

I am writing in support of SB875. Children with adrenal insufficiency who become sick or injured at school are at risk of adrenal crisis which is a life-threatening event. Affected children must have a staff member available to inject their emergency Solu-Cortef® medication because immediate intervention can be life-saving. Simply calling 911 will not be beneficial as neither EMS nor the majority of ER's in our state have protocols for its administration! These children must have SOMEONE to help them while attending school. An injection of Solu-Cortef® will start working within 15 minutes. The sooner that a child is given the injection the better their outcome, and less chance of long-term catastrophic outcomes. When you know that someone's life is in danger... How long is "too long" to save it?? Waiting for emergency responders to give the injection is not recommended... because they cannot wait.

If Solu-Cortef® is given to an adrenally-insufficient child who does not need it, no harm will come to the child or if a teacher does not measure the dose correctly and gives too much, again no harm will come to the child.

However, if the injection is not given, the child could suffer irreparable harm and even death. When in doubt, it is always better to give the injection than to withhold it.

Respectfully,



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