

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, Allergy and Anaphylaxis." 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

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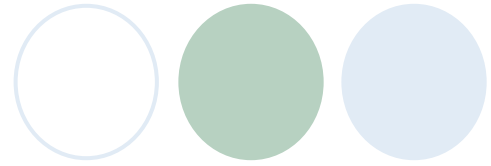
Greetings from Elk Grove Village, Illinois! Be sure to save the dates of October 9 & 10 for the 2015 Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis (MHCCPAAA) Educational and Networking Conference. We are very excited to be having this conference and look forward to seeing you all!

Chapter Champion in Action for Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month

Alaska Chapter Champion, Melinda Rathkopf, MD, FAAP, will be co-guest on [Line One, Your Health Connection with Dr. Thad Woodard](#) on Monday, May 11 at 2pm in honor of Asthma Awareness Month.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ [Interactive Case Discussion-Pediatric Rhinitis & Wheezing—CME](#), Multiple venues and dates
- ◆ [6th Annual Pediatric Asthma Conference: The Future of Asthma](#), April 30-May 1, Columbus, OH
- ◆ Webinar: [Practical Strategies for Integrating Clinical and Community Asthma Innovation with Sustainable Payment](#), May 4, 11am PT/12pm MT/1pm CT/2pm ET
- ◆ [Allergy and Asthma Network 30th Anniversary Celebration](#), May 5-8, Washington, DC
- ◆ Webinar: [IAQ and Health: Managing Asthma for Improved Health and Academic Outcomes](#), May 14, 10am PT/11am MT/12pm CT/1pm ET
- ◆ [FARE National Food Allergy Conference](#), May 16-17, Long Beach, CA
- ◆ Webinar: [Beyond Implementation: Capturing the Value of Care Coordination](#), May 28, 9am PT/10am MT/11am CT/12pm ET
- ◆ [Eastern Allergy Conference](#), May 28-31, Palm Beach, FL
- ◆ [Primary Care and Texas Health Home Summit](#), June 18 -19, San Antonio, TX
- ◆ [The PCMH and Team-Based Care Summit](#), June 23-24, Alexandria, VA
- ◆ [National Association of School Nurses](#), June 24-27, Philadelphia, PA
- ◆ [US Anaphylaxis Summit – 2015](#), Multiple venues and dates
- ◆ [2015 ASTHO Annual Meeting](#), September 29-October 1, Salt Lake City, UT
- ◆ MHCCPAAA Chapter Champions Educational and Networking Conference, October 9-10, Rosemont, IL
- ◆ [AAP National Conference and Exhibition](#), October 24-27, Washington, DC
- ◆ [2015 APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition](#), October 31-November 4, Chicago, IL
- ◆ [FARE Teen Summit](#), November 13-15, Washington, DC



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Reports

Asthma and Allergy in Children With and Without Prior Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccination

This [article](#)* published in *Pediatric Allergy and Immunology* (April 2015) explores the association between measles vaccination and subsequent risk of allergic disease. The aim of the study was to determine whether measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination administered in early childhood was associated with asthma and allergic diseases at ages 5, 7 and 13 years in a birth cohort. The study concluded that MMR vaccination early in life may have a protective effect against allergy at least up to age 7 and against asthma through age 13 years.

Mold Contamination in Schools With Either High or Low Prevalence of Asthma

This [article](#) published in *Pediatric Allergy and Immunology* (April 2015) looks at the link between mold exposures and the development and exacerbation of asthma by determining whether the Environmental Relative Moldiness Index (ERMI) metric might be applied to evaluating the mold contamination in schools.

Making Multipayer Reform Work: What Can Be Learned from Medical Home Initiatives

This [report](#) published by the National Academy for State Health Policy shares results on data collected from 17 medical home programs launched between 2008 and 2014 that involved two or more payers. Researchers looked at how each navigated four critical decision-making areas: convening stakeholders, establishing criteria for provider participation, determining payment, and measuring performance.

