

AAP Resident Section April 2008

District Two

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Montauk Point
From Yonkers to
Buffalo
The great Empire State
NEW YORK



Greetings from your District II Representatives! We are happy to bring you the first District II newsletter since September 2006. We hope to provide you with some useful information and resources that are available to you as an AAP district II resident member.

Come Again, we are **your** resident representatives. We want to know what is going on in New York State on the chapter level. District II is a very active district, with many programs going on around this state. Our district is one of two districts that have only one state in their district. This gives us the chance to have great unity among the resident members. We are all New Yorker's, rural to urban; mountain to coast.

This year we have a team that comes from both upstate and downstate. So one of us is close to your chapter. So let us know what programs are happening around your hospital and community, and how we can help.

We are available to you for any questions you might have regarding issues that we as pediatric residents, soon-to-be fellows and attendings face.

Sincerely,

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PS: Don't forget to check out the AAP Resident Section Website for the latest news!

www.aap.org/ypn

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- Transitioning to Becoming a Physician: LIJ Meetings on 3/30/08
- Children of Foster Care Westchester 4/11/08
- Annual District II/IV Meeting in Minneapolis 6/5-8/08
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District II Legislative Day 2008 Update

“Waiting on the World to Change,” a song by John Mayer has lyrics centered around the theme of my generation’s frustration with current politics but inability to act. I too have often noticed unjust situations for my patients but have not envisioned clearly my role in creating change. As seen in the current presidential race, young people today are finding ways to become more active in politics. On February 25-26th, I had the opportunity to attend the AAP legislative day in Albany. I drove to Albany with three community pediatricians who are each active in AAP and Buffalo Pediatrics Society. I was impressed with the involvement of these and many other physicians who came to the capitol from across the state to advocate for improvements in health care for children.



On the evening of the 25th we had an AAP chapter meeting and dinner. Buffalo was well represented at the meeting. The next morning we attended a debriefing session at the Fort Orange Club along with pediatricians and child psychiatrists from the three AAP districts in the state. We heard from state leaders in health care policy including the chair of the Assembly Health Committee, the chair of the Senate Health committee, the deputy commissioner of Health for New York, and the Deputy Superintendent for Health for NYS Insurance Department. The speeches were informative and the physicians present had the opportunity to ask questions and express concerns they had come across in their practices.

We then dispersed and met with Senators and Assemblymen from our districts. We expressed our support for selected items in the Governor’s budget. The three other Buffalo pediatricians and I met with Republican Assemblyman Jack Quinn, who was very knowledgeable about the current issues for children and was on board with most of the agenda items we were discussing. The issues on our agenda centered around improving care for children and increased funding for primary and preventive care. For the most part, issues received bipartisan support. Some budget items discussed were, the expansion of the Child Health Plus Program, increased funding for primary care providers and quality of care interventions in Bright Futures, the Healthy Schools Act, and Reach out and Read. We also discussed selected legislation items supported by the AAP such as Expedited Partners Therapy.

Legislative day allowed physicians in the community to effectively communicate with and educate legislators on relevant issues in pediatrics. Advocacy such as this is instrumental in improving the care of children across the state.

Submitted by a Michelle Mann, MD from SUNY Buffalo Program, District II Chapter I

AAP Smoking Advocacy – www.aap.org/richmondcenter

The AAP urges the entertainment industry to immediately adopt four Smoke Free Movie policies:

1. Rate new smoking movies "R." - Any film that shows or implies tobacco should be rated "R."
2. Certify no payoffs. - The producers should post a certificate in the closing credits declaring that no one on the production received anything of value from anyone in exchange for using or displaying tobacco
3. Require strong anti-smoking ads. - Studios and theaters should require a genuinely strong anti-smoking ad (not one produced by a tobacco company) to run before any film with any tobacco presence.
4. Stop identifying tobacco brands. There should be no tobacco brand identification nor the presence of tobacco brand imagery (such as billboards) in the background of any movie scene.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

News and Notes from Program Delegates

Achievements of Pediatric Department of Richmond University Medical Center, Staten Island, include acceptance of 4 out of 5 papers submitted for the annual Society for Pediatric Research Meeting, to be held in Hawaii, May 2008. One of the residents also published an article about “Treatment of Acute Salmonella Epiphyseal Osteomyelitis in a child without sickle cell disease” in a peer-reviewed journal. Five of our residents also contributed as co-authors on various topics at eMedicine/webMD. It should be mentioned that two residents have accepted fellowship positions in Endocrinology (Brown University) and Nephrology (University of Michigan). Richmond University Medical Center continues to give the best care for children in Staten Island – **Sujana Reddy**, Richmond University Medical Center, Staten Island

Don’t forget to send your program delegate the latest news and get recognized throughout the district!!

