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NCE Highlights

The 2007 NCE was held in sunny San Francisco from October 27th – 30th. The conference began with an invigorating call to action during the “Peds-21 Symposium” which stressed the moral importance as well as economic and social prudence of investing in our children. The first official day of the conference was a busy and important day for residents, as the Section on Residents convened for a full day of activities.

The activities covered on Saturday ranged from a review of last year’s advocacy project on Mental Health, lectures on becoming involved in advocacy programs such as SCHIP reauthorization as well as local activities. At lunch, residents met as districts and elected new leadership and developed resolutions to be voted upon by the resident assembly in the afternoon.

The resolutions are an important part of our involvement in the AAP as a whole. Each year, all of the sections of the AAP meet during the Annual Leadership Forum (ALF) to debate and pass newly authored resolutions as well as develop the new “Strategic Plan”. These resolutions are a sections way of bringing a topic to the Academy’s attention, and then having the Academy act to help the cause. Last year a few of our resolutions made it to the floor of the ALF, and we will hopefully be successful again this year.

And finally, the new resident executive committee was elected. In addition to numerous new faces as district leaders, our new Vice-chair is Dr. Amy Jost and our new Secretary is Dr. Melissa Pujazon. Dr. Linebarger has now advanced to Chair.

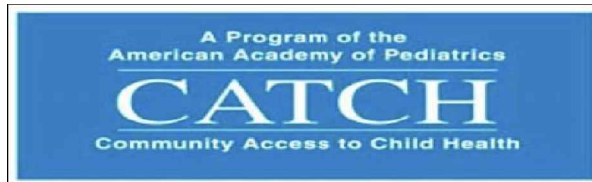
Overall this past resident assembly was a huge success and a lot of fun. We highly encourage anyone interested to consider attending in the future.

AAP Membership Benefits

Want to know what the benefits of being a Resident Section Member of the AAP are?

- ✓ Pediatrics, AAP News, Red Book
- ✓ Members only center on AAP website,
- ✓ Pederalink and Resident Center
- ✓ YoungPeds Network
- ✓ AAP Policy Statements
- ✓ AAP Section on Residents Membership
- ✓ Section and Chapter membership
- ✓ National Committee participation
- ✓ Resident programs at NCE
- ✓ Discounts on AAP products/services
- ✓ PREP curriculum
- ✓ Pediatrics in Review (Print and Online Access)
- ✓ AAP Grand Rounds (print & online access)
- ✓ Pediatric Environmental Health
- ✓ International Travel Grants
- ✓ Resident Research Grants
- ✓ NCE Travel Grants,
- ✓ Anne E. Dyson Child Advocacy Award Program
- ✓ Resident Initiative Fund





The Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Resident Funds program supports pediatric residents in planning innovative, community-based initiatives that increase children's access to a medical home or other specific health services not otherwise available to them. Grants of up to \$3,000 are awarded to pediatric residents twice each year on a competitive basis.

Though the current cycle of applications is closed, keep the program in mind for future projects. The following residents received the grant last year and we would like to congratulate them.

Awarded 2007 CATCH Resident Funds Program (Second Cycle) (Grants Awarded in June 2007)

Grantee	City/State	District	Project Title
Denise Aronzon, MD	Charlottesville, VA	IV	Group Pediatric Prenatal Visit Program
Suzanne Boxer, MD	Boston, MA	I	Adolescent Smoking Cessation: A Community-Based Intervention
Donna Curtis, MD, MPH	Los Angeles, CA	IX	LAUSD HPV Vaccination Survey
Stephen Darrow, MD	Omaha, NE	VI	A Fresh Prescription for Childhood Obesity
Sonia Figueroa, MD	Ponce, PR	X	Healthy, Active, and Happy Program
Mana Golzari, MD	San Francisco, CA	IX	Medical Homes for Post-Incarcerated Youth
Julie Gooding, MD	Simpsonville, SC	IV	Striving Toward Excellence in Parenting (STEP)
Liz Hartstad, MD	Chicago, IL	VI	Community Education on ADHD and Parenting
Brooks Keeshin, MD	Salt Lake City, UT	VIII	From Screening to Access to Care
Jennifer Kicker, MD	Germantown, MD	I	STEPS to Obesity Awareness
Anagha Loharikar, MD	Bronx, NY	II	Mental Health Home for Latino Children
Tricia Michels, MD, MPH	San Francisco, CA	IX	Wraparound Project: Medical Homes Through Media
Michelle Niescierenko, MD	Boston, MA	I	STRENGTH: Nutrition and Exercise for Teen Health
Amber Pendleton, MD	Charlottesville, VA	IV	Family Champions for Health and Fitness
Mariel Silva, MD	Ponce, PR	X	911 Let's Prepare
Shayna Smith, MD	Shawnee, KS	VI	Headstart/Connected Kids Initiative
Claire Van Eenwyk, MD	Richmond, VA	IV	Smoking Cessation for Parents of Asthmatics

Residents Training Assessment on Adolescent Health

We want to hear from you! In an effort to better meet the needs of adolescents, the AAP Adolescent Health Partnership Project wants to gain a better understanding of how you view aspects of adolescent health care and ask you to briefly assess your confidence and perceived skill level in caring for adolescent patients.

