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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

- PowerPoint presentations and additional information from the *2012 Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma Conference* is now available online at: www.medicalhomeinfo.org/national/mhccpa_conf.aspx. If you were unable to attend this year's conference, please be sure to take a look!
- The Academy has received a \$1.38 million grant from the JPB Foundation to fund the **Accelerating Improved Care for Children with Asthma Program**. The program will build on the work of the AAP Comprehensive Asthma Program, which includes the AAP Chapter Quality Network (CQN) Asthma Project and the Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma (MHCCPA). This new support provides the opportunity to build upon your great work and bring us all together again next year for another conference! We are excited to increase our focus on cultural competency in the care for children with asthma as a way to address health disparities. Stay tuned for more updates in the coming months.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ [Academy for Healthcare Improvement \(AHI\) Advancing the Methods for Healthcare Quality Improvement Research 2012 Conference](#)
May 7 – 8, 2012
Arlington, VA
- ◆ [The 5th International Conference on Patient- and Family-Centered Care](#)
June 4 – 6, 2012
Washington, DC

Who's Who?

Chapter Champion Spotlight on New Hampshire Chapter Champion: L. Terry Spencer, MD, FAAP

Dr Spencer has served as Director of Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine at New Hampshire's Hospital for Children since September 2011. Prior to this, he was the Cystic Fibrosis Center Director and Director of Clinical Research in the Division of Pulmonary Medicine at Children's Hospital Boston. He moved to Boston from Gainesville, Florida, where he served as Division Chief of Pediatric Pulmonology at the University of Florida College of Medicine. Dr Spencer completed his undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He trained in Pediatrics at the University of Florida College of Medicine and also completed his fellowship in Pediatric Pulmonology there in 1999.

At the University of Florida, Dr Spencer served as the Medical Director of the Asthma Research Laboratory, working closely with Leslie Hendeles, PharmD. His clinical and research interests in pediatric asthma include adherence, proper use of metered dose inhalers and valved holding chambers, and lung bioavailability of inhaled corticosteroids. In his new position at New Hampshire's Hospital for Children, he is excited to be working closely with a large group of local pediatricians in the development of an Asthma Collaborative emphasizing the use of pediatric asthma guidelines and implementing system-wide use of office spirometry in primary care offices.

Dr Spencer is board certified in Pediatric Pulmonology and has extensive experience and interest in pediatric respiratory diseases such as asthma, cystic fibrosis, chronic lung disease of infancy, congenital lung malformations, chronic cough evaluation and recurrent pneumonia, as well as bronchoscopy procedures. He currently resides in Bedford, New Hampshire with his wife and children. Aside from spending time with his family, he enjoys surfing, paddle boarding, swimming and snowboarding.



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What's What?

Improving the Medical Home Through the Use of Health Information Technology Fact Sheets

The National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI), in partnership the Child Health Informatics Center (CHIC) at the American Academy of Pediatrics, is pleased to announce the availability of two new fact sheets that demonstrate the relationship between health information technology (HIT) and medical home. The [Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers](#) provides information, tools, and resources related to implementation in practice.

The [Fact Sheet for Families](#) helps families understand the important role that HIT plays in ensuring the best care for their children. The fact sheets and other HIT resources can be found on the [Health Information Technology \(HIT\) page](#) of the NCMHI Web site.

Reports and Resources

In the News...

- [Study Finds that Asthma Medications Might Not Work As Well for Overweight Youths](#)
- [AAP Policy Supports Patient and Family-Centered Care](#)
- [Canadian Study Finds Asthma is a Permanent Condition](#)

New Report from the Commonwealth Fund: *Guiding Transformation: How Medical Practices Can Become Patient-Centered Medical Homes*

As part of the Commonwealth Fund's Safety Net Medical Home Initiative (SNMHI), this report sought to develop a more detailed and concrete definition that describes the changes that most practices would need to make to become patient-centered medical homes (PCMHs). After reviewing the literature, the study team proposed eight characteristics of medical homes—called change concepts—which provide general directions for transforming a practice. Additionally, more specific practice modifications called “key changes” were further identified for each change concept. A technical expert panel assembled for the SNMHI, reviewed the change concepts and key changes and suggested alterations. A second panel, convened for another PCMH transformation project, also provided feedback. Many, but not all, of the change concepts and key changes are supported by evidence of positive effects on important outcomes. The eight change concepts should be viewed as general guidance for transforming the practice as well as opportunities for innovation and adaptation. Visit the Commonwealth Fund [web site](#) to download the full report.

May is Asthma Awareness Month—Start Preparing Now!

Did you know that May is [Asthma Awareness Month](#)? The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed an Asthma Awareness Month [Event Planning Kit](#) to equip state and local asthma programs to hold community-based asthma awareness and action events during the month of May. A printed copy of the Event Planning kit was provided to those of you who attended the MHCCPA conference earlier this month. However, anyone can download a free PDF of the kit [online](#). Inside, you will find ideas and helpful tips for planning and running powerful community asthma events. You will also find sample materials and a resource order form to use at your events.

You can also visit the EPA's [Events Calendar](#) to find asthma events that are already happening in your area.

New Asthma Toolkit Available

The National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) Asthma & Allergy Special Interest Group has finalized their "Asthma Toolkit" and would like to share this new resource with all healthcare providers. The tools found within the toolkit can be used to assist anyone working with asthma patients to improve asthma outcomes. Click [here](#) to access the Asthma Toolkit. To visit the NAPNAP Asthma and Allergy website click [here](#).

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.