



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.

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Project Updates

SAVE-THE-DATE!

The **2012 Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma Conference** is tentatively scheduled for **March 10 – 11, 2012** in Chicago, IL. More information will be available in the near future.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- For those champions who still have not done so, please complete and submit your [Chapter Champion Work Plan](#) to Suzi Montasir (smontasir@aap.org) as soon as possible. These work plans will be essential for participation at the 2012 conference and program evaluation purposes. Do not worry about developing complex plans. Start small and simple; contact Suzi if you still need ideas!
- Have you checked in with your chapter leadership lately to provide them an update on your work as chapter champion? For ideas on working with chapter leadership, see [Steps for Communicating with Chapter Leadership](#).

Upcoming Events

- ◆ [American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology \(AAAAI\) 2012 Annual Meeting](#)
March 2 – 6, 2012
Orlando, FL
- ◆ [2012 National Health Promotion Summit](#)
April 10 – 11, 2012
Washington, DC

Who's Who?

Chapter Champion Spotlight on Tennessee Chapter Champion, Suzanne Berman MD, FAAP

Dr. Berman is a magna cum laude graduate of Rice University and received her medical degree with high honors from the University of Tennessee. She completed her residency at Southern Illinois University in Springfield, Illinois. After finishing residency in 2001, she and her husband, pediatrician Robert Berman MD, FAAP, co-founded Plateau Pediatrics in Crossville, Tennessee.

Plateau Pediatrics was Tennessee's first National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)-recognized Level III Patient-Centered Medical Home. As part of that process, Dr. Berman led her practice through a project to improve delivery of evidence-based treatment for children with asthma. This galvanized her to share her knowledge and resources with other practices through participation in the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (TNAAP) Medical Home Initiative. As the chairperson of Tennessee's Pediatric Council, she has also met with Medicaid and private payer leaders to discuss asthma-related issues such as coverage of spacers and appropriate payment for elements of office-based asthma care.

Dr. Berman is an active member of the AAP Section on Administration and Practice Management (SOAPM) and serves on the nominating committee for that section. She received an AAP Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) grant in 2008 to study barriers to health care access for rural children with Medicaid. She has also participated in several studies sponsored by AAP Pediatric Research in Office Settings (PROS), including its principal ePROS study abstracting data from electronic health records.

Dr. Berman and her husband have one son and enjoy life in rural Tennessee's beautiful Cumberland Plateau. They love family "geek" adventures like trips to science museums, strategy games, and Weird Al concerts.



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What's What?

Get Involved at the AAP—New Collaborative Effort and Web Site

As chapter champions, you all are *already* great leaders, but you may be interested in doing more! A collaborative effort was recently launched to encourage AAP members to become more involved in the work of all levels of the AAP. The Academy recognizes that not all members will be able to contribute in the same way, but every member has something to contribute. All contributions and commitment levels to move the AAP mission forward are welcomed. Send an email to getinvolved@aap.org with your interests and Academy staff will help you to make the right connection.

The Academy is also excited to announce the American Academy of Pediatrics' [Lead @ AAP Website!](#) Lead @ AAP is a comprehensive resource—not only for current AAP leaders but also future leaders and interested members—to learn more about the AAP and how committees, councils, and sections function. You are encouraged to take a look and submit a question or comment. Be inspired by viewing the initiative [video](#) that debuted at the AAP National Conference & Exhibition. You may share this link broadly to encourage others to get involved as well.

Reports and Resources

In the News...

- [Home Life May Affect Hospitalization for Children with Asthma](#)
- [HHS Issues Final Health Disparity Standards](#)
- [School-Based Asthma, Food Allergy Policies Lacking](#)

Pediatric Asthma Webinars—Environmental Management & Asthma Action Plans for School Nurses

On November 9, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's National Asthma Control Initiative (NACI) and the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) co-hosted the webinar, ***Environmental Management of Pediatric Asthma***. The webinar was presented by Joel Forman, MD of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and the webinar recording can be accessed on the [NEEF Web site](#).

Registration is now available for the free webinar, ***Asthma Action Plans for School Nurses***, co-hosted by NACI and the American School Health Association (ASHA). This webinar is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2011 from 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM ET. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Call for Applications—National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management

Since 2005, 22 health plans, health care providers and “communities in action” have received the [US Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management](#), the nation's highest honor for leadership in asthma management, delivery of comprehensive asthma services and achievement of remarkable quality-of-life improvements for people with asthma.

If your work involves the following, consider [applying for this award](#) to be nationally recognized for your accomplishments. The deadline to apply is February 21, 2012.

- Addresses environmental triggers as part of a comprehensive asthma program
- Fosters high-performing collaborations and partnerships
- Improves the daily lives of those with asthma by promoting healthy homes, schools and workplaces