



## AAP District III Resident Section Newsletter Fall Issue

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### Updates & Overview

Hello Everyone!

Hope this new academic year has started off nicely! The patients may have more enterovirus than we would like, but it is just par for the course! In this issue, our last before this year's NCE, we'll update you on some of the events taking place around the AAP. We've also included the agenda for the Resident Section's Program at the NCE!

Also, it has been a pleasure serving as your Coordinators for this year! And we look forward to continuing our work with you in the future! By the way, if you would like to share your experiences in residency (in writing) with others in the District, please contact us and your piece may be featured in the next newsletter! Here's to staying connected! -- *Majester Abdul-Jalil, MD & Chisara N. Asomugha, MD, MPH*

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Register at

[www.aap.org/nce](http://www.aap.org/nce)

for this year's 2006 NCE  
in Atlanta, GA!

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### Important Information for Program Delegates attending the NCE

Remember that the morning session for the Resident Section (including registration and sign-in) are a required part of your role in the AAP Resident Section. This will also ensure that you receive your travel grant for attendance at the NCE. Responsibilities for Program Delegates are outlined at our website [www.aap.org/sections/resident](http://www.aap.org/sections/resident). Please email any questions or concerns you may have to Chisara N. Asomugha, MD, MPH at [asomcn@chp.edu](mailto:asomcn@chp.edu).



## AAP RESIDENT SECTION NCE PROGRAM

October 7, 2006, 7:30am-4:00pm, Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, GA

### **AAP Resident Section: Meeting the changing needs of children and adolescents**

7:30 am Registration

8:00 am Introductions and Welcome

8:15 am Keynote Address: Legislative Efforts to Address Childhood Obesity

9:00 am Questions and Answers

9:15 am The Seventh Annual Resident Section Child Advocacy Award Presentation

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9:45 am Speeches and Elections of National Officers

10:15 am Welcome from AAP Vice President

10:40 am District Breakout Session/Election of District Coordinators and Assistant District Coordinators/Lunch in Separate Rooms by Districts

12:30 pm Debate and Voting of Policy Resolutions

2:30pm Concurrent Educational Workshop Sessions:

**(Choose one at each time. Note: Motivational Interviewing Workshop is a 90 minute program)**

Education Workshop:

2:30 pm–4:00pm

Motivational Interviewing (Patient-centered Communication) to Enhance Behavior Change

2:30 pm–3:15pm

Pediatric Oral Health

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Advocacy Breakout Workshop:

2:30 pm–3:15pm Development of a Sustainable International Health Intervention  
Followed by a panel discussion with residents who have designed sustainable international programs (CHIMPS)

3:15 pm–4:00pm Legislative Advocacy Breakout: "How to Communicate with your Congressman"

4:00pm Adjourn Program

4:00 pm–5:00pm New Officer Orientation

**There is still time to register at [www.aap.org/nce](http://www.aap.org/nce)!**

## Mental Health Resource Released September 1, 2006 to Assist Children Affected by Terrorism, Natural Disasters or Other Catastrophic Events

September 11, 2006, marks the five-year anniversary of 9/11. Since the events of that terrible day, we have faced hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis and other natural disasters all daily reminders of the terrible toll trauma takes on children throughout the world. By recognizing that a child is experiencing signs of emotional distress and looking for ways to make it better, pediatricians can make a real difference in today's world.

The award winning CD-ROM *Feelings Need Check Ups Too – Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Children Following Catastrophic Events: An Educational Resource for Pediatricians* was distributed to 50,000 AAP members, family physicians, school nurses and military physicians.

The *TOOLKIT* covers the four main areas of the CME program: bereavement, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and depression. It also contains fact sheets, algorithms and screening tools as well as information about treatment options including cognitive behavioral therapy. You are encouraged to copy any of the components for use in your practice.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to receive this important information. If you are interested in receiving a **free** copy of the *TOOLKIT*, please send a request to [feelings@aap.org](mailto:feelings@aap.org). Please note if you would like to receive the CD-ROM as well. Limited copies are available. Additional information can be found at [www.aap.org/terrorism](http://www.aap.org/terrorism). ♦

## New Developmental Screening Algorithm for Pediatricians



**The Developmental Surveillance and Screening Policy Implementation Project (D-PIP)** is an effort to implement the AAP policy statement titled "Identifying Infants and Young Children with Developmental Disorders in the Medical Home: An Algorithm for Developmental Surveillance and Screening" into pediatric practice. The new statement recommends developmental surveillance at every well-child visit and developmental screening using a standardized tool at 9, 18, and 24 or 30 months. The algorithm serves as a decision-making tool for health care professionals conducting developmental surveillance and screening. The D-PIP seeks to determine if the algorithm can be efficiently and effectively implemented into pediatric practice, recognize strategies for implementing the algorithm, and examine outcomes of implementation the algorithm.

