



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) had their first meeting—via teleconference—on June 16, 2010. **Some highlights follow:**
 - An orientation for the chapter champions was briefly discussed and it was decided that regional conference calls will be implemented in the near future to more formally introduce all the chapter champions to the project. I will be working with each of the PAC members and chapter champions to schedule these calls over the next few months.
 - The PAC will have its first in-person meeting on September 20, 2010. This meeting will include a more in-depth discussion of the project's goals/objectives and will focus on further development of a work plan for various activities.
- REMINDER: A listserv® has been established, specifically for this program! Send an email to MHCC@listserv.aap.org if you would like to pose a question or share information with the rest of the chapter champions, the MHCCPA PAC, and program staff.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ [Models for Improving Medicaid Primary Care: Lessons for Health Reform](#)—free Webinar from the Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc. (CHCS)
July 27, 2010
1 to 2 pm Eastern Time
- ◆ [Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality \(AHRQ\) 2010 Annual Conference](#)
September 27 - 29, 2010
Bethesda, MD

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!

Allen "Buz" Harlor, MD, FAAP has practiced clinical pediatrics in the Eugene/Springfield area of Oregon since 1966 and is a member of the North Pacific Pediatric Society. Dr Harlor has been extremely active within the Academy and currently serves on the AAP Council on Communications and Media (COCM), the AAP Section on Administration and Practice Management (SOAPM) and the Executive Committee of the AAP Section on Seniors (SOSM). Previously, Dr Harlor served as chair of the AAP Council on Government Affairs (COGA) and was a member of the AAP Committee on Practice and Ambulatory Medicine (COPAM). Dr Harlor says that what he likes best about his medical specialty is the impact he makes on children. "If you can have an impact on children and families, it can be for a lifetime." He has a special interest in advocacy efforts for children and safety preventative measures. To view the current PAC roster, visit the MHCCPA [Web page](#).

What's What?

An Update from the Academy's *Chapter Quality Network Asthma Pilot Project*...

The Chapter Quality Network (CQN)—the first phase of the Comprehensive Asthma Program (CAP)—was focused on development of the unique support structure offered by AAP chapters as a provider of quality improvement (QI) programs. The first project of the CQN—focused on improving asthma care—is in full implementation and has engaged 4 chapters, 49 practices, and 282 clinicians in a learning collaborative. The project has provided chapters with tools, resources and technical support to enhance their ability to lead a QI effort. Through their participation in the project the Alabama, Maine, Oregon, and Ohio chapters have gained QI knowledge while increasing their capacity to support member practices in QI efforts.

Practice Improvements

The CQN project on improving asthma care is in its 10th data cycle and has seen a steady improvement on all project measures. A key indicator for project success is percent of patients that have received optimal care. The optimal care bundle measure represents the percent of asthma patients with all of the following: 1) validated instrument used to assess asthma control, 2) stepwise approach is used to identify treatment options or adjust therapy, 3) patients 6 months or older with a flu shot or flu shot recommendation and 4) use of an asthma action plan. Nationally, as of May 2010 the project has reached 79% optimal care—an increase of 44% from the baseline percentage collected in October 2009.

Continued Funding to Support the Network of Chapters

The Academy will expand its CQN efforts beginning July 1, 2010. The plan is to allow the existing four chapters to continue to be involved in the CQN along with an additional two chapters for a total of six over the next year. The CQN will continue to focus on the implementation of the National Heart Lung and Blood (NHLBI) asthma guidelines while using the same model and materials employed by the pilot project. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, contact your chapter executive director or chapter president or Vanessa Shorte at 800/433-9016, ext 7797.



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Reports and Resources

- **In the News...**



- * [*More than 1 in 5 Kids Live in Poverty*](#)
- * [*Black, Hispanic Children are More Likely to have Asthma*](#)
- * [*Kids who Grow up with a Dog in the House May be at Higher Risk of Developing Asthma*](#)

- **Medical Home Information Sharing Webinar for AAP Leaders**

In June 2010, the Academy offered its first tri-annual informational webinar on medical home for AAP leaders. The purpose of these webinars is to share information regarding the Academy's priorities, initiatives and efforts related to medical home.

In addition to providing updates on AAP activities and initiatives related to medical home, the webinars also provide opportunities for AAP leaders to learn about important family-centered medical home initiatives occurring at the community, state and national level(s) outside of the AAP. In the future, national partners and other key stakeholders may be invited to participate on the webinars to share information related to their activities.

Information provided during this first webinar focused on:

- * history of medical home;
- * medical home as an AAP priority;
- * national initiatives on medical home;
- * health care reform and medical home;
- * Academy initiatives on medical home; and
- * how AAP leaders can continue involvement on medical home in the future.

The webinar PowerPoint™ presentation and audio files have been posted and are available on the [National Center for Medical Home Implementation](#) Web site. The PowerPoint presentation slides may be downloaded from this site for use of any or all for presentations that you may be giving on medical home in the future.

- **Pediatrics Synopsis Book: *Best Articles Relevant to Pediatric Allergy and Immunology***

The AAP Section on Allergy and Immunology (SOAI) provides a number of educational, training, and research programs and continually advocates for improved allergy and immunology care and services. One of the section's educational endeavors includes the annual [*Best Articles Relevant to Pediatric Allergy and Immunology*](#) supplement to *Pediatrics*.

The reviews contained in the 2009 synopsis were written by Fellows of the AAP who are also SOAI members, guest reviewers and fellows in allergy and immunology training programs who contributed reviews with their mentors. The editor selected the journals to be reviewed on the basis of the likelihood that they would contain articles on allergy and immunology that would be of value and interest to the pediatrician.

- **New Resource - Medical Home State Data Pages**

The Data Resource Center—funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration—has partnered with the National Center for Medical Home Implementation and the AAP to help state and family leaders quickly access data on how children and youth in each state experience receiving care within a medical home. Click on the US Maps, located [here](#), to see your state's medical home performance profile for all children or children with special health care needs. You can also compare across all states or view state ranking maps by clicking on the green map of the US. Additionally, located [here](#), search for more information about measuring medical home and creating your own personalized medical home data search using the Data Resource Center.

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.