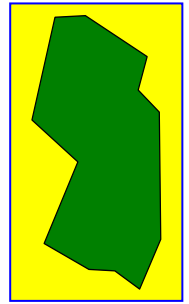


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NEW JERSEY CHAPTER FACTS.....

I already belong to the National AAP; why should I become a member of the New Jersey Chapter?

Advocacy

- Promote the interests of New Jersey pediatricians in the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Keep abreast of developments in the state's medical liability insurance crisis; developments specific to New Jersey's pediatricians.
- Increase your knowledge of and participation in legislative and advocacy activities at a local level.
- Increase involvement in the legislative arena to positively influence the quality of pediatric practice and the welfare of children in New Jersey.
- Build and participate in coalitions with other organizations working toward improving children's health and well-being.
- Support the work of the Chapter in the advocacy arena on behalf of all of NJ's pediatricians.

Leadership

- Participate in Chapter committees in areas of interest.
- Have the opportunity to develop as a leader and mentor, and serve in Chapter Leadership positions.
- Stand up and be a leader among NJ's pediatrician community.
- Develop your leadership skills as a result of your involvement with the NJ Chapter.

Networking

- Network with other pediatricians with similar interests.
- Improve Chapter membership participation on national AAP affairs.
- Network with a variety of relevant audiences such as legislators, government officials, related advocacy groups and others.
- Develop contacts throughout NJ.

Education

- Receive Chapter newsletter and other informative mailings.
- Attend local PREP courses and Continuing Medical Education meetings sponsored by the Chapter including lunch hour teleconferences designed for the entire practice staff.
- Prepare yourself for the future role of the pediatrician in the health care system and for the future management of their practices.
- Opportunities to participate in PCORE (Pediatric Council on Research and Education) EPIC (Educating Physicians in the Community) programs and access to onsite quality improvement technical assistance.

What has your Chapter done lately?

- **Advocacy:** Developed a white paper supporting a Medicaid increase in the FY 2008 NJ State Budget which resulted in a \$20M increase; active involvement in state legislative affairs weighing in on such important issues as sports medicine, school health, insurance and related topics to ensure that the pediatric community is heard.
- **Community outreach prevention programs:** asthma chronic care, lead poisoning screening, screening for maternal post-partum depression an obesity prevention, all as part of being a medical home
- **Immunization activities –** New Jersey Improving Preventative Services Project (NJIPSP) completed the pilot program and trained professionals from 11 practices. Infectious Disease (ID) updates are provided to members as reinforcement of the national AAP statements. Chapter leaders specializing in ID study results and provide insights to the members.
- **Partnerships –** Regularly partner with patient and other organizations such as the March of Dimes, the Tourette Syndrome Association and the Brain Injury Association to bring information to AAP/NJ membership and provide pediatric expertise where needed.
- **Liaisons –** Cooperate with other groups to aid children as well as the pediatric profession, including the Medical Society of New Jersey, New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians, Association for Children of New Jersey, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the New Jersey Association of Child Psychiatrists.

Annual Chapter Dues:

Voting Fellows	\$150	Candidate Fellows	\$150	Post Resident Fellows	\$50
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Whom do I contact?

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