



## 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 e-mail.*

### New Web site for the National Center for Medical Home Implementation!

The National Center for Medical Home Implementation launched its new [Web site](#) this month. The site underwent a complete redesign and a marketing/promotional campaign announcing the site and its features is planned for this June. A Web page has been created specifically for the Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma (MHCCPA) and can be found under 'Training.' The MHCCPA [page](#) will up updated in the near future to include links to medical home and asthma resources, announcements and more. The Champion E-Correspondence will also be archived on this page.

As always, feel free to contact me at any time and stay tuned for more project updates!

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### Who's Who?

The AAP Executive Committee has officially approved the membership for the *Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma* Project Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC will oversee the strategic direction of the program, with a major role being to offer support and guidance to the chapter champions. The PAC membership represents all ten AAP districts—to ensure that there is representation from various geographic locales throughout the country to provide coverage/support for program activities and the chapter champions, to the extent possible—and includes both primary care and sub-specialist members.

We are thrilled to report that Dr Chuck Norlin has accepted the role of chairperson for the PAC; AAP staff will be meeting with him in the near future to begin planning for the implementation of strategic project goals and objectives. A conference call is also being coordinated for the entire Project Advisory Committee to further discuss plans for connecting the PAC members with chapter champions in the near future. To view the current roster for the MHCCPA PAC [click here](#).

### What's What?

The following is information about Phase I of the Academy's Comprehensive Asthma Program (CAP); the MHCCPA constitutes Phase II of CAP. The first phase of the CAP—the Chapter Quality Network (CQN) Asthma Pilot Program—is currently being implemented through the AAP Chapter Alliance for Quality Improvement (CAQI). This project initiated with the establishment of AAP chapter-led learning communities and has been piloted over the course of 18 months with the following AAP chapters selected to participate—[Alabama](#), Maine, [Ohio](#) and Oregon.

The CQN mission is to support chapters in leading a learning collaboration to help practices apply quality improvement (QI) methods to achieve measurable improvements in care and build a sustainable chapter QI infrastructure. The CQN asthma program provides chapters with tools, resources and technical support to lead this QI effort. Chapter participants have begun to increase their QI knowledge while working to increase their capacity to support member practices in QI efforts.

In addition to educational resources, support for the program includes access to a Quality Improvement Consultant (QIC) from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. The QIC works with CQN chapters to assist practices in making system-based changes that improve care within a medical home for children with asthma. The AAP Education in Quality Improvement in Pediatric Practice (EQIPP) asthma course has been used as the data collection tool and staff from the national AAP share monthly data reports with chapters and practices to provide feedback on practice performance. To read the November 2009 *AAP News* article on the project [click here](#). Future issues of this e-news will include additional updates and lessons learned from Phase I of CAP!

## MEDICAL HOME

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) Communities in Action for Asthma-Friendly Environments National Asthma Forum](#)  
June 17 to 18, 2010  
Washington, DC
- ◆ [Practical Pediatrics CME Courses:](#)  
[May 28 to 30, 2010](#)  
Austin, TX  
and  
[June 17 to 19, 2010](#)  
New York, NY



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### Reports and Resources



◆ In the News...

- \* [Scourge of Asthma is Acute in N.E.: Treatment Lags, Study Contends](#)
- \* [Health Care Disparities Persist for Minority Children](#)
- \* [Vitamin D Supplements May Help Children with Asthma](#)

◆ Children's Health Insurance Toolkit

[Insure Kids Now](#) has created a toolkit to help organizations increase awareness and understanding of children's health insurance programs, with the goal of assisting eligible parents and guardians to apply for coverage on behalf of their uninsured children. *Children's Health Insurance: Tools to Advance Enrollment and Retention Efforts* is available [online](#) and contains key how-to information, materials, tools and tactics for education and outreach efforts. You will also find customizable materials to which you can add your logo, local points of contact and state-specific information. This toolkit is designed to be an evolving document and will be updated and expanded over time as successful strategies and practices emerge. Additional materials and information will be added as they become available.

◆ Spirometry 360 Learning Lab Now Available

The University of Washington has just completed a successful pilot test of their new *Spirometry 360 Learning Lab* which includes 52 practices around the country. The [Spirometry 360 Learning Lab](#) is an interactive online course for primary care providers and their staff for improving spirometry in their practice. It is designed to be a single source on everything from the basics, to step-by-step guides to performing spirometry, to summaries of the latest research, and pointers to other great resources. Jim Stout, NICHQ co-founder, now a Professor, Pediatrics, at the University of Washington, helped develop this program. Jim Stout is the Washington MHCCPA chapter champion!

◆ AAP Resources—*Asthma Gadgets 2010* Online CME Course

Did you know that the Academy has an excellent resource for its members and others interested in learning more about pediatric asthma gadgets? The AAP Section on Allergy and Immunology (SOAI) recently revised its 2005 *Pedialink* course on asthma gadgets. In your efforts to educate other pediatric health care providers in your chapter/state about asthma management, consider the AAP *Pedialink Asthma Gadgets 2010* online course. The goal of this [course](#) is to increase knowledge about the proper use, technique, and care of asthma medication delivery devices and patient aids for self-management.

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, please visit the [National Center for Medical Home Implementation](#) Web site. All comments and inquires can be sent to Suzi Montasir at [smontasir@aap.org](mailto:smontasir@aap.org) or 800/433-9016, ext 4311. If you would like to unsubscribe to the update, please respond to this e-mail so staff can make the change.