The survey can be accessed on the resident center webpage of the youngpeds network. Go to <http://aap.org/ypn/r> and click on the "What's New" link.

2008 Pediatric Hospitalist Conference Travel Grant

The AAP Section on Hospital Medicine (SOHM) will be sponsoring four \$500 travel grants to the Pediatric Hospital Medicine Conference, July 24-27, 2008 in Denver. Interested residents should send their CV and statement of interest to Julia Aquino, MD (jaquino3@jhmi.edu) by February 15, 2008.

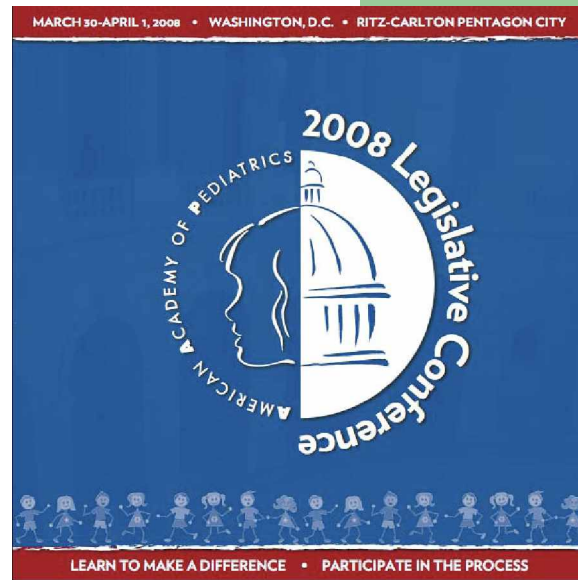
Recipients should be residents at the time of the conference and will be expected to write an article about their experience for the Section's news journal, *Hospital Pediatrics*.

2008 Legislative Conference: March 30-April 1, 2008

Learn to be a part of the political process and become an advocate for the pediatric profession and children's health at the Academy's 2008 Legislative Conference, March 30-April 1, in Washington, D.C.

The conference includes two days of interactive workshops that seek to enhance advocacy skills – a guide to negotiation, coalition building, working with the media and crafting a message. Participants are also given expert advice from and role-play with their fellow pediatricians on the best strategies to use while meeting with their members of Congress.

Participants are given background information on an issue of importance to the Academy, who put everything they've learned to work by meeting with their senators' and representatives' Capitol Hill offices. After the conference, pediatricians return to their communities with the tools to become powerful advocates for their profession and children's health.



<http://aap.grassroots.com/2008LegCon/>

Attention Graduating Residents!!!

Congratulations on completing your Pediatric Residency! During this year of transition into the next phase of your career, it is essential to maintain your AAP membership so you continue to receive the journals, e-mail updates, and manuals you have come to depend on. Please complete the contact form on the "What's New" section on the YoungPeds Network webpage by February 29.

Resident Initiative Fund

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has created a grant fund that will allow residents to initiate projects/programs in their community to improve the health of children. This funding will enable residents to educate fellow residents and/or parents on a specific aspect of one of the Academy's national child health priorities (Special Health Care Needs – Foster Care, Oral Health, Disaster Preparedness, Mental Health, Obesity, and Immunizations). The Resident Initiative Fund will offer twenty-five (25) grants of up to \$1000 each per resident project.

The application can be accessed at:

http://www.aap.org/sections/ypn/r/funding_awards/res_initiative.html

AAP Residency Scholarship

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers financial need-based scholarships designed to help allay financial difficulties for residents in good academic standing. Each application will be reviewed carefully, and a moderate number of scholarships varying from \$1,000 to \$5,000 will be granted to the most deserving interns and residents. This past year, the Academy received 157 applications from residents, 58 of who were awarded scholarships.

All completed applications, which include the Resident Scholarship Application Form and the Program Director's Recommendation Form, must be submitted by February 29.

Go to: <https://www.aap.org/sections/ypn/r/scholarship2008-view.htm>

Resident Research Grants

In an effort to enhance the development of research skills among physicians in training, the American Academy of Pediatrics administers the Resident Research Grant Program. This program gives Residents the opportunity to develop those research skills that are essential for the interpretation of data and research, a cornerstone of continuing medical education. The 2008 application is available now online and is due February 29.

