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District IV AAP Resident Newsletter

www.aap.org/sections/resident/

Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia

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What is the Resident Section?

(www.aap.org/sections/resident)

The AAP Section on Residents was founded in 1989 and enables residents, fellows, and medical students to work together to improve the care of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. The resident section is by far the largest of the AAP's Sections with over 9,000 members. Resident and fellow members of the AAP are automatically members of the Section.

In addition to working on child advocacy, we also provide a forum for issues specifically dealing with residency and fellowship training such as the work hour rules and the fellowship application process.

The Section provides educational programming at the National Conference and Exhibition of the AAP. The programs consist of a keynote address, two education breakout sessions, district meetings, and elections. One of our subcommittees deals specifically with education and fosters more ways for residents to take advantage of the many educational opportunities already offered by the AAP. The Resident Section serves in a consulting capacity to the

AAP Board of Directors and makes recommendations regarding policy statements related to pediatric residency training, and other matters relating to the education and well being of pediatric residents.

The Residents' Section also provides information regarding grants and scholarships for child advocacy projects, research, and international child health.

Our section is governed by an Executive Council comprised of two resident representatives from each of the AAP's ten geographic districts. There is a national chair, vice-chair and secretary. Your district, District IV, is represented by **Elizabeth Mack, MD**, a PGY-3 from Palmetto Richland in South Carolina and **Amy Jost, MD**, a PGY-2 from UNC Chapel Hill. The Section leadership is your voice to the AAP Board of Directors, as Executive Council members attend various Board meetings throughout the year. The Resident Section is sought out by many Academy higher-ups who want to be resident advocates, and who want our opinions on many facets of what takes place in the AAP.

For further information, please see the Resident Section web page at www.aap.org/sections/resident



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AAP.NET email address

Tired of changing email addresses every time you move? Go to the Members Only Channel on www.aap.org to get an aap.net forwarding address to use for a lifetime- and it's free for AAP members!

Resident Report

If anyone has any exciting stories to tell (international elective, advocacy/public policy), the Resident Report (the AAP newspaper that comes to your house quarterly) would be the perfect venue! Please contact us if you're interested.

Fellowship Info

For a listing of fellowship application deadlines and match dates, go to <http://www.nrmp.org/fellow/schedule.html>

Happy Birthday!

The AAP is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year!!!

Important Dates and Deadlines for Conferences and Grant Applications:

Resident Research Grant: \$2000-\$3000 research grants awarded to resident members to initiate and complete research projects related to their professional interests.
DEADLINE: Feb 3, 2006

Resident Section Scholarship: \$1000, \$1500, \$3000, and \$5000 scholarships awarded to resident members based on financial need.
DEADLINE: Feb 3, 2006

Resident CATCH grants: Up to \$3000 for pediatric residents to develop or implement proposals for innovative, community-based proposals to increase children's access to health care.
DEADLINE: Jan 31, 2006

Resident Section Anne E. Dyson Child Advocacy Award: \$300 award to a resident-run project to improve the lives of children. Winners receive a \$300 check usable toward the project, along with travel and lodging expenses for two residents to attend the AAP National Conference and Exposition (NCE) and receive the Advocacy Award plaque during the Resident Section assembly meeting. DEADLINE: Aug 2006

Resident Clinical Case Presentation: 10 selected clinical cases from clinical care abstracts that focus on relatively unique diagnostic and/or therapeutic characteristics and that are of significant educational value. Selected abstracts will



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be displayed as posters at the NCE and award recipients will have their registration fees (~\$200) for the NCE covered by the Resident Section. The first-place winner's case is published in *Pediatrics in Review's* "Index of Suspicion." DEADLINE: April 2006

Resident Section International Rotation Travel Grant: \$500 grants awarded to resident members who wish to complete a clinical pediatric elective in the developing world during their residency. Ten grants are awarded annually. DEADLINE: November 2006

