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District VII AAP Resident Newsletter

www.aap.org/sections/resident/

Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi

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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.

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 **Randy Naidoo, MD**, a PGY-3 from University of Texas Southwestern and Childrens Medical Center Dallas and **Lori Allembaugh, DO**, a PGY-2 from Texas Tech Lubbock. The Section leadership is your voice to the AAP Board of Directors; as Executive

Council members attend communicate the intentions and issues to the Board. The Section can also communicate with respective state chapters to also bring issues to the Board as well as the various District meetings that your District and Assistant Directors must attend. The Resident Section is sought out by many Academy members who want our opinions on what takes place in the AAP.

AAP Resident membership benefits:

- *Pediatrics*: print & online access
- *AAP News*: print & online access
- *AAP Grand Rounds*: print & online access
- *Red Book*: hard copy

We are continuing to discuss options with PDA access, on-line access, or hard book

- *Pediatric Environmental Health*
- **Members Only Center**: AAP website providing news/info, practice resources, electronic tools, section/chapter webpages, etc
- **Pedialink.org**: check out Prep Study Questions for past three consecutive years, online clinical and career info, Individualized Learning Plans *now mandatory for many pediatric programs*
- **NeoPix**: online collection of neonatal conditions found on PediaLink



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- 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

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

Let's Get To It: ACGME Creating New Requirements for Resident Training

Ladies and Gentleman, the big education issue that I see as D.C. of Region VII and as a whole for the Resident Section is the relationship that the ACGME has with our Pediatric Programs. We are fortunate to have a resident from the University of Texas San Antonio Health Science Center who attended the Association of Pediatric Program Directors (APPD) meeting in San Francisco. It seems the APPD members present at the meeting are quite unhappy with the ACGME case-login system that will be required for all continuity clinic visits and procedures as of July 1. Some of the points raised were:

1. The ACGME has failed to explain how this computer login will assist in the education of more competent clinicians.
2. The system was initially made for surgical use. Thus, some of the fields are not applicable to non-surgical specialties and it is not clearly explained that these are not required.
3. The system is very difficult to navigate and fails to have adequate built-in explanations for assistance. There were many program directors that had spent a considerable amount of time on the phone with the ACGME to assist in navigation. This will not be possible for the residents as a whole.

Given the upcoming date of initiation and the general displeasure of the members of the APPD, it was decided that the APPD will send their grievances to the ACGME in the form of a letter that explains the above much more eloquently and in addition contains a statement that as program directors they will be willing to support the use of the case-login system if the issues they set forth in the letter were addressed

The APPD recommended that the Resident Section of the AAP voice their concerns to the ACGME in the form of a letter as well.

So there you have it, an issue all of us can relate to and all of us should have an opinion on it. This specific requirement can make completing residency very difficult in the sense that documentation is very important and in our very busy lives of training, the process needs to be done under the radar by our computer systems and should not and will not be manually logged in by us. Before this initiation become a requirement, our leaders in the Medical Informatics and Computer Technology need look at this issue and determine the best streamline process that makes this documentation almost oblivious to the resident and to our program directors. From the program directors, this issue can be detrimental to accreditation, and the guidelines in several areas of procedural competency and patient exposure have not been discussed by the ACGME. Key points by the APPD:

1. The ability of the system to accommodate data imported from other systems
2. The addition of faculty verification of competency in procedural skills
3. The ability to create useful and easily obtainable reports for program directors with explicit and simple instructions
4. The ACGME communicates its goals for the Case Log system to the APPD and about how the data gathered will be used to review programs and by what standards

If you are a 1st or 2nd year resident who wants to make this an advocacy project dealing with resident training, we want you to create a dialogue between the ACGME and the Resident Section.

Please send comments on this issue to:

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Deficit Reduction Act Enacted by Congress and The President Will Have Huge Impact On Medicaid

Key Points

- New state options to allow premiums and cost sharing,
- New state flexibility to change benefits and coverage rules,
- New requirement for citizenship documentation,
- Reductions in funding for case management and targeted case management services, and
- The creation of "Health Opportunity Account" demonstrations.

For More Information, please email randy.naidoo@softhome.net or go to the AAP Website and go to the Federal Affairs Dept

Our Resident Section is developing a power point presentation to be given at your program's noon conference that will help to initiate legislative advocacy at the state level. It is the intent that this emphasis prior to upcoming elections will let our representatives know the impact these new laws are having on our children as well as to protect mandates in place for our most vulnerable population.

News Around Your Active Region

Arkansas

All hospitals are smoke free and the legislature is attempting to make all work places smoke-free. 2006 the chapter will continue its efforts to recruit non-members and will develop Pediatric Council. Chapter officers will be

working on a new strategic plan and will be interviewing for a new executive director. In addition, they will be looking at restructuring the chapter infrastructure.

Louisiana

The chapter is embarking on Healthy Life Style Choices program in partnership with Piccadilly to deliver healthy meals to approximately 20 school lunch programs in Louisiana. The chapter has a CME conference planned for September 29-30, 2006 on Pediatric Disaster Preparedness and the meeting will offer a unique opportunity to learn about disaster planning.

