



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

- MHCCPA **Visiting Professorship Program** applications are currently being reviewed by the Visiting Professorship Subcommittee of the MHCCPA Project Advisory Committee. Applicants and chapters will be notified of awards by the end of May 2011.
- For those champions who still have not done so, please remember to complete and submit your [Year 1 Chapter Champion Work Plan](#), to Suzi Montasir (smontasir@aap.org) ASAP. These work plans will be used for information sharing and program evaluation purposes.
- Program staff will be organizing a second round of chapter champion **regional conference calls** to occur this summer. Stay tuned for emails and/or Doodle polls from program staff to determine availability and scheduling preferences!

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ [AAP Coding Webinar—How to Code When the Kid Isn't There—Non Face-to-Face Coding](#)
June 7, 2011
12 – 1 pm Central Time
- ◆ [The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) 2011 National Asthma Forum](#)
June 9 – 10, 2011
Washington, DC

Who's Who?

As you should already know, the MHCCPA is funded by the Merck Childhood Asthma Network, Inc (MCAN). But did you know that the Executive Director of MCAN is a nationally recognized expert on asthma and allergic diseases?

Floyd J. Malveaux, MD, PhD is also the former Dean of the College of Medicine and Professor of Microbiology and Medicine at Howard University. Dr. Malveaux led Howard's participation in several multi-million dollar initiatives to identify and address risk factors that contribute to increased asthma morbidity among inner-city children and to develop effective, community-based interventions to reduce and prevent asthma among at-risk populations. In addition, Malveaux has worked extensively to address health disparities and improve the quality of health care and health outcomes, especially among low-income, urban and underserved populations.

A native of Louisiana, Dr. Malveaux received a B.S. degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and a MS degree from Loyola University in New Orleans. He earned a Ph.D. degree in Microbiology and Public Health from Michigan State University and his Doctor of Medicine degree, with honors, from Howard University College of Medicine.

Dr. Malveaux is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. He is active in numerous professional organizations and is, or has served as, a member of the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association; the National Allergy and Infectious Diseases Advisory Council; chairman of the Committee of Underrepresented Minorities, American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology; the Board of Trustees of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health; and the HHS/APHA Steering Committee of the Initiative to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities. He has held a number of positions with the National Medical Association including member of the Board of Trustees (1988 – 1994) and was first chair of the Allergy/Immunology Section. Dr. Malveaux was founder and president of the Urban Asthma and Allergy Center in Baltimore from 1986 to 1989.



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What's What?

The AAP is hosting a FREE four part CME series in early 2011 to provide child health professionals with practical strategies for implementing medical home in practice. These webinars will be led by recognized experts with the goal of educating participants about the value of the family-centered primary care medical home for all children and youth, especially in the daily delivery of preventive, acute and chronic care. Faculty will point participants to practical tools and resources, and will provide strategies for improving quality of care and increasing patient/family partnership and satisfaction.

Please note that the second webinar, *The Role of the Medical Home in Chronic Care Management* will include a case study on the care of asthma through the medical home. As a medical home/asthma chapter champion, you are strongly encouraged to participate in the entire webinar series, especially the one on chronic care management. See below for the entire series schedule.

CME Series Schedule

- [The Role of the Medical Home in Chronic Care Management](#) (*Registration Open*)
Tuesday, May 10 from 12 to 1pm Central Time
- [The Role of the Medical Home in Care of Children and Youth with Complex Chronic Conditions](#)
(*Registration Coming Soon*)
Thursday, June 2 from 12 to 1pm Central Time
- [Patient-and Family-Centered Care in the Medical Home](#) (*Registration Coming Soon*)
Tuesday, June 28 from 12 to 1pm Central Time
- [The Role of Preventive and Acute Care in the Medical Home](#) (*view recording, here*)
Wednesday, April 27

You must register separately for each Webinar. For more information, e-mail Corrie Pierce at cpierce@aap.org or view the [promotional flyer](#).

Reports and Resources

In the News...

- [Study: Few Children with Asthma Use Inhalers Properly](#)
- [Canadian Medical Home Model May Provide Insights for the US](#)
- [FDA Requires Post-Marketing Tests of Certain Drugs for Asthma](#)

Pediatricians State their Needs for Health Information Technology

Patients' electronic health records (EHRs) should be portable and secure, and they should also be conducive to sharing information within the setting of a medical home. According to the new AAP policy statement, "[Health Information Technology \(HIT\) and the Medical Home](#)" to be published in the May 2011 issue of *Pediatrics* (now available online), HIT is the tool that can help support these important pediatric information functions within the medical home—the place where each patient's medical care is coordinated. Pediatric practices have many needs and uses for electronic health records. Not only should EHR systems house the patient's data completely, safely, accessibly and for a lifetime; they also should allow pediatricians to share information easily with patients and improve the quality of care. Using HIT as the tool for portability and accessibility between and among health care providers should help to enhance the role of the primary care practice as the patient's medical home. The [policy statement](#) supports development of an electronic infrastructure that promotes the following:

- Timely and continuous tracking and management of health information over a patient's lifetime;
- Comprehensive organization and secure transfer of data during patient-care transitions;
- Establishment and maintenance of central coordination of a patient's health information among multiple databases (such as immunization information systems and newborn metabolic screening registries in different states);
- Translation of evidence into timely point-of-care clinical decision support;
- Re-use of archived clinical data for research, quality improvement and other efforts to improve child health.

New Guide for Families, Youth Organizations and School Leaders—*In the Schoolyard and Beyond: Addressing Childhood Asthma in Your Community*

The American Association of School Administrators (AASA) and the National School Boards Association (NSBA) have released a guide for families, youth-serving organizations and schools leaders on steps each can take to provide a consistent and supportive environment for children with asthma. [*In the Schoolyard and Beyond: Addressing Childhood Asthma in Your Community*](#) centers on six actions that demonstrate how families, youth-serving organizations, and schools maintain asthma-friendly environments: use asthma action plans; reduce asthma triggers; manage medications and help children master the correct way to use them; encourage opportunities for physical activity; establish and maintain good communication; and provide and/or take advantage of asthma education. *In the Schoolyard and Beyond: Addressing Childhood Asthma in Your Community* was developed under a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/ Division of Adolescent and School Health. The hard copy publication is available in both English and Spanish and is also downloadable for distribution from both [NSBA](#) and [AASA](#) Web sites.