<http://www.aap.org/sections/ypn/r/research2008-view.htm>

Call For Abstracts

The SORe's fifth annual case competition was held this last NCE. Every year we call for residents to submit abstracts of interesting cases they have encountered during their residency training. A panel from the section executive committee judges these abstracts and the top 10 cases are chosen as finalists. Each receives one-day's registration fees to the NCE, where they present their cases in poster format. Dr. Nazarian, editor of *Pediatrics in Review (PIR)* reviews the 10 finalists and selects the winner.

In addition to residents we now invite medical students to submit cases with an FAAP sponsor, so please encourage your eager medical students to get involved as well.

Submissions are due by April and can be made online at www.call4abstracts.com/aap.

New Resource on Palliative Care

The AAP has an exciting new education tool that covers the ACGME competencies of interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism, and role modeling: *Cameron's Arc: Creating A Full Life*. This is a DVD film and teaching guide that addresses the role of a primary care pediatrician and the healthcare team in supporting families with a terminally ill child.

This video is a joint project of the American Academy of Pediatrics' National Center of Medical Home Initiatives for Children with Special Needs and Carepoints, a Boston-based initiative joining the voices of families and doctors to improve the care of children and families in difficult circumstances.

To purchase this DVD/Teaching Guide, click on:

http://www.aap.org/bst/showdetl.cfm?&DID=15&Product_ID=4340

netFORUM

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is proud to announce the launch of a new database management system, netFORUM. This new system brings many benefits to our members and customers, including easier access to account information and simplified navigation between AAP Web sites. For example, log in once and you will be able to jump between sites such as the newly redesigned AAP Bookstore, AAP Member Center, PediaLink®, and dues payment without having to reenter your password. A new feature, My Account, will allow you to view all the purchases you have made and courses you have enrolled in, as well as check dues status-all from one page.

For assistance or questions, please call the AAP Customer Service Center from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CT at 866-843-2271 or by e-mail at csc@aap.org.

Economic Hardship Deferment

The issue of economic hardship deferment (<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/18025.html>) continues to develop and the following is an update from the AMA's DC Advocacy staff.

Senators Richard Burr (R-NC) and Ted Kennedy (D-MA) sent a joint letter, after hearing from our AMA members and lobbyists, to Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings regarding the 20/220 economic hardship deferment pathway. In the letter, they expressed their appreciation for Secretary Spellings' decision to maintain the 20/220 pathway through the fall of 2008, and in addition, they asked for her to continue to maintain the pathway during the next round of rulemaking. They also committed to working on legislative options if necessary to maintain deferment options for medical residents.

On the legislative front: as you may know, the Higher Education Act (HEA) (http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/15/cola_he_a_handout.pdf) governs federal student loan programs and has been going through the reauthorization process in the House and Senate. The reauthorization bills provide an opportunity for our AMA to advocate for favorable medical student debt provisions, such as reinstatement of the 20/220 rule. The Senate passed its version of the reauthorization bill last year, and in November the House passed its version – H.R. 4137, the "College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007." The bill includes some provisions on lender transparency and limited loan forgiveness for underserved specialties with a duration of training greater than 5 years, but does not include specific language on the 20/220 rule. The House and Senate will now meet in conference to discuss a final bill. Our AMA Advocacy Staff is urging Congress to include relevant language in the final bill.

Our AMA also issued a letter in support of Sen.'s Burr and Johnny Isakson's (R-GA) bill, S. 2303, which calls for the reinstatement of the 20/220 pathway; the text of the letter can be found on the MSS website. While the AMA's Advocacy staff continues to communicate with the Department of Education, you can still urge Congress to reinstate the 20/220 rule through legislative means, by supporting the Burr bill (S. 2303) and by asking Congress to include the language of his bill in the final HEA reauthorization bill. You can use the tools on the MSS website and through their Capwiz Action Alert (<http://capwiz.com/ama/issues/alert/?alertid=10524271&type=co>) to contact your legislators, and make your voice heard!

Upcoming Meetings

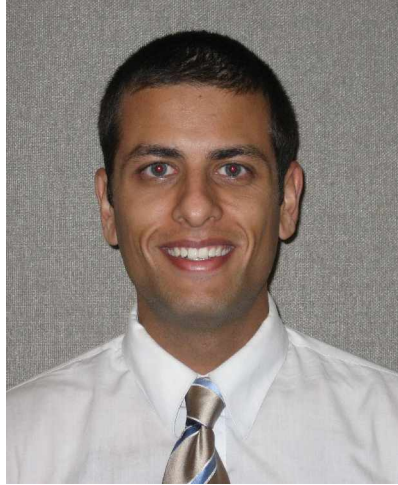
- ✓ Annual Leadership Forum
March 13th – 16th
Elk Grove Village, IL
- ✓ Districts VII and X Meeting
June 26-29, 2008
Park City, UT
- ✓ AAP National Conference and
Exhibition
October 27-30, 2007
Boston, MA



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