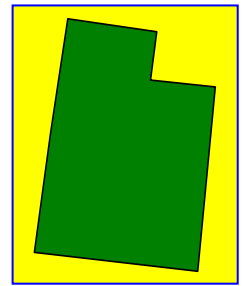


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UTAH CHAPTER FACTS.....

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

Advocacy

- Increase your knowledge of and participation in policy and advocacy activities. The Chapter represents the needs of children and pediatricians on key state councils and committees.
- Increase involvement in the legislative arena to positively influence the payment for and quality of pediatric practice and the welfare of children in Utah.
- Build coalitions with other organizations working toward improving children's health and well-being.

Leadership

- Participate in Chapter committees in areas of interest.
- Help mentor residents and medical students interested in pediatrics.
- Provide testimony on key issues to help develop pediatric policy at state level.

Networking

- Network with other pediatricians with similar interests.
- Improve Chapter membership participation on national AAP affairs.

Education

- Receive Chapter newsletter, emails and other informative mailings.
- Attend the Chapter annual Common Problems in Pediatrics Conference and earn CME credits.
- Request free program to be presented in your office on Safe & Healthy Families.
- Participate in learning collaboratives to guide practices in quality improvement efforts.
- Participate in the Pediatric Research in the Office Setting and Utah Pediatric Practice Based Research Network.

What has the Utah Chapter done lately for kids, pediatricians and YOU?

Child Advocacy:

- Improving mental health access for children. Through a Healthy People 2010 grant, surveyed members to set-up referral network for at risk adolescents. Implementing CARE Program, an initiative expanding a school-based psycho-educational program by developing a network of primary care and mental health providers to care for at-risk adolescents.
- Sponsored annual Child Advocacy Forum. Over 60 members and residents met with legislators to discuss strategies and advocacy for Utah's health care reforms and proposed legislation affecting children and pediatricians. In addition, actively involved in providing testimony at legislative hearings, working face-to-face daily with legislators while in session and providing child advocacy training.
- Successfully advocated the passage of three health system reform bills that pave the way for comprehensive reforms in the future.
- Given the current downturn in the economy, this year's legislative efforts successfully focused on healthcare coverage appropriations for Medicaid and CHIP. However, Medicaid reimbursements were cut for most providers.
- Collaborated in educating physicians and families on Utah's booster seat law. In addition, Tom Metcalf, MD, has visited doctor offices statewide to further educate physicians and staff in appropriate use of car safety seats and booster seats. Participated in Safe Kids Week campaign including distribution of booster seats.
- Members actively participated in a highly successful Cover the Uninsured Enroll-a-thon campaign through press conferences, media interviews, and health fairs.
- Reach Out & Read Utah has increased sites to 32. This year, residents hosted a yard sale to benefit this program.
- Assisted Department of Health in promoting, *Mobile Mission*, a van traveling to rural sites offering oral health services to uninsured or underinsured children.
- Participated in media segments counseling parents on lead poison prevention, cautioning use of OTC cough and cold medicines in children under age 6, and the importance of childhood immunizations.
- This year, representatives of the National Children's Study began recruiting volunteers in Salt Lake and Cache counties to participate in the largest study to assess the effects of the environment on maternal and child health. Our chapter helps promote participation in the study.

Pediatrician Advocacy:

- Mentored residents and members to secure 3 CATCH grants.
- Utah Pediatric Council meets quarterly with 8 major insurance carriers and Medicaid. Efforts are currently focused on immunization access, education and reimbursement, as well as pediatric representation on insurance carrier boards. A needs assessment identified additional priorities including reimbursement, access to care and CPT codes.
- Pediatric Managers Group has increased membership to 66 representing 47 practices throughout the state. Spring meeting focused on overcoming obstacles in immunizing children and best practices for hiring employees. Managers' session held in conjunction with Common Problems Conference focused on quality improvement in the pediatric practice and compliance with the Red Flag Rules.
- Partnered with UMA and HealthInsight to promote electronic health records.
- Initiated mental health access project, including a primary care providers needs assessment to identify mental health issues in Utah and gaps in provision of mental health services. This effort is in collaboration with the Intermountain Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Utah Academy of Family Physicians.

Professional Education:

- Sponsored 31st Annual Common Problems in Pediatrics with over 150 attendees and CME provided during the 3-day conference.
- Organized CME Pediatric Partnership with Chapter, Department of Pediatrics and Intermountain Healthcare to provide top quality, regional education courses on current medical issues with no charge for CME credit provided.
- Lawrence Stanberry, MD, PhD, Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Columbia University, was this year's concluding Glasgow Visiting Professor. Dr. Stanberry spoke on herpes simplex at Primary Children's grand rounds and a resident noon conference.
- Utah Pediatric Partnership to Improve Healthcare Quality (UPIQ) remains a stellar quality improvement project with over 80 physicians participating. Current learning collaborative have focused on childhood obesity, prescribing for asthma, improving immunization rates, and early identification and referral of autism spectrum disorders.
- Over 70 members are actively involved in PROS (Pediatric Research in the Office Setting).
- Collaborated with Utah Department of Health and University Department of Pediatrics to enhance primary care providers' care for children with special health care needs through the Utah Medical Home Integrated Services Project and ongoing development of the Medical Home Portal (www.medicalhomeportal.org) providing information, tools and resources.

Membership

- Revised Chapter Bylaws to be in compliance with state and federal laws governing non-profit organizations. Changed name from the Intermountain Pediatric Society to the Utah Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Conducted survey of members and potential members to learn how the Chapter can better meet the needs of the pediatric community and how to improve and strengthen our organization.
- Provide financial rewards for membership including discount tuition for attendance at Common Problems in Pediatrics, a 3-day CME scientific conference; discount registration fee for participating in UPIQ learning collaboratives, and no charge for attendance at regional outreach CME courses.
- Transitioned Chapter newsletter, *The Growing Times*, to an electronic format published quarterly. Other informative emails are sent monthly.
- Medical subspecialists are invited annually to speak at annual Common Problems in Pediatrics Conference. Subspecialists are also invited to speak at regional outreach meetings.
- Senior activities focus on meeting with legislators, public service, and participation in Chapter activities.
- Appointed Earl Judd, MD, as Young Physician Representative.
- Sponsored resident attendance at Chapter events, meetings and activities. Resident representative attended NCE. Resident noon conferences feature discussions on advocacy opportunities within local and national AAP.
- Sponsored a medical student outreach project focused on pediatrics as career; over 130 attendees.
- Members also participated in the Pediatric Career Day luncheon, offering perspectives on pediatrics for medical students with over 60 attendees.
- Members serving on AAP national committees include Armand Antommara, MD, Committee on Bioethics; Nancy Murphy, MD, Committee on Children with Disabilities; and Jack Dolcourt, MD, Committee on Continuing Medical Education; Carrie Byington, MD, Committee on Infectious Diseases; William McDonnell, MD, Committee on Medical Liability and Risk Management; and Gordon Glade, MD, Steering Committee on Quality Improvement and Management.
- Presented Dr. Dave Okubo the *Marty Palmer Service to Children Award* for outstanding leadership and contributions to the Foundation for Children and Youth with Diabetes. Dr. George Delavan the *Lifetime Achievement Award* for his service to the Department of Health and the citizens of Utah. Presented Brooks Keeshin, MD, the *Resident Service to Children Award*.

Annual Chapter Dues:

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| Voting Fellows | \$125 | Candidate Fellows | \$125 | Post Resident Fellows | \$ 0 |
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Please note: Membership in the national AAP is not required for membership in the Utah Chapter/Intermountain Pediatric Society.

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