



## DISTRICT IX RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

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### An Update from your Leaders

The DCs and ADCs all met up in Chicago for the Long Range Planning Meeting February 23-25. We chose an advocacy topic for the year, Mental Health. Mana Golzari is leading the advocacy subcommittee and will keep us posted on upcoming activities. The executive committee also discussed ways to improve the website, how to get more medical students involved in the AAP, and international opportunities. The group was able to enjoy Chicago as well with a trip to the comedy club Second City. If you wish to be a part of the Executive Committee, plan to attend the NCE in October and run for a position.



The Executive Committee

### Legislative Advocacy Opportunity

It's that time of year again...the AAP/CMA Lobby Day is quickly approaching, and you're invited! On April 24th, physicians from around the state will convene in Sacramento to lobby legislators on key health care legislation. The day will consist of an overview of legislative health priorities, a panel of political pundits, a legislative advocacy training session, and visits with state legislative offices. And, don't worry, no experience is necessary! To register or to obtain more information, please call Marianne Hockenberry at the AAP-CA District office at (510) 559-8383 or e-mail [aapcalifornia@aol.com](mailto:aapcalifornia@aol.com).

If you already have legislative experience and want to help out even more, we need YOUR help to make changes happen. From time to time, key hearings and meetings arise in which the AAP needs a pediatrician present to voice the AAP's views. The AAP is developing a list of pediatricians (residents included) in the state that might be able to go to Sacramento on short notice as such opportunities arise. If

opportunity arises and you are able to go, your expenses to Sacramento would then be paid. If you are interested in being a part of this effort, please call Marianne Hockenberry at the AAP-CA District office at (510) 559-8383 or e-mail [aapcalifornia@aol.com](mailto:aapcalifornia@aol.com).

### **AAP Call for Abstracts**

Residents, have you seen an interesting case recently? If you've come across an unusual disease, or even a common disease presenting in an unusual fashion, prepare an abstract for the Clinical Case Presentation Program at this year's National Conference and Exhibition (NCE). The top ten authors are awarded free one-day registration for the conference. This year's NCE will be held in exciting San Francisco between October 27th and 30th. The abstracts are presented at a poster session, and the first place winner has the opportunity to publish their case in *Pediatrics in Review*. The first place winner also receives travel reimbursement for the trip to San Francisco. The deadline is April 13th. All abstracts should be submitted at: <http://www.call4abstracts.com/aap/>.

### **AAP Federal Advocacy in Action**

One of the Academy's primary goals is advocacy for children, youth and pediatricians. We need AAP members to contact Congress when child health issues are being drafted into federal legislation, debated and voted upon.

The AAP Washington Office is your connection to the administration and Congress. They have resources, training and staff assistance to help you in your federal advocacy efforts.

They have an online Web area that enables you to look up the names and contact information for your members of Congress, to send pre-formatted letters via email to your

federal legislators and to look up information about AAP-backed bills. Go to:

**AAP Online Advocacy Center**  
<http://www.aap.org/moc>

Click on "Federal Affairs"

### **What's FAAN?**

The Federal Advocacy Action Network (FAAN) is a quick and easy way to get involved in an AAP federal legislative issue. **You don't even have to sign up.** You will automatically receive FAAN email alerts if the Academy already has an email address for you in its member database. As of March 2007, FAAN email alerts are sent to approximately 53,000 of its 60,000 members. The AAP Washington Office uses FAAN alerts when the issue affects a large number of pediatricians and/or volume counts (i.e. we need to overwhelm Congress with calls and emails to inform a vote). AAP members may only get 2 or 3 FAAN email alerts in a given year, but they are urgent, action-oriented and usually deal with an issue that impacts a large number of our membership, like Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). In 2007, we anticipate SCHIP reauthorization and health insurance for all children will be the focus of FAAN alerts.

