



Champion E-Correspondence

September 2011

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!

- Chapter champion regional calls are currently being scheduled for October/November. Please be sure to look out for emails from program staff, Lindsay Wilson, related to the scheduling of these calls...and be sure to respond! Lindsay can be reached at 800/433-9016, ext 7605 or lwilson@aap.org.
- In August, you received an email containing two easily customizable exciting new resources (below) for your use as champions. Please let project staff know of any questions that you may have related to these resources and be sure to submit them to your chapter newsletter and/or other state, local or community publications!

Do you know who your chapter's newsletter editor is? You can obtain this information by emailing your chapter's [Executive Director](#).

- **[Family-to-Family Health Information Centers—Linking Pediatricians and Families to Services](#)**: A one-page article providing an overview of Family-to-Family Health Information Centers and the importance of these resources for families and providers.
- **[Taking Care of Your Child's Asthma—Knowing Your Resources](#)**: A two-page flyer for families—to be used in the practice setting—providing guidance to the parents of children with asthma on what to expect when they visit their pediatrician's office and how to prepare to make the most of the visit.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ [Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative \(PCPCC\) 5th Annual Summit](#)
October 21, 2011
Washington, DC
- ◆ [Institute for Healthcare Improvement \(IHI\) 23rd Annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care](#)
December 4 – 7, 2011
Orlando, FL

Who's Who?

Mary Ian McAteer, MD, FAAP, Indiana Chapter Champion, brings a long history of involvement in community projects to her practice. She was instrumental in establishing the medical home model within her group of six solo general pediatric practitioners in suburban Indianapolis. Currently, her practice is involved in Indiana's *Community Integrated Systems of Service Medical Home Learning Collaborative* funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau through the Indiana State Department of Health. The project has provided the team with the initiative to focus on chronic condition management using asthma as the "model" condition. Dr McAteer, as the Indiana AAP Chapter Champion for medical home and asthma, is serving as a facilitator and liaison with other practices, organizations and resources throughout the state.

After graduating from Purdue University (BS 1980), Dr McAteer received her medical training at Indiana University (MD 1984) and is board certified in pediatrics (1989). Dr McAteer is an active member of the Indiana Chapter of the AAP (Vice President 2008-2010, current Co-Chairperson, School Health Committee), the Indiana State Medical Association (Delegate 2005-current, member Women in Medicine sub-committee) and the Indianapolis Medical Society. She serves the Indiana University (IU) School of Medicine Pediatrics Residency Program as a Clinical Instructor and is a faculty mentor and frequent lecturer for the IU chapter of the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA). Dr McAteer is a member of the Indiana Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (President 2005-2007) and is Consultant to the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana.

Her interest and involvement with asthma began with watching her childhood friend struggle with asthma attacks, recognizing that same dismay with patients in the office and hospital, and realizing that healing is within reach with medication, education and community awareness.



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What's What?

2011 AAP National Conference & Exhibition (NCE) Sessions of Interest for Chapter Champions

If you weren't already aware, the AAP 2011 National Conference and Exhibition (NCE) is fast-approaching! This year's NCE will be held in Boston, MA, October 15-18, 2011. You can still register [online](#) through Friday, October 7. On-site registration will be available at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center Friday, October 14 through Tuesday, October 18.

If you do plan on attending, access the following [chart of 2011 sessions related to medical home and/or asthma](#). This chart of sessions includes the following educational topics:

- *Asthma Phenotypes and Appropriate Treatments*
- Section on Allergy & Immunology Program: Day 2—*New and Emerging Therapies in Food Allergy, Asthma, and Allergic Rhinitis*
- *Culturally Effective Care—What It Is and How to Implement It in Practice*
- *Handoff or Handshake—Transitioning Youth to Adult Providers With the New Health Care Transitions Algorithm*
- *Leadership Competencies for Pediatricians: Self, Teams, and Systems*
- *Pediatric Practice Manager Program: Enhancing Your Practice*
- *Business Case for the Medical Home: The Brand Name for Pediatrics of the Future*
- *Coding 101: Teaching New Dogs Old Tricks*
- *Managing Time-Consuming Problems in Your Office—How to Do a Good Job and Get Paid*
- *Primary Care Pediatrician-Subspecialist Communication: Making It Work to Improve Patient Care and Patient Access*
- *Coding...A Day in the Life of a Busy Pediatrician*
- *Section on Pediatric Pulmonology Program—Functional Respiratory Disorders*
- *Asthma Exacerbations From Common Cold Viruses: A Deficiency in Innate Immunity*

Also, be sure to visit the Merck Childhood Asthma Network, Inc (MCAN) booth (**Booth Number: 238**) in the Exhibit Hall! As you know, MCAN provides funding for the MHCCPA and has been instrumental in the support they have provided for this project. Please thank them for their support and tell them about what you're working on in your state as a chapter champion!

Reports and Resources

In the News...

- [Research Shows that Vitamin C May Offer Asthma Relief for Children](#)
- [Medical Clinics in Retail Settings are Booming...Primary Care Implications](#)
- [Study Cites Prenatal Factors Affecting Children's Allergy, Asthma Risk](#)

Kaiser Family Foundation: State Health Facts Website

The Kaiser Family Foundation continuously updates data and adds new topics to its [State Health Facts website](#). For example, there is updated data about the number of individuals enrolled in Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plans (PCIP), 2012 data about the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) each state will receive, and the number of states that have filed federal lawsuits in response to the Affordable Care Act (ACA). New topics include the number of children ever enrolled in CHIP programs in each state, states that mandate coverage for autism, and eating disorders. See a complete list of new and updated topics at the [State Health Facts website](#).

NEW FAQs for NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition Program

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) teamed up with the American Academy of Pediatrics to develop a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document focused on the applicability of the NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) 2011 recognition program to pediatric practices. This document is now available on the NCQA Web site, [here](#).



Reports and Resources, Cont.

Journal Articles on the Effects of Secondhand Tobacco Smoke Exposure on Asthma

Ethnic Variability in Persistent Asthma after In Utero Tobacco Exposure

The effects of in utero tobacco smoke exposure on childhood respiratory health have been investigated, with inconsistent outcomes. The objective of the study described in the September issue of *Pediatrics*, “Ethnic Variability in Persistent Asthma after In Utero Tobacco Exposure,” was to determine if in utero tobacco smoke exposure is associated with childhood persistent asthma in Mexican, Puerto Rican, and black children. The study looked at 295 Mexican, Puerto Rican, and black asthmatic children, aged 8 to 16 years, who underwent spirometry, and clinical data were collected from the parents during a standardized interview. Results revealed that exposure to tobacco smoke in utero was significantly associated with persistent asthma among Mexican, Puerto Rican, and black children compared with those with intermittent asthma. These results suggest that smoking cessation during pregnancy may lead to a decrease in the incidence of persistent asthma in these populations. To access the full article, click [here](#).

Secondhand Tobacco Smoke Exposure Among School-Aged Youth Enrolled in School-Based Asthma Management Programs: A Mixed Methods Analysis

The high prevalence of asthma among school-aged youth places a significant burden on students, families and communities. Secondhand smoke (SHS) exacerbates asthma symptoms and attacks. Parental smoking is likely the most common and recurring source of SHS exposure among children. School-based asthma management programs can play a major role in educating students and their families about how to reduce, eliminate, and cope with SHS exposure. Between January 2007 and May 2008, 121 middle and 248 elementary school students who participated in school-based asthma management programs in elementary school completed pretest and posttest surveys assessing asthma behaviors and management difficulties. Results revealed that students exposed to SHS had significantly higher asthma management difficulties compared to those without SHS exposure. A focus on parent and community involvement can play a key role in addressing asthma management needs outside of school. To access the full article, found in the August issue of the *Journal of Asthma and Allergy Educators*, click [here](#).