



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

Project Updates

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

- **NEW RESOURCE:** [Key Points for Asthma Guideline Implementation](#). This resource was originally developed by the Texas Children's Health Plan and has been popular among providers, due to the lack of concise resources currently available that provide implementation guidance for [NHLBI EPR-3 asthma guidelines](#) in practice. Through the MHCCPA, the attached 2-page "guide" has been re-designed for distribution at the national level and use locally. **Please consider sharing this valuable resource, widely, whether it be electronically or printed. Also, you should consider working with your chapter to distribute widely.**
- The MHCCPA Project Advisory Committee (PAC) will be having a day-long meeting on November 5, 2011 to discuss the project and plans for going forward—including a 2012 MHCCPA conference—and how we can better meet your (and your colleagues') needs. If you did not already complete the survey to assess your needs, please do so by clicking on the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DBNCQGS>. You may also email program staff or your regional PAC member with any items you would like discussed at the upcoming meeting.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ [Institute for Healthcare Improvement \(IHI\) 23rd Annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care](#)
December 4 – 7, 2011
Orlando, FL
- ◆ [The 2011 Patient Advocate Conference](#)
December 5, 2011
Orlando, FL

Who's Who?

Chapter Champion Spotlight on South Carolina Champion, C. Michael Bowman, MD, PhD, FAAP

Dr Bowman grew up in central Illinois, completing his bachelor's degree at the University of Illinois. He then attended medical and graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and completed his pediatric residency at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Following that, Dr Bowman went to the University of Colorado, Denver for his pediatric pulmonology fellowship which included extensive research of the biochemistry of lung injury. After completing his fellowship, Dr Bowman took a position at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (CHLA).

Dr. Bowman's PhD is in genetics, but his lung research initially focused on studies of lung injury in children and model systems of hyperoxic lung injury. He helped start the Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) program in the nursery at CHLA. In 1992 he was named Director of the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Center in LA and was the CF Center Director in Charleston on arrival in 2000 when he also became the Division Director of Pulmonology in Charleston, SC, at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC).

Several years later, he realized the crucial need for better asthma management for children in South Carolina and decided to begin concentrated work focused on asthma. Since then he has been in charge of the multi-disciplinary asthma committee in the Children's Hospital at the Medical University of South Carolina. He has always been extremely active teaching pediatric residents and medical students and has now utilized asthma as the medical problem to draw residents into the inner city schools in Charleston. He is also currently a member of the board of directors of the South Carolina Asthma Alliance, a non-profit state-wide organization devoted to the improvement of the care of patients with asthma throughout the state.

Dr. Bowman is passionate about improving the health disparities in children, and asthma in particular. Thus, much of his focus for combating asthma deals with children in inner city settings, whose asthma is under-recognized and under-treated. He is passionate about educating and improving asthma programs for physicians, school nurses, families and their children. Dr Bowman is also the medical director for the American Lung Association's Camp "Puff 'n' Stuff"—a week-long residential summer camp for under-privileged children with asthma in the Charleston area.

As the South Carolina Chapter Champion, Dr Bowman is working on numerous projects, with the South Carolina Chapter of the AAP, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Medicaid Asthma Quality Improvement project, the South Carolina Asthma Alliance, as well as schools in Charleston. (*Continued on p.2*)



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In order to gain a good basis of understanding as to what the South Carolina chapter members need, Dr Bowman has led the following activities at the South Carolina Chapter, specifically:

- Implementation of a survey of SC AAP members to determine what members need / want to assist them in caring for children with asthma;
- conducting a similar survey of SC Academy of Family Physicians to allow comparisons between the two groups of providers;
- met with SC AAP Executive Committee to discuss development of bi-monthly asthma email update for members (email was the most requested form of new information based on survey)—“Practical Tips on Asthma for Pediatricians,” which launched this month. Click [here](#) to download a copy of Issue 1 “Selecting the Right Asthma Medication and Device”; and
- working with the state CHIPRA program to improve asthma care and outcomes for children of SC. Related to this, he has become an advisor for the CARxE program, an innovative program from the pharmacy program at MUSC, to develop non-branded detail experts to talk to front line caregivers about best practices for asthma.

What's What?

NEW Academy Resource: *Improving the Medical Home Through the Use of Health Information Technology—A Fact Sheet for Health Care Professionals*

Well-designed and well-implemented health information technology (HIT)—such as electronic health record (EHR) systems, personal health records (PHRs), patient registries, and the use of clinical decision support—can play a critical role in facilitating the access to and sharing of important patient information amongst a care coordination team, in supporting provider-patient communication, and by encouraging patient engagement.

The new fact sheet from the AAP, [Improving the Medical Home Through the Use of Health Information Technology](#), describes the importance of HIT in medical home implementation and translates HIT functionality into medical home, provides a listing of HIT resources and more. To download this fact sheet, the AAP policy statement, *Health Information Technology and the Medical Home*, and learn more about medical home and HIT, visit the National Center for Medical Home Implementation [HIT page](#).

Reports and Resources

In the News...

- [Maternal Obesity is Linked to Risk of Childhood Asthma](#)
- [Few Poor Children With Asthma Get Preventive Drugs After ED Visits](#)
- [Data Unveils Information on Medicaid, Medicare Use in US Households](#)

PCPCC Releases New Care Coordination Guide

The Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative released a brand new guide this month—[Core Value, Community Connections: Care Coordination in the Medical Home](#). Care coordination can mean a number of different things for both patients/families and providers. There is much to learn from what is being tried, tested and applied by those on the care coordination journey. The PCPCC report features three core elements: 1) expert-authored articles on the definition, role and function of care coordination, as well as tools for implementation, and measurement and monitoring of its effectiveness; 2) case examples; and 3) a summary of survey responses from select practices. To download a free PDF of the care coordination guide, visit the [PCPCC Web site](#).

IOM Releases Patient-Clinician Communication Piece

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) recently released their inaugural discussion paper, *Patient-Clinician Communication: Principles and Expectations*. This [publication](#) outlines the key principles for achieving patient-centered care by improving communication between patients and healthcare providers. To access the paper electronically, download the paper from the IOM [Web site](#). This statement of principles and expectations was developed by participants working jointly on behalf of organizations engaged in the Best Practices Innovation Collaborative and the Evidence Communication Innovation Collaborative of the IOM Roundtable on Value & Science-Driven Health Care. The document has received the support of over 20 organizations.