Documenting Parental Refusal to Have Their Children Vaccinated

Despite our best efforts to educate parents about the need to vaccinate their children through discussions of vaccine-preventable diseases, the effectiveness of vaccines in preventing them, and the realistic chances of vaccine-associated adverse events, some will decline to have their children vaccinated. The incredible success of immunizations in dramatically reducing the incidence of vaccine-preventable diseases has led to an increased public focus on vaccine safety. Even though scientific data and doctors solidly support the fact that vaccines are safe and effective, research on hypotheses about harmful side effects often is taken out of context. Safety concerns, some appropriate and many inappropriate but widely discussed in the media and on unmonitored and biased Web sites, cause substantial and often unrealistic fears. Although most parents believe they are safe, up to 25% have important misconceptions about vaccine safety that may lead the parents to refuse some or all immunizations for their children. According to an AAP Periodic Survey of Fellows, 79% of pediatricians have had one or more instances of parents refusing to allow their child or children to be vaccinated. About 10% of pediatricians report 10% or more of parents are avoiding vaccines because of safety concerns.

All parents and patients should be informed about the risks and benefits of preventive and therapeutic procedures, including vaccination. In the case of vaccination, federal law mandates this discussion. Despite doctors' and nurses' best efforts to explain its importance, some families will refuse vaccination for their children.

The Section on Infectious Diseases and other contributing sections and committees hope this form will be helpful to you as you deal with parents who refuse immunizations. It will be available on the AAP Web site (www.aap.org/bookstore), the Section on Infectious Diseases Web site (<http://www.aap.org/sections/infectdis/index.cfm>), and the Web site for the Academy's Childhood Immunization Support Program (www.cispimmunize.org/). The use of this or a similar form can demonstrate the importance you place on appropriate immunizations and focus the parent's attention on the unnecessary risk for which they are accepting responsibility.

AAP and CDC Respond to ABC Show

The debut show of "Eli Stone" on ABC in January centers around the issue of vaccines and autism. While the show includes statements that science has refuted any link between autism and vaccines, the episode's conclusion delivers a contrary impression; the jury awards the mother \$5.2 million, leaving audiences with the destructive idea that vaccines do cause autism.

"A television show that perpetuates the myth that vaccines cause autism is the height of reckless irresponsibility on the part of ABC and its parent company, The Walt Disney Co.," said Renee R. Jenkins, MD, FAAP, president of the AAP. "If parents watch this program and choose to deny their children immunizations, ABC will share in the responsibility for the suffering and deaths that occur as a result. The consequences of a decline in immunization rates could be devastating to the health of our nation's children."

