



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 Champion Orientation webinar was held on November 10. If you were unable to participate, be sure to **view a recording** of the webinar or download the PowerPoint presentation slides from the MHCCPA [Web page](#).
- All chapter champions will be receiving a Medical Home Chapter Champion **Orientation Guide** in the mail sometime this week! Please send an e-mail to cpierce@aap.org if you do not receive yours by November 26.
- Save-the-Date! *The Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma Conference* is tentatively scheduled for **February 25 – 26, 2011** in Chicago, IL. More information will be available in the near future.
- There are now 50 medical home chapter champions! To download a current roster, view the MHCCPA [Web page](#). A roster with complete contact information will be included in the orientation guide.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ [National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health Free Webinar Series](#)
December 16, 2010
*note: previously held webinars also archived here
- ◆ [Institute for Healthcare Improvement \(IHI\) Seminar: Exceptional Outcomes Through Patient- and Family-Centered Care—Active Learning Through Live Case Studies](#)
January 27 – 28, 2010
Pittsburg, PA

Who's Who?

As mentioned previously, this section will feature a spotlight on each member of the MHCCPA PAC so that you can get to know them better.

John Meurer, MD, MBA, FAAP is Professor of Pediatrics and Chief of General Pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). He also serves as medical director of the Downtown Health Center which serves 6,600 low-income children. He is involved in both pediatric residency training and medical student education and training. Dr Meurer is director of the award-winning *Fight Asthma Milwaukee Allies* coalition for Children's Hospital and Health System. He has led community projects to address childhood asthma, obesity, immunization, and access for the uninsured; he directs the General Pediatric Research Fellowship at MCW. He has been appointed as a leader and consultant to several committees of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services and was recognized as "Pediatrician of the Year" by the Wisconsin chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics in 2005. He earned his Bachelor of Science at Marquette University, medical degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Master in Business Administration (MBA) at Northwestern University, and completed his residency training in pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. Dr Meurer also served as a Health Policy Fellow in Washington DC.

John is married to Linda Meurer, MD, MPH, Professor of Family and Community Medicine, at MCW. They enjoy music, travel and games. They have three children ages 11, 14 and 16.

Dr Meurer is also the only PAC member who serves as both a chapter champion (for Wisconsin) and in the advisory role at the national level.

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



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What's What?

This section of the *Champion E-Correspondence* will now feature “Champion Pearls.” We know that each champion’s role related to medical home in his/her respective chapter is unique and varies greatly so we would like to take the opportunity to highlight your innovative and successful ideas! What constitutes a champion pearl? Some may think of it as a “best practice” but it need not be so strictly defined. If you have developed a tool, resource, idea, etc and think it would be interesting and useful for others, please contact Suzi Montasir at smontasir@aap.org or 847/434-4311.

The November champion pearl was shared by Dr Michael Bowman—South Carolina chapter champion. Dr Bowman created a [flyer for school nurses](#) to be put in school faculty lounges to help remind teachers and others about children with asthma and what it means—as well as what to look for—with those who are not under control or who have not been identified yet. The flyer includes information regarding asthma red flags and signs of possible asthma.

Reports and Resources

- **In the News...**

- [Study Shows Allergy-Induced Asthma Attacks Raise Odds of Treatment in ICU](#)
- [Joint Commission to Accredit Medical Home Models](#)
- [Practices Use Scheduling Strategies to Reduce Wait Times](#)

- **National Webinar on Medical Homes and Childhood Asthma—December 2, 2010 at 3 pm Eastern Time**

This webinar follows the release of a policy brief, “The Affordable Care Act, Medical Homes, and Childhood Asthma: [A Key Opportunity for Progress](#)” authored by researchers at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services (GW). The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) establishes the patient-centered medical home as a matter of policy and promotes reform to support the creation of medical homes for patients with chronic illnesses, including asthma. The Merck Childhood Asthma Network, Inc. (MCAN) Executive Director, Floyd Malveaux, MD, PhD and others will be participating in this webinar which will take a close look at how the medical home model facilitates comprehensive, patient-centered care and fosters partnerships between patients and their providers, including pediatricians, other primary care clinicians, specialists, emergency care providers and other service providers.

To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

- **CDC National Asthma Control Program State Asthma Program Evaluation Guide**

Looking for guidance in developing a strategic asthma program evaluation? The CDC *Learning and Growing through Evaluation: State Asthma Program Evaluation Guide* contains tools and templates which can be used to facilitate evaluation planning and practice, particularly for those new to evaluation. This guide is available for use by anyone, but is intended for use by state and territorial public health departments and groups that focus on improving asthma management practices. Visit the CDC [Asthma Web page](#) to download a free PDF version of this [guide](#).

- **Measuring Medical Homes: Tools to Evaluate the Pediatric Patient- and Family-Centered Medical Home**

The purpose of this monograph is to present various tools to identify, recognize, and evaluate a practice as a pediatric medical home. Because no one tool is recognized as the de facto tool to assess pediatric practices, a review of the relative merits of existing tools will help inform purchasers, payers, providers, and patients in evaluating pediatric practices. Many of the multi-stakeholder and single-payer medical home demonstration projects focus on adult populations and adult outcomes. An understanding of tools to assess pediatric practices may assist such pilots in incorporating and evaluating pediatric practices in both practice transformation and payment reform.

The monograph was developed under the auspices of the National Center for Medical Home Implementation—a cooperative agreement (U43MC09134) of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The monograph is FREE and can be downloaded from the National Center for Medical Home Implementation [Web site](#). Hard copies of the monograph are available by contacting Corrie Pierce at cpierce@aap.org or 800/433-9016, ext 7605.

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.