Greetings!

The options to treat and manage epilepsy have never been greater. New anti-seizure medications, surgery, implantable devices, dietary treatments are making a difference in the lives of many of our children and youth with epilepsy (CYE) and their families. As we push the boundaries of treating seizures and understanding epilepsy better, we still have some very basic questions and issues that face our patients. Getting the right care at the right time remains a challenge for many CYE; adolescents and families have a difficult time navigating the bridge between Pediatric and Adult Medicine.

I am excited to see the enthusiasm and commitment to these important causes that have brought an incredible group of people together from across the country working on diverse projects whereby innovative technology is utilized to address access to medical home, epilepsy care and youth transition. In the last few months, we have shared ideas or our projects that have underscored the needs of our CYE. These projects will pave the way for improving the care for CYE, bring primary care providers and neurologists together, and enhance communication between the adult and pediatric medical communities. As we develop and implement our ideas, it is great to learn from one another, and truly build this community of learners across the seven grantees; Boston Medical Center, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Cleveland Clinic of Ohio, Epilepsy Foundation of Texas, Epilepsy Foundation of Western/Central Pennsylvania, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and University of Michigan.

I look forward to meeting everyone at our Project Grantee Meeting in April!
Michelle Turner, MPH joined the Coordinating Center in January as the Manager of the Coordinating Center. She is a highly motivated public health educator with experience in leadership, community education, regulatory compliance and quality assurance roles. Credited with implementing quality improvement and education initiatives that further the organization’s mission while achieving client service and compliance goals. She gained diverse experiences in grant management and community engagement from the Cook County Department of Public Health as well as Kane County Public Health Department.

Prior to holding this position, Michelle served as a Program Coordinator for the Cook County Department of Public Health and All Our Kids (AOK) Coordinator from the Kane County Public Health Department. Throughout her 3-year tenure with Kane County Public Health Department, Turner was the recipient of the “Rising Star” award for development of health promotion polices, processes and interventions to support prevention and wellness programs. She is an optimist that believes in powerful conversations. The belief that authentic and passionate conversations from committed people can change the world. Michelle holds a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy from Chicago State University and a Masters of Public Health from Saint Xavier University Chicago, IL. Michelle can be contacted at mturner@aap.org.

The Advisory Committee (AC) provides leadership and strategic oversight for all of the Center activities, including the technical assistance infrastructure, which serves as the educational and systems arm of the Center. The AC also serves as a conduit of information to other stakeholders, including other interested parties and membership bodies, where appropriate. In collaboration with national partners, Got Transition, National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ) and Parents' Place of Maryland (PPMD), the following goals will be achieved:

**Goal 1:** Implement a national and grantee program infrastructure to ensure that CYE obtain sustainable, coordinated and comprehensive quality care.

**Goal 2:** Develop state-of-the-art, high quality, QI learning collaboratives and protocols for grantees to ensure they have access to relevant evidence-based models, best practices, and strategies.

**Goal 3:** Leverage telehealth to increase access to care for CYE in underserved areas/populations and increasing the primary care provider capacity.

**Goal 4:** Develop and implement a comprehensive evaluation methodology to support and monitor outcomes of the Coordinating Center and grantees regarding the implementation, evaluation, and spread of evidence-based epilepsy-related services.
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Learn more about the Center Leadership and Committee Members [here](#).
Checklist for Providing Care to Children and Youth with Epilepsy (Initial Diagnosis)

The 2013-2016 AC created a checklist for providers that offers pertinent information related to providing care to CYE, as well as, guidance to successfully transition CYE to another health care provider (e.g. pediatric primary care provider, adult primary care provider, or subspecialist).

The checklist can be accessed at the bottom of the home page on the Center Website, as well as, in the Clinicians section of the Epilepsy Compendium under Forms and Tools.

EPILEPSY RESOURCES

Seizure Medications for Children & Teens (Audio)

Practical Tips for Parents of Children who Take Seizure Medication (Audio)

Talking About Epilepsy with Children, Family and Friends (Audio)

Seizures and Epilepsy in Children (Spanish) (Audio)

Seizures (Spanish) (Audio)

Epilepsy and Children: Diagnosis and Treatment (Spanish) (Audio)

How to Support a Child with Epilepsy (Spanish) (Audio)

Children and Epilepsy at School (Audio)

Seizure Safety: Tips for Parents (Spanish) (Audio)

Febrile Seizures (Spanish) (Audio)

What is a Child Neurologist? (Audio)

View more Parent and Caregiver Resources
Section on Neurology (SONu) Programs/Sessions:

Programs Include:

**TICS, CANS, PANS and Other Movement Disorders**
- Saturday, September 16, 7:30am–8:15am and Sunday, September 17, 4:00pm-5:30pm
  - Faculty: Joanna S. Blackburn, MD