Legislative Conference for the AAP: This 3 day conference in Washington, D.C. April 2-4 focuses on understanding the federal and state legislative process, acquiring skills to successfully impact Congress and state legislatures, and developing strategies to effectively utilize the media. Participants visit with their members of Congress, have hands-on work sessions, and start building relationships with peers, politicians, and the press. DEADLINE for early registration: February 3, 2006. For information about scholarship opportunities email kmatthews@aap.org

Advocacy Training Session: AAP has scheduled its next one-day Advocacy Training session for pediatric residents on 2/2/06, 8:30a-4 p, in Washington, DC. Participants get a full morning of advocacy training, including learning basic skills and discussing in-depth one child health legislative issue. The afternoon is spent meeting with congressional offices to effectively present that issue and put new advocacy

skills to use. With support from the AAP Friends of Children Fund, funding is available to cover travel costs on a first come first serve basis. DEADLINE: Dec. 30. Contact Kristin Butterfield, 800-336-5475 x3008 or kbutterfield@aap.org to reserve a spot.

Pediatric Ethics Essay Contest: AAP Section on Bioethics is sponsoring a pediatric ethics essay contest open to medical students, residents, fellows or individuals who have completed their medical training within the past 5 years. Articles should be 1,000-1,500 words and include approximately 5-10 references. The essays must be original and unpublished works. Prior oral presentations and published abstracts are acceptable. Essays should: 1) identify and articulate an ethical issue in pediatrics, presenting various perspectives on the issue; and 2) describe the author's own perspective or thoughts about the issue. Essays may range in approach from scholarly presentations to personal narratives of ethical dilemmas faced in training or practice. 1st Place - \$300, 2nd Place - \$200. The winning essays will be published in the Section on Bioethics newsletter. To submit an essay, send your essay along with your name, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address to bioethics@aap.org. For more information, please contact Alison Baker at 800/433-9016 x7788 or abaker@aap.org. DEADLINE: 1/31/06.

**** see www.aap.org/residents for additional information about above programs and grant opportunities****

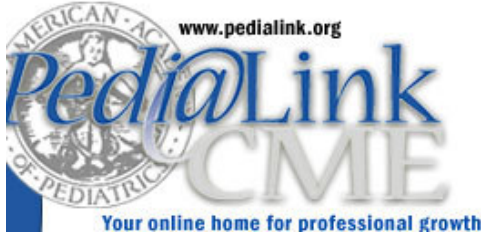


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Some of you may already be familiar with PediaLink (www.pedialink.org) as a source of Board review questions and clinical images. The AAP is interested in encouraging residents to use Pedialink and PREP more effectively. Please take the time to go to www.pedialink.org and you will be pleasantly surprised. There you will find CME opportunities (if you're looking for a fun destination to use your CME money), Neopix (if you're looking for ways to teach the med students or yourself in the NICU), and PREP (go to "Online CME" and then to PREP Self-Assessment). In July 2005, the AAP launched a whole new Pedialink that includes Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) useful for you and your program directors.

Advocacy Work in District IV:

Please send us a brief update of what's going on at your program so we can spread the word!

Calendar of Meetings:

AAP National Meeting (NCE):
October 2006, location TBA

District Meeting:
February 16-19, 2006
PGA Nat'l Resort and Spa
Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Chapter Meetings:

Tennessee: TBA

Virginia:
July 23-25, 2005
Annual Meeting
(Board Meeting on July 22)
Location: Virginia Beach

North Carolina:
Winter Open Forum
February 11 – Goldsboro, NC

Practice Managers' Meeting
March 16-17, Greensboro, NC

Spring Open Forum
April 8 – Hickory, NC

2006 Annual Meeting
August 18-20 – Myrtle Beach Marriott

Kentucky: TBA

South Carolina
SCAAP Spring Meeting & Coding Workshop,
April 28-29, 2006
Marriott Beach & Golf Resort
Hilton Head Island, SC

SCAAP Annual Meeting - 2006
July 20-23, 2006
Westin Resort
Hilton Head Island, SC



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