



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 Orientation Webinar will be held on **November 3rd from 7 to 8 pm Central Time**. Be sure to register by clicking on the following [link](#). For those unable to participate, a recording of the webinar will be posted on the MHCCPA [Web page](#) at a later date.
- All chapter champions will be receiving a Medical Home Chapter Champion [Orientation Guide](#) in the mail, prior to the November 3rd webinar.
- REMINDER: Make sure to register for your complimentary [Education in Quality Improvement in Pediatric Practice \(EQIPP\)](#) scholarships available to all chapter champions, through the MHCCPA. If you have not done so already, please send the following information to cpierce@aap.org to register for the medical home (Coming soon—in November 2010!) [OR asthma](#) EQIPP course:
 - Full Name
 - AAP ID Number
 - ABP Number
 - E-mail Address
 - Contact Phone number
 - Course Title Selection

MEDICAL HOME



PROGRAM ON ASTHMA

Upcoming Events

- ◆ [American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting](#)
November 11– 16, 2010
Phoenix, AZ
- ◆ [Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs \(AMCHP\) and Family Voices Annual Conferences](#)
February 12 – 15, 2011
Washington, DC

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 so that you can get to know them better!

Mitchell Lester, MD, FAAAAI, FAAP became particularly interested in asthma while practicing general pediatrics after residency, which led him to pursue his Allergy/Immunology fellowship at the National Jewish Center in Denver, Colorado. Following his fellowship, Dr Lester moved to Children's Hospital Boston where he was Clinical Director of the Division of Immunology and Director of the Pediatric Asthma Center. His passion and expertise remained with direct patient care, however, which is why he eventually went back in to private practice (this time in Allergy/Immunology) in Fairfield County, Connecticut. While at Children's Hospital Boston, Dr Lester became interested in teaching primary care physicians about allergic diseases, which is why he chose to maintain his academic ties and become more active with the AAP. Dr Lester currently serves on the AAP Section on Allergy and Immunology (SOAI) Executive Committee and as President of the New England Society of Allergy. Dr Lester's favorite academic activity with the AAP—or anywhere else—is teaching.

Dr Lester's wife, Jill, is a school and developmental psychologist with a special interest in autism spectrum disorders. Both Jill and Dr Lester have been active with the Food Allergy Initiative and Jill has done some counseling with children whose food allergies have been a significant cause of anxiety. Dr Lester and his wife have a 16 year-old daughter, Beth, and 2 year-old yellow lab who they got after raising a puppy for 15 months to be an assistance dog for *Canine Companions for Independence*. The Lesters are also a host family for a student scholar from the *A Better Chance* program in Westport. In Dr Lester's limited spare time, he enjoys crossword puzzles and other word and number games, light reading, cooking, golf and watching the New York Yankees and Giants.

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



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What's What?

The AAP/MCHB *Building Your Medical Home toolkit* supports the primary care practitioner's development and improvement of a pediatric medical home. This toolkit also helps to prepare a pediatric office to apply for, and potentially meet, the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Physician Practice Connections® Patient Centered Medical Home™ (PPC®-PCMH™) Recognition Program requirements. One key element of the toolkit is a crosswalk that the AAP created between each of the toolkit building blocks and the NCQA PPC®-PCMH™ Recognition Program 'must pass' elements.

Patient care associated with the medical home improves outcomes, such as health status, timeliness of care, family centeredness and family functioning. The NCQA PPC®-PCMH™ standards provide a way to qualify and quantify care in the medical home. In some practices, scoring at NCQA higher levels has resulted in enhanced payment to the practice. The *Building Your Medical Home* toolkit is **free** for anyone to use and can be accessed at www.pediatricmedhome.org.

For more information on the toolkit, contact the National Center for Medical Home Implementation at medicalhometoolkit@aap.org or 800/433-9016, ext 4311.

Reports and Resources

- **In the News...**

- [Maternal Stress May Worsen Asthma in Younger Children](#)
- [Deloitte Report Cites Key Role of HIT in Medical Home Model](#)
- [Poor Diet, Inactivity May Lead to Metabolism-Induced Asthma](#)

- **New Health Disparities Resource!**

The Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative/[Data Resource Center](#) recently released updated information on disparities among children with chronic conditions. To find information on children with special health care needs within your state, please see the newly updated [2007 NSCH Health Disparities Snapshot: Children with Special Health Care Needs](#). Using this online tool, you can investigate prevalence and demographic characteristics of children with special health care needs (CSHCN) within your state, and learn how their health care access and quality compares to children without special health care needs.

Highlights of the updated profile include the following statistics:

- CSHCN are less likely to receive ongoing and coordinated care within a **medical home** than non-CSHCN (49.8% vs. 59.4%)
- CSHCN are much more likely to have **missed 11 or more days of school** due to illness or injury than non-CSHCN (13.5% vs. 3.5%)
- CSHCN are over twice as likely to **repeat one or more grades in school** than non-CSHCN (18.5% vs. 8.2%)
 - **Repeating a grade** among CSHCN varies greatly across states, from 2.5% (UT) to 39.9% (LA)

- **AHRQ Health Care Innovations Exchange**

The U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's [Health Care Innovations Exchange](#) aims to increase awareness of innovative strategies and activities among health care providers in a timely manner by providing:

- A central repository of searchable innovations and quality tools that enable health care decision makers to quickly identify ideas and tools that meet their needs;
- A standardized description of innovations and quality tools classified by disease or clinical category, patient population, stage of care, setting of care, etc.; and
- Opportunities for learning and networking with like-minded adopters of innovations.

One such innovation of interest is the following: [Periodic Home Visits, Specialist Visits, and Follow up Enhances Access and Improves Outcomes for Low-Income Children with Asthma](#).

- To view additional asthma "innovations" [click here](#)
- To view asthma "quality tools" [click here](#)

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.