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Welcome to *Healthy Children* magazine!

On behalf of the 60,000 members of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), it is my pleasure to welcome you to the second issue of *Healthy Children* magazine, the AAP's quarterly parenting guide. As the new AAP president, I want all parents to know that our member pediatricians are dedicated to sharing with you their knowledge, commitment, and deep compassion for all children—from newborns and toddlers to adolescents and young adults.

We live in a worldwide community where healthy, well-educated, and happy children are our best hope for passing on a prosperous and peaceful future to the next generation. The articles you find in this, and every, issue of *Healthy Children* are meant to provide the most accurate, helpful, and understandable information to assist in your parenting efforts.

In this issue, for example, you will find information about the importance of having a medical home—the consistent, high-quality medical care and support that comes from taking your child to a pediatrician who can provide the very best service over a period of years. We live in an era when walk-in emergency care centers and retail-based clinics in grocery and department stores are threatening the very idea of a medical home.

You will also find articles here on ways to help your children during times of stress, the importance of early and continuing oral health practices to promote healthy gums and teeth, the facts about the new HPV vaccine's ability to prevent cervical cancer in women, and much more. We are pleased to report that the AAP and Procter & Gamble's Oral-B Stages division have joined together to launch a consumer education campaign entitled "First Step to a Healthy Smile." Coinciding with Children's Dental Health Month in February, the campaign aims to provide parents with a variety of information resources to ensure that infant oral care habits start early.

We hope that you find this issue of real benefit to you. We want you to know that our pediatricians stand with you in providing the very best care and guidance for your child. Please feel free to be in touch with me directly and to suggest any topics that you would like to see included in future issues.

My best wishes to you, and thank you for your interest in *Healthy Children*.

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