**One Seizure, Two Seizures: What Do I Do Next?**
- Saturday, September 16 2:00pm -3:30pm and Sunday, September 17, 2:00pm-3:30pm
  - Faculty: Sucheta Joshi, MB, BS, MD, MS, FAAP and Linda Carol Laux, MD

**Neurological Diagnoses that Pediatricians Can Manage in the Office**
- Monday, September 18 4:00pm -5:30pm and Tuesday, September 19, 2:00pm-3:30pm
  - Faculty: Jean Baptiste-LePichon, MD, FAAP and Max Wiznitzer, MD, FAAP

For course descriptions, visit [Section on Neurology NCE Education Programs](#)

For further information about Section on Neurology activities and initiatives, please visit [SONu’s website](#) or contact Section Manager, [Lynn Colegrove](#).
Section on Telehealth Care (SOTC)

Programs/Sessions:

Programs Include:

How To Make Pediatric Telehealth Part of Your Medical Home

Saturday, September 16, 2:00pm–3:00pm

Faculty: Joshua Alexander, MD, FAAP

Tele-Tools: Telemedicine Technology for Your Practice

Monday, September 18, 4:00pm –5:30pm and Tuesday, September 19, 8:30am-10:00am

Faculty: Dale Alverson, MD, FAAP

Collaborative Care and Telepsychiatry: Increasing Access to Pediatric Behavioral Health Care

Tuesday, September 19, 2:00pm –2:45pm

Faculty: Kyle John, MD
AWARD WINNING TOOL—DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY

Spread the Word

Award winning tool “Physical Developmental Delay What to Look For” helps parents and pediatricians with early identification.

The Center for Plain Language has named the American Academy of Pediatrics’ web-based parenting tool the winner of the 2016 Clear Mark Award in the long multimedia category. The Academy’s interactive tool, Physical Developmental Delays: What to Look For was recognized with the award for providing clarity to parents about physical developmental delays and helping parents start a conversation with their child’s pediatrician.

Pediatric practices that have begun asking families with children under 6 years of age to complete the tool have reported increased rates of referral for additional testing and therapy services.

Contact Rachel Daskalov, Manager, Screening and Public Health Prevention Programs at the American Academy of Pediatrics for additional information: rdaskalov@aap.org | 847/434-7863
UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The American Telemedicine Association’s (ATA) Annual Conference & Trade Show, the world’s largest and most comprehensive meeting focused on telemedicine, digital, connected and mobile health, will take place April 23–25, 2017 in ORLANDO!

To register, go to: www.ata2017.org/home/registration/

April 23–25, 2017
Orange County Convention Center | Orlando, Florida

MetaECHO™ 2017 Conference
September 13-16, 2017
Albuquerque, NM
Albuquerque Convention Center

The International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health in Denver, Colorado March 31 - April 2, is a biennial event that brings together practitioners, researchers, advocates, community members and others who care about the health of children and youth in First Nations, Inuit, Métis, American Indian, Alaska Native and other Indigenous communities around the world. By sharing scholarly and participatory research findings, and community-based wisdom, the conference is a unique forum for knowledge exchange.

2017 National Conference & Exhibition
September 16 -19, 2017
McCormick Place, Chicago, IL

Conference Registration Opens on June 1st!
2016 Registration Rates Coming Soon!
In November 2013, the AAP forged a partnership with the University of New Mexico (UNM) ECHO Institute™ to address the health and social needs of CYE in rural and underserved areas of New Mexico. The ECHO Institute is an innovative hub and spoke program, designed to create knowledge networks bringing together Primary Care Providers (PCPs) in rural and underserved areas and specialty care providers at academic medical centers through a telementoring program using didactic and case-based presentations. These formalized partnerships increase capacity for PCPs to identify, treat, and manage the care of their patients within the medical home. Using state of the art technology, clinical management tools, and case-based learning, PCPs develop knowledge and self-efficacy on diseases/conditions in which they don’t usually assume responsibility for the care and treatment.

Due to the success of the pilot in New Mexico, the CYE ECHO clinics were expanded to five other states, Illinois, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and New York. Through this initiative, a learning collaborative of pediatric epileptologists/neurologists was formed. Together, they met virtually to share lessons learned, successes, and recruitment strategies and developed a series of 13 sessions that formed the CYE ECHO curriculum.

In 2015, the AAP was designated as an ECHO Superhub. In this capacity, we are able to provide ECHO immersion trainings for interested individuals and organizations in implementing pediatric focused ECHOs, help build a community of learners by fostering collaboration and sharing best practices as well as serve as a resource center.

Please contact Amy Shah at ashah@aap.org if you are interested in learning more about the ECHO model and how best to utilize it to improve access to quality health care for CYE.

“Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.”

-Mattie J.T. Stepanek