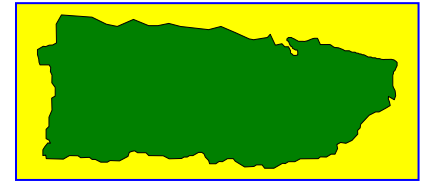


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PUERTO RICO CHAPTER FACTS.....

I already belong to the National AAP, why should I become a member of the Puerto Rico Chapter?

Advocacy

- 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 the United States.
- Build coalitions with other organizations working toward improving children's health and well-being.
- Promote the interests of Puerto Rico pediatricians in the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Collaborate in the development of an early childhood legislative project at the local level
- Promote communication with Hispanic legislative leaders in the United States to help support legislative action toward a national health insurance for children

Leadership

- Participate in chapter committees in areas of interest.
- Collaborate with leaders of other agencies and community organizations dealing with the welfare of children as a Representative of the AAP-PR.
- Collaborate in the development of Community Programs addressing child health care barriers

Networking

- Network with other pediatricians with similar interests.
- Participate on national AAP affairs.
- Network with other organizations advocating for children's wellbeing

Education

- Receive chapter newsletter and other informative mailings.
- Attend local PREP courses and Continuing Medical Education meetings sponsored by the Chapter and the National AAP.
- Prepare yourself for the future role of the pediatrician in the health care system and for the future management of their practices.

What has your Chapter done lately?

- We continue strengthening our ties with the other Pediatric Associations in the island. Members of our executive committee also belong to other Pediatric Associations executive boards.
- We are working together with the Pediatric Societies participating of their conventions in 2010 with the participation of workshops as we have done in prior years.
- Chapter members are collaborating in various committees in the Department of Health (Fetal and Infant Mortality Report, Folic Acid, Obesity, Children with Special Health Care Needs, Breast feeding.
- Educational Activities continue to be a priority in our Chapter. In April we participated in: The First Congress of Medical Students in Puerto Rico with a workshop on "Why a Pediatrician? Annual Chapter Meeting a lecture on Immunization Practice in Puerto Rico . In May we participated in a workshop EMC to pediatrician in the island. In June chapter members volunteer to give CPR and First Aid lectures to den mothers of Girls Scouts of America before their summer camp meeting.
- Chapter collaborated in the development of a symposium in April for preschool teachers and primary care providers directed to emphasize the importance of play in child development. This was a national collaborative effort, with the governor's office, the sports and recreation department, united way and Head start.
- In August 8 in collaboration with March of Dimes and AAP Puerto Rico Chapter we will be presenting at the Caribe Gyn Conference to pediatricians, obstetricians and health care providers a Symposium "Understanding the Risk of Late Premature."
- In November Puerto Rico will be the hosting the Latin American Pediatric Association (ALAPE) ,chapter members will be participating in this important International Pediatric meeting as part of the organizing committee.

- This past June we continue representing the AAP Puerto Rico Chapter in different activities such as Puerto Rico Children Environmental Health Conference, Institute on Developmental Deficiencies, Breast Feeding as invited speakers.
- As of July 1, 2009 we have a new executive committee as well as its executive director.
- The Chapter is presently involved in various grants PROTECT, Telemedicine between California and Puerto Rico, Prevention in Pediatric Care.
- On February 2010 we will be participating in Cardi Day it is a cardiovascular health fair for adults and children it is still in the organizational stage.
- We want our members to continue direct communication with the executive committee so we encourage our members to continue using our email address aap.prpmed@google.com . On a weekly basis we send by group email important pediatric news information or comments to share with them or for then to share with use.

Annual Chapter Dues:

Voting Fellows	\$75	Candidate Fellows	\$50	Post Resident Fellows	\$25
Emeritus Fellows, Residents, and Medical Students free					

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