

INTRODUCTION

Greetings to all New York State pediatric housestaff! This year, we have one specific goal for District II: to spread the word about what the AAP and AAP Resident Section have to offer residents (support for research, community outreach and professional development) to as many District II residents as possible with the following objectives:

- To obtain contact information for chief residents at ALL programs throughout our state to enable continuity of communication from year to year
- To find a delegate who is excited about the AAP programs at EVERY NY State program
- For each delegate to run a housestaff lunch/meeting at his or her program describing what the AAP and AAP resident section can do for residents
- To poll each program on 5 key issues (raised at the National meeting) in order to share ideas about how to address these issues at one's own program (board review, community outreach, feedback on resident performance, how programs handle hearing complaints and suggestions from residents, how programs handle clinic patients contacting residents after hours)

The hardest part about implementing our plans to this point has been finding contact people at each program. We will be stepping up our efforts in the upcoming months. We hope that this year of "improving communication" will make a lasting impact on the way District II programs are involved in the AAP.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

WEBSITES

Resident Section: <http://www.aap.org/sections/resident/>

District II: <http://www.aapdistrictii.org/>

Chapter 1: <http://www.ny1aap.org/>

Chapter 2: <http://www.ny2aap.org/>

Chapter 3: <http://www.ny3aap.org/>

ANNIE DYSON GRANT for CHILD ADVOCACY, apply August of each year

<http://www.aap.org/sections/resident/chadvaward.htm>

CAREER PLANNING AND PRACTICE MANAGEMENT seminars for your residency program, contact Anne B. Francis, MD, FAAP, the Chair of the Section on Administration and Practice Management: afranci2@rochester.rr.com

CATCH GRANTS to support pediatricians in the initial and/or pilot stage of developing and implementing a community-based child health initiative, **apply July and January of each year**
www.aap.districtii.org/research/catch.htm OR <http://www.aap.org/catch/planninggrants.htm> OR www.aap.org/visit/catchgrants.htm OR e-mail: catch@aap.org

CATCH FACILITATORS:

District II: Denia A. Varrasso, MD, 718-798-6083, d.varrasso@worldnet.att.net

Chapter 1: Rajram Rao, MD, 607-257-5958, rajraomd@aol.com
Chapter 2: Ron Marino, MD, 516-663-4424, rmarino@winthrop.org
Chapter 3: Carmen Ramos-Bonoan, MD, 212-676-2478, cbonoan@health.nyc.gov

IMMUNIZATION EDUCATION seminars for your NYC residency program, contact Sheila Palevsky, MD, MPH of the NYC Department of Health: spalevsk@health.nyc.gov

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS, apply November of each year
www.aap.org/cgi-gin/overseas/aapartcl.cfm OR <http://www.aap.org/sections/resident/intertravel.htm>

JOB SEARCH: <http://www.pedjobs.org/pedjobs/>

OTHER AAP RESIDENT SECTION RESOURCES ONLINE: Career planning, resources for med students, job descriptions, women in pediatrics, AMSA, Med-Peds, ACGME, child advocacy, career planning.

POSTERS OF CASE STUDIES PRESENTATIONS at the NCE: contact David Kaelber dck3@po.cwru.edu or (216) 320-9050

RESIDENT RESEARCH GRANTS, apply January of each year
<http://www.aap.org/sections/resident/resresearchgrant.htm>

RESIDENT NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS, apply January of each year
<http://www.aap.org/sections/resident/resscholarship.htm>

AMA-RFS:

- Policy Promotion Grant-<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/7058.html>
- Other: RFS awards and grants: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/5754.html>
- Submit Best Practices for Enforcing New Resident Work Hour Guidelines <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/11040.html>
- AMA Ethics Fellowship & Pfizer Health Communication Scholar Grants
Kelly_siewert@ama-assn.org or fax 312-464-5871, January of each year
- Pfizer-Clear Health Communication Initiative to improve health care literacy. Scholar Awards for post-doctoral candidates: <http://www.kiassoc.com/pfizer.com> or call 1-888-457-3033, February of each year
- AMA-RFS professional development opportunities: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/10979.html>.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