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Upcoming Summer Movies

Iron man
May 9th

Speed Racer
May 9th

The Chronicles of Narnia – Prince Caspian
May 16th

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull
May 22nd

Sex and the City
May 30th

The Incredible Hulk
June 13th

Get Smart
June 20th

Wall-E
June 27th

The X-Files 2
July 25th

The Mummy – Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
August 1st



Education Corner

Surveillance and Screening Algorithm: Autism Spectrum Disorders

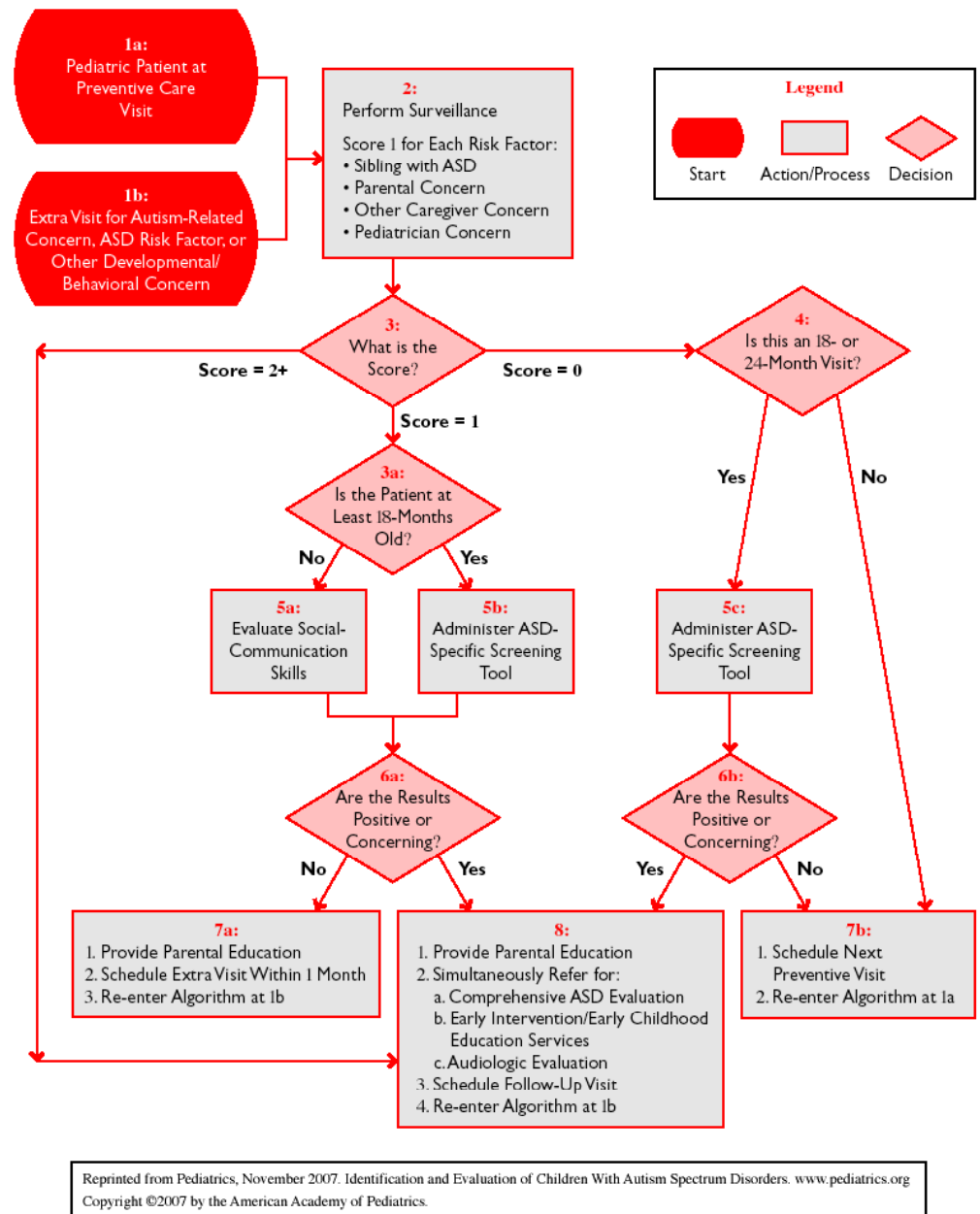
Where to Relax in NY for a good glass of wine, From Uncork, NY!

New York now boasts wineries in 32 of its 62 counties. The best part of this growth is that soon visitors and New Yorkers will be able to visit at least one winery while visiting other attractions in the Empire State. So if you find yourself in Sterling for the Renaissance Festival, in Syracuse for the Erie Canal or Everson Museum, or stretching for the brass ring in the Binghamton area, you can also find a winery within a short drive.

- Adirondack Winery- Lake George
- Bear Pond Winery- Oneonta
- Cherry Knoll Farm-Marathon
- Fly Creek Cider Mill & Orchard- Fly Creek
- Goose Watch Winery- Lake Placid
- King Ferry- Skaneateles
- Lakeland Winery- Syracuse
- Magpie Farms- Brainbridge
- Mayers Lake Ontario Winery- Hilton
- Swedish Hill Winery- Lake Placid
- Thorpe Vineyard- Wolcott
- Ashley Lynn Winery- Mexico
- Beak & Skiff Apple Farm- LaFayette
- Black Bear Farm Winery- Chenango Forks
- Charlotte's Vineyard- Cooperstown
- Giancarelli Brothers Winery LLC- Weedsport
- Hurricane Vineyards- Whitney Point
- Lone Maple Farm-Binghamton
- Neilsen's Farm- New Berlin
- Otter Creek Winery- Philadelphia
- Pheasant Ridge Vineyards- Jamesville
- River Myst Winery- Ogdensburg
- Stone Age Winery- Liverpool
- Stone House Vineyard- Mooers
- Yellow Barn Winery- Watertown

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In Our Next Issue:
For all those who love searching for their new Cult Cabernet Sauvignons---
Vineyards in Long Island!



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Funding Opportunities

- 1) Community Access to Child Health Program (CATCH)
<http://www.aap.org/catch>
- 2) Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP)
<http://www.aap.org/commpeds/htpcp/index.html>
- 3) Visiting Professorships in Community Pediatrics
<http://www.aap.org/catch/vp.htm>
- 4) Mentorship and Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) Grants
<http://www.aap.org/sections/socp/mtap.html>
- 5) Funding Opportunities for Chapters: on AAP's Member Site
- 6) The National Center for Medical Home Initiatives
<http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/grant/funding.html>
- 7) The Grantsmanship Center <http://www.tgci.com/funding.shtml>
- 8) The Chronicle of Philanthropy
<http://philanthropy.com>