Comparison of Asthma Prevalence Among African American Teenage Youth Attending Public High Schools in Rural Georgia and Urban Detroit

This [article](#)* published in April 2015 in the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* sought to compare the prevalence of asthma among African American youth in rural Georgia and urban Detroit, Michigan. The prevalence of asthma was compared in population-based samples of 7297 youth attending Detroit public high schools and in 2523 youth attending public high schools in rural Georgia. Among African American youth living in similar socioeconomic circumstances, asthma prevalence is as high in rural Georgia as it is in urban Detroit, suggesting that urban residence is not an asthma risk factor. In response to the growing number of children living in poor and low-income households in the United States, the AAP identifies [Poverty and Child Health](#) as one of its strategic goals.

Clarification on Peanut Exposure for Young Children

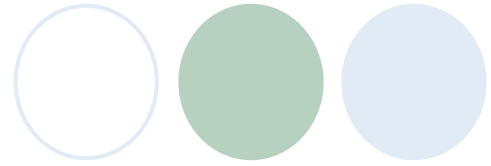
In light of the recent study on peanut ingestion and allergies in children, the AAP would like to clarify that whole peanuts or peanut pieces should never be fed to children under 4, due to the risk of choking and aspiration. Young children are safer with a thin layer of smooth, not chunky, peanut butter and should always be seated and supervised while eating.

*subscription required for full article access

Resources

Food Allergies & Anaphylaxis in Schools: What School Staff Need to Know

Provided by AllergyHome.org, this is a 30 minute [module](#) to assist the school nurse in training school staff to manage life-threatening allergic reactions and increasing food allergy awareness. This module is consistent with the CDC's [Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies](#) in Schools and Early Care and Education Programs.



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Resources (continued)

¿Que es un plan de acción para asma?

Millones de niños sufren de asma. Estos niños pueden llevar una vida sana y activa si siguen un plan de acción para controlar y prevenir los ataques de asma. Un plan de acción para asma es la clave para mantener a su niño saludable. Este video fue desarrollado despues de entrevistas hechas en español con padres que cuidan a niños Latinos con asma. El video se hizo con la colaboración de un equipo bilingüe multidisciplinario con experiencia en los campos de pediatría, medicina de emergencia, neumología, y lingüística. Click [here](#) for more information.



State Pediatric Medicaid and CHIP Medical Home Initiatives: At-a-Glance Table

The National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI), in partnership with the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) has created a state at-a-glance table which provides an [overview of pediatric medical home initiatives](#) occurring through Medicaid and the Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP). By learning about ongoing pediatric medical home initiatives in your state, pediatric clinicians, practices, state Title V agencies, American Academy of Pediatrics chapters, and others can gain insights on how to integrate their work and coordinate efforts across multiple systems.

Policy and Advocacy

2015 AAP Legislative Conference

The AAP just held its 2015 Legislative Conference from April 12-15, 2015 in Washington, DC. There are many ways to get involved in pediatric health advocacy. Join the 130 pediatricians who advocated on Capitol Hill during the conference by [taking action](#) today!

Take Action

Ways to Engage



Join the Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis Quality Improvement Project

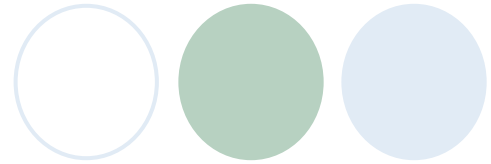
Primary care, allergy and pulmonology pediatric clinics are invited to submit an [online application](#) to participate in a 6-month virtual quality improvement project aimed at enhancing care for pediatric patients diagnosed with **asthma, allergy and/or anaphylaxis**. [Applications](#) are due **May 18, 2015**.

EPA Asthma Awareness Toolkit

Explore the EPA [Asthma Awareness Toolkit](#) and plan an activity to create awareness on asthma and pediatric health!

In the News...

- ◆ [NIAID Committee to Review Peanut Allergy Guidelines](#)
- ◆ [Easing the Burden of Asthma](#)
- ◆ [ACE Spotlight: Many Schools Face Challenges Implementing Stock Epinephrine](#)
- ◆ [Childhood Trauma May Raise Odds of Asthma](#)
- ◆ [2015 Spring Allergy Capitals](#)
- ◆ [Lansoprazole Worsens Asthma Control in Poor Metabolizers](#)
- ◆ [Gene May Play Part in How Kids Respond to Asthma Meds: Study](#)



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Chapter Champions Call to Action

May is National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month! Download and distribute [asthma](#) and [allergy](#) resources!



As always, we regularly update the [program website](#) with resources that might be useful to champions. Be sure to check out our website!

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