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THE RESIDENT SECTION



Welcome to all the new pediatric interns. Many of you are members of the AAP thanks to the dues paid by your program or local chapter. Resident and fellow members of the AAP are automatically members of the Resident Section. What is the Resident Section?

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.

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 IX, is currently represented by **Matt Oster, MD**, a PGY-3 from UCSF and **Michelle Roy, MD**, chief resident at UCSD. The Section leadership is your voice to the AAP Board of Directors. New officers will be elected during the National Conference and Exhibition in Atlanta in October.

AAP Resident membership benefits are many:

- *Pediatrics*: print & online access
- *AAP News*: print & online access
- *AAP Grand Rounds*: print & online access
- *Red Book*: hard copy
- PREP The Curriculum: paper, CDROM, & online versions
- Pedialink.org: Prep online, clinical and career info, Individualized Learning Plans
- NeoPix: online collection of neonatal conditions found on Pedialink
- Opportunities for leadership, networking, travel, NCE programming, etc
- 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

NCE 2006



The 2006 AAP National Conference and Exposition will be held October 7-10 in Atlanta, GA at the World Congress Center. Every residency is encouraged to send a delegate to the resident section. Scholarships are available. Look for more information on the AAP website.

SECTION FOCUS

(Learn more about the many subgroups of the AAP).

Section on Breastfeeding



In July 2000, the Academy established a Section on Breastfeeding. The objectives of the Section are several fold. 1) Maintain a permanent body for development of AAP policy recommendations on breastfeeding. 2) Enhance and expand educational efforts of the Academy in the area of breastfeeding. 3) Develop liaison and collaborative relationships with other sections and committees of the Academy and with outside organizations.

Currently the Section has approximately 650 members. They recently published the *Breastfeeding Handbook for Physicians*, affectionately called the “Gold Book.” You

can find this great resource in the AAP’s bookstore. Find more information about the goals and activities on this Section on their website at

www.aap.org/breastfeeding

LEGISLATION

On June 21st the US House of Representatives passed the Children’s Hospital Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) Support Reauthorization Act of 2006 (HR 5574). The bill reauthorizes the existing federal CHGME program for five years (2007-2011). This program provides funding for medical training at the nation’s 60 independent children’s teaching hospitals. These hospitals provide training for approximately 30% of all pediatricians, half of all pediatric subspecialists, and the majority of the nation’s leading pediatric research scientists. The bill authorizes the appropriation of up to \$300 million a year over the 5 year period; final appropriations are set every year. After being passed by the House, the legislation was referred to the Senate and is currently under consideration in the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

COMMUNITY PEDIATRICS TRAINING INITIATIVE

The Community Pediatrics Training Initiative (CPTI) strives to advance the field of community pediatrics through promotion and support of residency training activities that empower future pediatricians to become leaders in improving the health of all children in their communities.

Through this initiative, *A Pediatrician's Guide to Proposal Writing* was recently 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 provides you with a foundation to help start you on your way. It includes samples of the key pieces of a grant proposal: budgets, goals and objectives, and letters of support. To receive your free copy, please contact cpti@aap.org.

The initiative is looking for a few residents that are doing exciting work with community partners and are willing to share their stories. For more information or to recommend a resident, please contact: cpti@aap.org.

GRANTS



Resident NCE Travel Grant

One grant per residency program is available for the designated AAP Program Delegate who attends the NCE and the Resident Section Annual Assembly at the NCE. Contact your Pediatric Program Director for the Resident NCE Travel Grant Application.

Anne E. Dyson Child Advocacy Award

Apply if you have a resident run project that's goal is to improve the lives of children. Winners receive \$300 for the project plus travel and lodging expenses for two residents to attend the AAP NCE. Last year, a total of 11 applications were received and 2 awards were given. The deadline is **Friday August 4th**.

Community Pediatrics Grants Database

Seeking information on community pediatrics projects targeting a specific population or topic area? This database archives previously funded community pediatrics grant projects, including those funded through the CATCH Program, the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children

Program, the Healthy People 2010 Chapter Grants, and the CPTI. To search this AAP database, go to:

<http://www.aap.org/commpeds/grantsdatabase/grantsdb.cfm>.

More information about the above grants and scholarships can be found online at <http://www.aap.org/sections/resident/summary-ga.htm>

UPCOMING EVENTS



District IX – Pediatric Update, 28th Annual Las Vegas Seminars
November 16-19 in Las Vegas, NV.

Chapter 1 – Adolescent Medicine Conference
December 2 in San Francisco, CA.

Chapter 2 – Aloha Update: Pediatrics
October 14-20 in Kauai, Hawaii.

Chapter 3 – 34th Physician Seminar on Breastfeeding
July 24-26 in San Diego, CA.

Chapter 3 – The 2006 Health and Wellness Forum
September 27-29 in San Diego, CA.

Chapter 4 – A Practical and Powerful Program of Positive Parenting for Pediatric Practitioners
September 9 in Irvine, CA.

Chapter 4 – Practitioner's Guide to Children's Exercise in Health and Disease
July 27-29 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

District IX Resident Website:

www.aap.org/sections/resident/districtix.htm



District IX Chapter Websites:

Chapter 1 (Northern CA)

www.aapca1.org

Chapter 2 (Southern CA)

www.aapca2.org

Chapter 3 (San Diego)

www.aapca3.org

Chapter 4 (Orange County)

www.aapca4.org

Program Delegates:

Cedars-Sinai – Kara Calkins

Children’s Hospital LA – Erin Wanner

Children’s Hospital Oakland – Elizabeth Bassett

Children’s Hospital Orange County – Melissa Krebs

Loma Linda – William Selby

Stanford – Noelle Johnstone

UC Davis – Karin Wertz

UCLA – Shoba Narayan

UC Irvine – Aviva Alyeshmerni

UCSD – Melissa Bauserman

UCSF – Ricky Choi

UCSF/Fresno – Katherine Goldsich & Susan

Wollersheim

USC – Monika Stevens

Chapter Representatives:

Chapter 1 – Noelle Johnstone & Karin Wertz

Chapter 2 – Kara Calkins & Lisa

Chapter 3 – Melissa Bauserman

Chapter 4 – Melissa Krebs

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.