Mississippi

The Katrina Kids in Mississippi Disaster Relief Fund was developed about 10 days after the landfall of Katrina and has raised nearly \$450,000 in monetary and in-kind donations to date. Teams of pediatricians, developmentalists, social workers, play therapists, and pediatric psychologists are coordinating services in affected areas. The chapter was able to retain a legislative monitor, which has proven helpful in passage of issues related to children's health and safety. Dr. James Fite continues to serve as the chapter's Medicaid liaison. The chapter has maintained its contract for the Pediatric Respite Network Program grant, which provides reimbursement for respite services for up to 33 families of children with special health care needs on a monthly basis, and the Infant and Child Development Services Project grant through the Mississippi State



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Department of Health Early Intervention Program.

Oklahoma

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder grant has been completed and 18 doctors participated in the program. The chapter has representation on the Fit Kids Coalition, which is a coalition of over 40 organizations whose goal is to lead Oklahoma's fight against the epidemic of obesity, particularly child obesity. This year the chapter has been working with the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA) on legislative issues related to children and helped sponsor the OICA's Fall Forum which brings together child advocates from a variety of organizations and state agencies to develop an annual legislative agenda. The chapter continues to be active with Medicaid reform.

Texas

The TPS chapter is celebrating its 85th anniversary this year. District meeting attendees received a copy of the Texas chapter's Obesity Tool Kit. The chapter is selling the kits at a price of \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. A Pediatric Council has been created to foster enhanced communication with managed care organizations. The chapter also created a new Office Managers Section to assist pediatric office managers through information, education, professional contacts and advocacy. The annual TPS Foundation dinner/dance/raffle/silent auction was held last October in conjunction with the annual meeting and netted a profit of \$31,360. The chapter joined the Texas

Medical Association in advocating for no professional tax on physician services as legislators consider how to raise funds to address the taxes Supreme Court ruling that the state's current funding for public education is unconstitutional.

Become a Member of the FAAN Network

Want to be apart of the coalition to protect children's rights? Get involved outside your clinics and hospitals.

<http://aap.grassroots.com/keycontact/>

AAP.NET e-mail 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. Your District Coordinator discussed issues with Allied Health Professionals and their effect on the quality of a resident's education. Please look at our own Caroline Straatmann, M.D., a 2nd year resident at LSU New Orleans, as she gives her "Katrina experience." Want to see past issues as well as the most recent 2006 issue? Go to

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



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Fellowship Info

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

Council on Clinical Information Technology

Formerly the Steering Committee on Clinical Information Technology (SCOCIT), formed by the merger of the Section on Computers and Other Technologies (SCOT) and the Task Force on Medical Informatics (TFOMI). Great source of information for Pediatric Downloads, Medical Informatics and what is it, On-Line resources for access to interactive learning modules, Bilirubin tool, and the list goes on. For more information, go to

<http://www.aapcocit.org/>
<http://www.pediatricsonhand.org/>

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If there other great contacts in our district that you use for integrated healthcare technology, please provide us with that information

Want to publish in *PIR*?

Pediatrics in Review began a new feature entitled "Focus on Diagnosis" in 2005. The goal is to present a specific diagnostic study (chemistry test, micro assay, imaging technique) and best of all, residents are the writers! For more info, contact Dr. Larry Nazarian (LFredN@aol.com).

Important Dates and Deadlines for Conferences and Grant Applications:

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. Next round of applications is DUE BY JULY 14th. Resident grants are available twice a year—May to July, during the CATCH Planning Funds cycle, and November to January, during the CATCH Implementation Funds grant cycle. For more info, see

<http://www.aap.org/catch/residentgrants.htm>

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



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meeting. DEADLINE: August 1, 2006
http://www.aap.org/sections/resident/cha_dvaward.htm

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 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." For online submission, see <http://www.aap.org/profed/cfa.htm>
 This years deadline has passed, please get prepared for 2007.

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. This entity of the Resident Section has seen the greatest strides over the past year with 4 grants give in 2004 to 22 given in 2005. DEADLINE: Nov. 17, 2006
<http://www.aap.org/sections/resident/internationaltravel.htm>

Infectious Disease Travel Grant: Six travel grant recipients will be selected by lottery and will be notified by July 29, 2006. Recipients will receive \$1,200 to cover airfare, registration, and two days hotel, meals, and incidentals to attend the AAP NCE. Interested individuals

may nominate themselves or be nominated by their program or fellowship director. Please contact Barbara Drelicharz before June 30, 2006 (BDrelicharz@aap.org)

Advocacy Work in District VII:

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 7-11, 2006 in Atlanta

District Meeting: April 6/7-10 2007
 We are combining with District VI and will be held in Ottawa Canada at the Railway Hotel
<http://www.tiaca.org/2006/Fairmont-Palliser-Hotel-Description.pdf>

Chapter Meetings:

Texas

TexMed 2006
 Art of Medicine
 May 4-6, Houston
<http://texmed06.texmed.org/content/default.asp>

Texas Pediatric Society
 Annual Meeting
 September 14-17, Dallas
http://www.txpeds.org/Annual_Meeting/index.php



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TMA Fall Leadership Summit
September 29-October 1
Austin

Louisiana

Pediatric Potpourri XIV
September 24-25, 2005
Wyndham at Canal Place in New Orleans

Pediatric Disaster Preparedness
September 29-30

Oklahoma

CME Meeting for August
Place, Time, Date TBA
For more info, contact:
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Mississippi

Not Known
Please notify us of meetings

Arkansas

Annual Chapter Meeting
September 29- October 1
Branson, Missouri

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