



Champion E-Correspondence

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This is an e-mail communication related to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) "Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma." It is designed to provide AAP Medical Home Chapter Champions with resources as well as current clinical and other information. The Champion E-Correspondence is sent on a monthly basis. Feel free to share the Champion E-Correspondence with colleagues. Distribution information appears at the end of this newsletter.

Project Updates

- The Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma (MHCCPA) Project Advisory Committee (PAC) will be introducing themselves—via e-mail and introductory conference calls—to the chapter champions in their geographic “regions” over the next several weeks. Program staff will work to coordinate the welcome/introductory conference call for late this summer/fall.
- Later this fall, a chapter champions “orientation” webinar will take place. A *Save the Date* for this orientation will be distributed in the near future, via e-mail.
- REMINDER: By now, all chapter champions should have received an e-mail from Corrie Pierce about the complimentary [Education in Quality Improvement in Pediatric Practice \(EQIPP\)](#) “scholarships” being offered to all chapter champions, through the MHCCPA. If you have not done so already, please remember to send the following information to cpierce@aap.org to register for the medical home (coming fall 2010) [OR asthma EQIPP](#) course:
 - Full Name
 - AAP ID Number
 - ABP Number
 - E-mail Address
 - Contact Phone number
 - Course Title Selection
- SAVE THE DATE: There will be an informal “meet-and-greet” for all MHCCPA chapter champions, Project Advisory Committee members and staff in attendance at the AAP National Conference & Exhibition in San Francisco this year. More details will be forthcoming, but for now—please mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 3, 2010 from 1 to 2 pm.**

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ [National Academy for State Health Policy 23rd Annual State Health Policy Conference](#)
October 4-6, 2010
New Orleans, LA
- ◆ [Fourth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities](#)
November 10-13, 2010
Philadelphia, PA

Who's Who?

As mentioned in the June issue of the *Champion E-Correspondence*, this section will feature a spotlight on each member of the MHCCPA PAC for the next several issues so that you can get to know them better!

Julie Katkin, MD, FAAP is an Associate Professor at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas and practices pediatric pulmonology at the Texas Children's Hospital Pulmonary Medicine Clinic. Dr. Katkin's clinical interests include pulmonary medicine, care of life threatening asthma, cystic fibrosis and pulmonary complications of sickle cell disease. Dr Katkin has two boys, ages 13 and 9, so one of her major hobbies includes “chasing children”! Dr Katkin also enjoys playing Mah Jongg with a group of friends, weekly.

As a member of Executive Committee of the AAP Section on Pediatric Pulmonology (SOPPu) and Section Chairperson-elect, Dr. Katkin works collaboratively with other members to improve the care of infants, children and adolescents with acute and chronic pulmonary disease by providing an educational forum for the discussion of problems and treatments, and by stimulating research and the teaching of acute and chronic pulmonary disease. The SOPPu is charged with disseminating knowledge of acute and chronic pulmonary disease through Academy channels. In addition, the SOPPu serves in a consulting capacity to the Board of Directors to make recommendations for programs, policy statements and other actions on matters relating to pulmonary disease.

To view the PAC roster, visit the MHCCPA [Web page](#).

What's What?

The [National Center for Medical Home Implementation](#)—funded via a cooperative agreement between the Maternal and Child Health Bureau/HRSA and the American Academy of Pediatrics—works to ensure that all children and youth have the services and support necessary for comprehensive health care through the medical home approach to care. The National Center provides medical home resources, tracks state-level medical home initiatives, and offers technical assistance and support to physicians, families, and other medical and non-medical providers who care for children.

Find out what's going on around the country and in **your state** by visiting the [State Pages](#) Web section. This section includes information on state pediatric medical home initiatives, key contacts, partners and related grant activities and initiatives.



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Reports and Resources



- **In the News...**
 - * [Telephone Coaching Helps Families of Children with Asthma](#)
 - * [Project Gives Patients a Peak at Their Physician's Notes](#)
 - * [New Research Suggests that Tossing Out the Inhaler May Not Always be the Best Response to Outgrowing Asthma](#)
 - * [Using Ozone to Remove Cigarette Smoke Worse for Asthma than Smoke Alone](#)
- **Health Care Savings Attributable to Integrating Guidelines-based Asthma Care in the Pediatric Medical Home**

The Children's Health Fund (CHF) recently worked with Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and Montefiore Medical Center on a [study](#) that shows that 'best practice' asthma treatment results in both health benefits and cost savings. This data demonstrates that the health care system could save more than \$4,500 per child with asthma, based on this model. One of the authors for this piece is CHF president and co-founder, Irwin Redlener, MD, FAAP.
- **New Resource – "Payment Reform to Support High Paying Practice"**

The Payment Reform Taskforce of the Primary Care Patient Centered Care Collaborative (PCPCC) developed a white paper—[Payment Reform to Support High Paying Practice](#)—which is now available. Tom Long, MD, FAAP, Chairperson, AAP Committee for Child Health Financing (COCHF), and the Academy's Private Payer Advocacy Advisory Committee staff provided input throughout the development of this document.
- **Case Study from the Commonwealth Fund – "Colorado Children's Healthcare Access Program: Helping Pediatric Practices Become Medical Homes for Low-Income Children"**

This Commonwealth Fund [Case Study](#) describes the successes of the Colorado Children's Healthcare Access Program (CCHAP) and a replication of this model in Kent County, Michigan. [CCHAP](#) is a non-profit organization created to address the barriers which prevent private pediatric and family practices from accepting children enrolled in Medicaid and providing them with a medical home. A recent evaluation shows that children covered by Medicaid—and with a medical home in a private pediatric practice supported by CCHAP—visit the emergency department less often, have more preventive care visits and have lower health care costs for the state Medicaid program than children in non-CCHAP-affiliated practices.

The AAP *Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma* staff send this e-mail update to the Academy's medical home chapter champions, other interested AAP members and staff. For additional information on medical home, visit the [National Center for Medical Home Implementation](#) Web site. All comments and inquiries can be sent to Suzi Montasir at smontasir@aap.org or 800/433-9016, ext 4311. If you would like to unsubscribe to the update, contact Suzi Montasir to make the change.