



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 MHCCPA Conference was a huge success! Thank you to those who attended and to those who were unable to attend – you were certainly missed. If you would like to download the presentations and handouts from the conference, visit the MHCCPA Conference [Web page](#). **Photos** from the conference are now posted on this page, also!
- REMINDER - MHCCPA **Visiting Professorship Program** applications due on **Friday, March 25, 2011!** Be sure to email Suzi Montasir (smontasir@aap.org) if you have any questions.
- **Education in Quality Improvement for Pediatric Practice (EQIPP)** scholarships still available for chapter champions! For more information on EQIPP, visit the MHCCPA Conference Web page and check out the [EQIPP 101 handout](#). If you would like to sign up for the medical home or asthma course, send an email to Corrie Pierce (cpierce@aap.org) indicating your preference.



Upcoming Events

- ◆ [Pediatric Academic Societies \(PAS\) and Asian Society for Pediatric Research \(ASPR\) Joint Meeting](#)
April 30–May 3, 2011
Denver, CO
- ◆ [The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) 2011 National Asthma Forum](#)
June 9–10, 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 Project Advisory Committee (PAC) so that you can get to know them better!

Rhonda Hertwig, RN, MSN, CPNP completed her Masters in Pediatric Nursing and Bachelors of Nursing at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. She has over 30 years experience in pediatric nursing, with the last 10 years as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) after completing her Post-Masters certificate at Catholic University.

Rhonda is currently practicing as a PNP with Rainbow Pediatrics in Hendersonville, North Carolina and part-time in a pediatric evening clinic in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She holds national certification as a PNP from the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board and recently received her Asthma Educator Certification. She is a past treasurer for her local National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) as well as a national member. Rhonda is pursuing interests in the area of outcomes and patient education in asthma and recently joined the newly developed Special Interest Group on Asthma within NAPNAP and hopes to become involved with its efforts in improving outcomes for pediatric asthma patients and their families.

Rhonda's husband is currently working on a PhD, leaving her plenty of time to work on her passion for organic gardening, as well as piano and violin lessons. Rhonda and her husband have two golden retrievers who are very loved.

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



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What's What?

Did you know that the National Center for Medical Home Implementation offers a Continuing Medical Education (CME) recorded webinar series on medical home, for free? This webinar series features practical strategies for implementing medical home in practice and can be accessed at any time from the National Center [Web site](#). The AAP designates each series of this educational activity for a maximum of 1.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.

One webinar in the series, [*Improving Communication and Co-management Between Specialty Providers and the Medical Home*](#), might be of particular interest.

The *Co-Management Letter and Agreement template* and the *New Patient Referral / Consultation Information* form from the AAP/MCHB [Building Your Medical Home toolkit](#), can also be downloaded directly from the National Center for Medical Home Implementation Web site under the [How to Implement Section](#).

Reports and Resources

- **In the News...**

- [Report Identifies Best and Worst States in Children's Health](#)
- [Medical Homes Benefit Children, Study Finds](#)
- [Alternative Ways to Treat Childhood Asthma—Study Suggests Role for Inhaled Steroids as Rescue Medication](#)

- **Improving Asthma Care for Children: Best Practices in Medicaid Managed Care Toolkit**

The Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) published its first asthma toolkit in 2002 based on the best practices of 11 health plans in the CHCS Achieving Better Care for Asthma Best Clinical and Administrative Practices (BCAP) workgroup. Since then, CHCS has worked with numerous health plans and states to develop cost-effective methods to improve asthma management. The 2006 toolkit, [Improving Asthma Care for Children: Best Practices in Medicaid Managed Care](#), includes strategies to improve asthma care, tested by a diverse group of health plans serving Medicaid populations. The two main themes of the toolkit are the need for collaborative approaches to accelerate improvements in asthma care and the value of documenting the business case for improving asthma care practices to support further investments in quality. To learn more about CHCS, visit their [Web site](#).

- **Culturally Effective Pediatric Care in a Community-Based Health Program WEBINAR – Thursday, April 7, 2011 (1-2:30 pm CDT)**

This webinar will provide an overview of culturally effective pediatric care and will highlight the American Academy of Pediatrics' new online resource the [Culturally Effective Care Toolkit](#). A current Healthy Tomorrows grantee will discuss their experiences creating culturally responsive health education materials and training providers how to manage diverse health literacy levels. Speakers include Denice Cora-Bramble, MD, MBA, FAAP, Senior Vice President, the Diana L. and Stephen A. Goldberg Center for Community Pediatric Health, Professor of Pediatrics, George Washington University and Dodi Meyer, MD, FAAP, Associate Clinical Professor Pediatrics, Co Director Community Pediatrics, Columbia University Medical Center/Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital. To register for the Webinar, [click here](#).

- **New NASHP Report—State Documentation of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities to Inform Strategic Action**

This [report](#) was prepared by the National Academy of State Health Policy (NASHP) for the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to summarize how leading states analyze state and federal race/ethnicity data in strategic plans and reports aimed at reducing racial and ethnic disparities in health status and health care. Featured states include: Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, Rhode Island, and Utah. The eight featured states have developed methods for reporting health disparities and have taken concrete steps toward reducing the disparities that exist within their borders, providing valuable lessons for other states.

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.