A major goal of this project is to increase the frequency of screening for developmental problems early on. Early identification and intervention of children with developmental disabilities is key to improving outcomes. The D-PIP hopes to find a process that pediatricians can implement and provide a standard for developmental surveillance and screening of all children. Additional information on the D-PIP is available at <http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/screening/DPIP.html>. ♦

*The D-PIP is funded by a cooperative agreement between the AAP and the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and a cooperative agreement between the AAP and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau.*

## Fundraising Guide Targeted to Pediatricians Available

A *Pediatrician's Guide to Proposal Writing* was written to assist AAP members, AAP chapters, and other health advocates to seek funding for local initiatives. Many pediatricians and child health advocates are new to the art of grant writing. This guide will provide you with a foundation to help start you on your way. It includes samples of all the key pieces of a grant proposal: budgets, goals and objectives, and letters of support.

To receive your free copy, contact the Division of Community-based Initiatives at 800/433-9016 ext 7085 or [docbi@aap.org](mailto:docbi@aap.org). We may also be able to provide you with multiple copies for a meeting or group activity. ♦

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*Don't forget about the  
NCE*

*Oct 7-10, 2006*

*Atlanta, GA*

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## House Reauthorizes Children's Hospital GME Program

The US House of Representatives passed the Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) Support Reauthorization Act of 2006 ([HR 5574](#)) by a vote of 424 to four Wednesday, June 21, 2006. If enacted, the bill would reauthorize the federal CHGME program for five years.

The bill provides budget authority \$300 million annually from 2007 to 2011; final appropriations are set every year. The bill also adds new requirements for hospitals to receive funding through the CHGME program. According to the [House Republican Conference](#), the changes incorporated in HR 5574 "encourage participating hospitals to report new data measures to the Department of Health and Human Services. The new information will include the following:



- Types of resident training programs.
- Numbers of full-time equivalent resident training slots in each training program and the number of slots filled each training year from July 1 through June 20 of the following year.
- Types of resident training related to the health care needs of different family income or geographic location.
- Changes in residency training since the first year in which the hospital received CHGME support.
- Number of FTE residents who, upon completion of training, care for children within the hospital's service area or within the borders of the state in which the hospital is located."

According to the legislation, hospitals must report all of the above data to receive full funding through the CHGME program. A hospital that declines to report all of the information will receive only 75 percent of the total amount of funding that it would have received.

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### **Reauthorization Bill (from previous page)**

Lawrence A. McAndrews, President of the National Association of Children's Hospitals (NACH), praised the bipartisan congressional support of the effort, stating that it "reflects the breadth of understanding of how vitally important this federal investment is to the future of health care for all children." According to NACH, the CHGME program provides funding for medical training at the nation's 60 independent children's teaching hospitals that are responsible for training approximately 30 percent of all pediatricians, half of all pediatric subspecialists and the majority of the nation's leading pediatric research scientists.

In related news, the House Appropriations Committee approved a fiscal year (FY) 2007 funding level of \$300 million for the program as part of its bill funding the Department of Health and Human Services. If passed, the appropriation would triple the level proposed in President George W. Bush's FY 2007 budget and would exceed the FY 2006 level by \$3 million. ♦

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*Use Your Membership  
Benefits  
&  
Enrich Your Residency  
Experience!*

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## **Council on Clinical Information Technology Seeks Residents**

*By Beki Marshall, COCIT Staff*

The AAP Council on Clinical Information Technology is looking for Resident Fellows of the AAP to join us and actively participate in our activities. We want you to help us build our organization into one that can grow and enhance efficiency and quality of care into the practice of pediatrics through the use of technology.

COCIT supports the need for pediatricians to understand how computerized information systems, including electronic health records, in the clinical setting can benefit the health of children and improve the effectiveness of care by pediatricians. COCIT addresses important issues in clinical information technology that impact pediatricians, pediatric sub-specialists, and surgical specialists. COCIT wants to engage its members to foster communication in clinical information technology and pediatrics. Every member is an integral component of the network.