### **Free PREP Audio Subscription**

To assist resident education training, Mead Johnson has sponsored subscriptions for all pediatrics residents to PREP Audio: Critical Conversations with Experts, a new education program developed by the AAP. This monthly audio journal is the latest addition to the Academy's PREP family of products. Residents can activate their subscription at [www.prepaudio.org](http://www.prepaudio.org) using their AAP ID number.

Unsure of your AAP ID number, contact AAP Customer Service for assistance at 866-

THE-AAP1 (843-2271), Monday through Friday between 7:00AM and 5:30PM Central Time.

## **CHADD Research Fund**



CHADD is now taking applications for its Young Scientist Research Fund Awards, a program to recognize young researchers making contributions to the understanding of AD/HD. Through the Fund, CHADD will support three researchers with an unrestricted cash award of \$5,000 each; paid travel and hotel expenses, registration and a meal allowance to the 2007 19th Annual International Conference, where they will be recognized; and a one-year CHADD professional membership. Research may address any area relevant to AD/HD.

Deadline for applications is April 24, 2007. For an application or for more information, go to [www.chadd.org/youngscientist/](http://www.chadd.org/youngscientist/).

## **“Genetics Home Reference Information Rx” on Newborn Screening and Related Genetic Disorders**

After a doctor sees a patient, he or she often prescribes medications. But what if such a doctor also wants to direct a patient to up-to-date, reliable, consumer-friendly information about a genetic condition, or an explanation of the basics of genetic science? Pediatricians can refer their patients to Genetics Home Reference, a free, patient-friendly Web site of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), at <http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov>. This project makes it easy to refer patients directly to Genetics Home Reference with a free and convenient Information prescription pad.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Chapter 1 – Best Practices in Pediatric Medicine Meeting**  
May 26-28 in Monterey, CA

**Chapter 2- Advances in Pediatrics 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Las Vegas Postgrad Meeting**  
May 17-20 in Las Vegas, NV

**Chapter 3- California Coalition for Childhood Immunizations Annual Conference & Luncheon**  
May 10 in Mission Valley, CA.

**Chapter 4- Practitioner’s Guide to Children’s Exercise in Health & Disease**  
February 8-10, 2008 in Irvine, CA.

See the district and chapter websites for more information about the above events.

## **RESOURCES**

Resident AAP Website:  
[www.aap.org/sections/resident](http://www.aap.org/sections/resident)

District IX Resident Website:  
[www.aap.org/sections/resident/districtix.htm](http://www.aap.org/sections/resident/districtix.htm)



District IX Chapter Websites:  
Chapter 1 (Northern CA)  
[www.aapca1.org](http://www.aapca1.org)  
Chapter 2 (Southern CA)  
[www.aapca2.org](http://www.aapca2.org)  
Chapter 3 (San Diego)  
[www.aapca3.org](http://www.aapca3.org)  
Chapter 4 (Orange County)  
[www.aapca4.org](http://www.aapca4.org)

District IX Program Delegates:

Children's Hospital LA – Erin Wanner  
Children's Hospital Oakland – Omoniyi Omotoso  
Children's Hospital OC – **still in need of one**  
Kaiser North – Payal Karsan  
Kaiser South – Lisa Richey  
Loma Linda – David Bailly  
LA County-Harbor-UCLA MC – Grant Christman  
Naval Medical Center San Diego – Alexandra Smith  
Stanford – Noelle Johnstone  
UCLA Medical Center – Shoba Narayan  
UC Davis – Leah Scharff  
UC Irvine – Aviva Alyeshmerni  
UC San Diego – Melissa Bauserman  
UC San Francisco – Mana Golzari  
UCSF/Fresno – William Cannady & Tracie Gong  
USC – Candyce Greene & Stephanie Zia  
White Memorial – Rachel Zabaneh



Mana & Michelle at Second City

The Resident Section Mission:  
The AAP Section on Residents will  
advocate for residents, training  
fellows and medical students,  
develop leadership within the  
Section, and educate section  
members on how to advocate for  
the infants, children, adolescents,  
and young adults.