1. 2003 NCE (National Conference/Exhibition) Resident Section: "The Resident and Public Health"

- Keynote speaker Antonia Novella, MD, FAAP former surgeon general
- New additions shared at our district lunch:
 - SUNY Buffalo - new NICU and helipad; Mt. Sinai - pediatric pain and palliative care service, Albany - new pediatric ER, Columbia - new Children's Hospital, Downstate - new building and ER dedicated to pediatrics, new Reach Out & Read and obesity-intervention programs, Harlem Hospital - preventative programs in asthma, bike safety, and obesity, Elmhurst - new community pediatrics program, St. Barnabas - new pediatric trauma center, Lincoln Hospital - new outpatient clinic, Jacobi – new home visits, Winthrop - new PICU
- Resolutions (to go to AAP):
 - Passed:
 - Reduction of NCE fees or search for scholarship funds
 - Support for contract negotiation skills for graduating residents and fellows
 - Appointment of medical student liaison to the Resident Section
 - Resource list of appropriate lawyers for contract negotiation
 - Preservation of subspecialty training time under ACGME work-hour guidelines
 - Consolidation and standardization of the fellowship application process
 - Evaluate training under new work hours rules
 - Support for electives abroad.
 - Support for nutrition labeling on fast food.
 - Reduction in AAP dues for the first two years after residency of fellowship training.
 - Failed:
 - To reconsider work hours rules due to concerns over professionalism
 - To add one hour to 30 hour day to allow for noon conference.

2. Sailing Into Practice Seminar held by District II on December 9 at the NY Academy of Medicine

3. Children with Special Health Care Needs: Next Steps for New York State seminar held by District II and the New York Academy of Medicine on January 8.

CALENDAR

CHAPTER I (Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany and Upstate Counties)

CHAPTER II (Queens, Brooklyn, Long Island)

CHAPTER III (Manhattan, Bronx, Staten Island, Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties)

March 4-Chapter 2 Executive Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm - Uniondale Marriott,
Long Island, NY

March 8-Chapter 3-**Executive Committee Meeting**, The Mark Hotel, New York, NY

March 17-Annual Chapter 2 Business Meeting hosted by The Brooklyn Pediatric
Society

March 24-Chapter 3 Executive Council Meeting at The New York Academy of
Medicine in NYC

April 25-27-**Annual Legislative Conference**, Washington, DC: train to be a child advocate!
Scholarship funds through the resident section: lgidley@aap.org by February 20, 2004. To
register or request a printed brochure, please contact Lynn Gidley, AAP Department of Federal
Affairs, (800) 336-5475, ext. 3014, or lgidley@aap.org
<http://www.pedialink.org/pedialink/cme/coursefinder/Detail.cfm?Id=18655&area=liveCME>

June 3-Chapter 2 Executive Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm - Crown Plaza
Holiday Inn, 104-04 Ditmars Boulevard, East Elmhurst, NY 11369, 718 457
6300

June 7-Chapter 3 Executive Committee Meeting, The Mark Hotel, New York, NY

June 16-Chapter 3 Executive Council Meeting in Westchester, site TBD

August 26-29, 2004-**Annual Leadership Forum**, Chicago, IL

September 23- Chapter 2 Executive Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm - Uniondale
Marriott, Long Island, NY

October 9-13: AAP National Conference & Exhibition, San Francisco, CA, Moscone
Convention Center-Come to next year's conference: write resident resolutions and apply for
leadership positions including committee liaison positions to the AAP!

For the NY Chapter 1 meetings, please contact their Chapter Executive Director, Nancy Adams, at
(585) 244-3773 or nadams@mcms.org.

We hope this has been helpful to you. If you have any questions or issues that need to be addressed, we
look forward to hearing from you. Best wishes for a successful end of the academic year.

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