COCIT interacts and communicates with our members in many ways, including:

- **COCITNEWS (newsletter)**  
Published twice each year. A sample newsletter can be found at <http://www.aapcocit.org/06springsample.pdf>.
- **The AAP National Conference and Exhibition**  
Through the Technology Learning Center, COCIT provides seminars on software, applications, and innovations, as well as hands-on learning opportunities.
- **Pediatric Documentation Challenge™**  
The Pediatric Documentation Challenge™ demonstrates the utility of EHRs in office practice
- COCIT is responsible for AAP policy statements on e-prescribing, telemedicine, e-mail communication between patient and provider, and electronic health records.
- The EMR Review Web Site ([www.aapcocit.org/emr](http://www.aapcocit.org/emr)) is a unique tool for AAP members to share rating scores and comments on their EMRs.

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## **COCIT Seeks Residents** *(from previous page)*

Why should you join COCIT? As a member of COCIT you'll receive semi-annual issues of *COCITNEWS* and access to the Members Only area of the COCIT web site, [www.aapcocit.org](http://www.aapcocit.org). You'll be eligible to participate in the COCIT e-mail lists (including discussion lists aimed specifically at residents and hospital-based pediatricians) and online discussion boards where members can receive announcements, have ongoing conversations with other members, share experiences, and ask questions. You'll also be eligible to run for election to COCIT's Executive Committee, where you can participate in the development of educational programs and AAP policy and the review of new technology.

To join COCIT:

- ★ **Visit the AAP Member Center at [www.aap.org/moc](http://www.aap.org/moc). In the Get Involved section, click on Join a Section/Council (for fast-track approval); or**
- Call the AAP Customer Service Center at 866/THE-AAP1 (866/843-2271) to request an application.

If you would like more information on COCIT activities, or if you have questions, please contact Beki Marshall, Council Manager, at [bmarshall@aap.org](mailto:bmarshall@aap.org). ♦

## **The Section on Injury, Violence, and Poison Prevention wants you!**

The Section on Injury, Violence, and Poison Prevention (SOIVPP) has recently adopted a bylaws amendment to allow Residents to join as full voting members. Membership is open to all Resident Fellows with an interest in injury, violence, and poison prevention. The SOIVPP is dedicated to educating general pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists on the prevention of injuries, violence, and poisonings; it hosts educational programs at the National Conference and Exhibition and offers its members a semiannual newsletter and access to the section's Listserv. Hot topics include violence prevention, child passenger safety, sports injuries, traumatic brain injuries, and household injury prevention. For additional information, please visit the SOIVPP Web site at <http://www.aap.org/sections/ipp>, or feel free to contact Bonnie Kozial at [bkozial@aap.org](mailto:bkozial@aap.org). ♦



Interested in **Advocacy and Community Pediatrics**? Please find the Community Pediatrics Training Initiative (CPTI) Newsletters online at <http://www.aap.org/commped/cpti/newsletter.htm> ♦



**Bright Ideas, The Bright Futures Newsletter** is now available online at <http://brightfutures.aap.org/web/newsletter.asp>. Bright Futures, initiated by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) over a decade ago, is a philosophy and approach that is dedicated to the principle that every child deserves to be healthy, and that optimal health involves a trusting relationship between the health professional, the child, the family, and the community. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the MCHB are committed to the multidisciplinary and multicultural nature of the Bright Futures initiative. *Supported by a grant from GlaxoSmithKline.*

## Your AAP Member Benefits

- Pediatrics: print & online access
- AAP News: print & online access
- AAP Grand Rounds: print & online access
- Red Book: hard copy
- Pediatric Environmental Health
- Members Only Center: AAP website providing news/info, practice resources, electronic tools, section/chapter webpages, etc
- Pedialink.org: check out Prep SA online, clinical and career info, Individualized Learning Plans ([www.pedialink.org](http://www.pedialink.org))
- NeoPix: online collection of neonatal conditions found on Pedialink
- AAP policy: policy statements, clinical guidelines, technical reports
- Resident Section: opportunities for leadership, networking, travel, NCE programming, etc
- State Chapter membership
- Discounts on AAP products/services
- Grants: International Travel, Research, Child Advocacy

## Leadership Opportunities

Interested in Leadership Opportunities? Check out [www.aap.org/sections/resident](http://www.aap.org/sections/resident) and click on "Leadership." Deadline for positions this year is September 15, 2006!

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**SEE YOU IN ATLANTA!**