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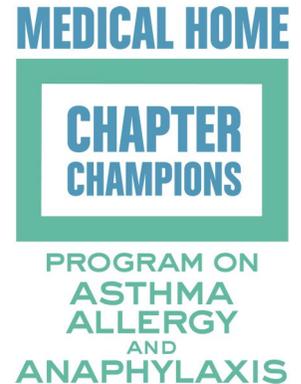
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This is an e-mail communication related to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) "Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis." It is designed to provide AAP Medical Home Chapter Champions with resources, as well as 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.

Project Updates

Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis

Greetings from Elk Grove Village, Illinois! As we come to the end of 2014, we sincerely thank all of you for the work that you do to improve the health and lives of children and their families, especially those with asthma, allergy and/or anaphylaxis, and promote the medical home. We hope your home is filled with love, joy, and good health during the holiday season, and in the upcoming New Year! Happy Holidays!!



Upcoming Events

- ◆ [Asthma Grand Rounds Series: Suggestions for Updates to the Asthma Treatment Guidelines](#), January 9, Boston, MA
- ◆ [Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs \(AMCHP\) Annual Conference](#), January 24-27, Washington DC
- ◆ Webinar: [Food Allergies: Epidemiology, Diagnosis and Management in the Medical Home](#), January 27, 8:30am HT/9:30am AT/10:30am PT/11:30am MT/12:30pm CT/1:30pm ET
- ◆ [Blueprint for Success: The Pediatric Medical Home is Here to Stay](#), February 6, Orlando FL
- ◆ [National Health Policy Conference](#), February 9-10, Washington, DC
- ◆ [American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Annual Meeting](#), February 20-24, Houston, TX

Reports

Housing Code Violation Density Associated With Emergency Department and Hospital Use By Children with Asthma

This 2014 [article](#) published in *Health Affairs*, sought to determine whether the density of housing code violations in census tracts—the in-tract asthma-relevant violations (such as the presence of mold or cockroaches) divided by the number of housing units—was associated with population-level asthma morbidity and could be used to predict a hospitalized patient's risk of subsequent morbidity. The authors found that increased density in housing code violations was associated with population-level morbidity independent of poverty, and that the density explained 22 percent of the variation in rates of asthma-related emergency department visits and hospitalizations.

Overcoming Challenges to Teamwork in Patient-Centered Medical Homes: A Qualitative Study

This [study](#) conducted in 2013 by Commonwealth Fund-supported researchers, looked at 27 primary care medical practices recognized as patient-centered medical homes and found that a team approach to primary care was fostered by: delegating more of physicians' nonclinical tasks to other staff; soliciting staff input on workflow modifications and feeding back data to the team; expanding the roles of medical assistants and nurses; and holding regular team "huddles." It concluded that enhanced teamwork can increase provider satisfaction and productivity within primary care practices, but more staff training—preferably on-site—is necessary.

Measuring the "Triple Aim" in Transition Care: A Systematic Review

This 2014 [review article](#) in *Pediatrics*, aimed to understand the current state of health care transition measurement with the goal of advancing evaluation methods and ultimately, the quality of transition services. The article concluded that transition programs are inconsistently evaluated in terms of their impact on population health, patient experience, and cost. However, a more robust and consistent set of measures is needed to demonstrate improvement in the transition from pediatric to adult health care.



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Reports (continued)

The Safety Net Medical Home Initiative: Transforming Care for Vulnerable Populations

This [report](#) published in *Medical Care* (November 2014) highlights the role of the medical home in transforming care for vulnerable populations. The study evaluated implementation of the change concepts using the Patient-Centered Medical Home-Assessment, and conducted a survey of participating practices to assess perceptions of the impact of the technical assistance.

Food Allergies in Head Start

The [April 2014 Head Start Health Services Newsletter](#) describes the topic of the safety of children with food allergies. It provides an overview of information Head Start programs should make available to parents and teachers, and the best ways to support staff and engage families. Providing a safe environment for children with food allergies takes vigilance and commitment, and taking the recommended important steps will help foster a culture of health and wellness for Head Start children, families and staff.

Impact of a Multi-Trigger Intervention on Seasonal Patterns of Asthma Symptoms in Inner City Children

This [study](#)* published in the *Journal of Asthma*, examines whether there is a time of the year best suited to implement environmental interventions to attenuate the pattern of peaks in childhood asthma symptoms and morbidity during the fall and late winter/early spring seasons. Over a four-year period, mid-Atlantic inner-city children asthmatics received self-management education sessions, and their daily asthma symptoms were recorded for 12 months by caregivers. The study found home self-management/environmental interventions appeared to have the greatest effect for those receiving the intervention in the summer and fall.

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Resources

Medical Home Chapter Champions Resource Packet

[Section 1: Medical Home](#) of the Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis Resource Packet is available! For helpful information on the medical home, including chapter-specific medical home information and guides, please visit the [program webpage](#).

Let the AAP Help Your Practice Become a Medical Home

The deadline to submit your application for the 2011 National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Patient-Centered Medical Home Standards is rapidly approaching. Act now and let the [AAP Digital Navigator](#) guide your practice as you aim to be a Patient and Family-Centered Medical Home within the NCQA standards.

Emergency Department Diagnosis and Treatment of Anaphylaxis: A Practice Parameter

This [practice parameter](#) published in the *Annals of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology* (2014), provides recommendations for the management of anaphylaxis that occurs in an emergency department (ED). As recognized by emergency physicians and allergists, the timely administration of epinephrine is essential to the effective treatment of anaphylaxis, and such administration is dependent on correctly diagnosing anaphylaxis. In an ED setting, with the broad and often atypical presentation of anaphylaxis, failure to recognize anaphylaxis is a real possibility and this failure inherently leads to under treatment with epinephrine.

Patient- and Family-Centered Care Organizational Self-Assessment Tool

Use this free self-assessment tool from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, to assess how your organization is performing in relation to specific components of patient- and family-centered care, or as a basis for conversations about patient-centeredness in the organization

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Resources (continued)

Transitions to Adult Care Resources

In a pediatric practice, when it comes time for a patient to move on to an adult provider, there are two options: transferring or transitioning. Many medical home practices are opting for transitioning to provide a smoother experience for their young adult patients and ensure them better medical care continuity. The following [Transitions to Adult Care](#) resources were developed through the Massachusetts CHIPRA Medical Home project.

Reduce Tobacco Use and Second Hand Smoke Exposure

The Community Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) has released [evidence based recommendations](#) on reducing tobacco use and second hand smoke exposure. The Task Force [recommends](#) comprehensive tobacco control programs - which include state and local programs, cessation assistance services, mass-reach health communications interventions, surveillance and evaluation, and administration and management - to reduce tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure, based on strong evidence of effectiveness.

Colorado Summit on Pediatric Home Asthma Interventions

The [Colorado Summit on Pediatric Home Asthma Interventions](#) was coordinated by the Colorado Healthy Housing Coalition and was supported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The meetings are designed to promote the value of home-based assessments and interventions for children with poorly controlled asthma and to accelerate the creation of reimbursement mechanisms for these services by local/regional health insurance providers. Presenters and participants discussed methods, challenges and solutions surrounding efforts to build capacity for in-home interventions and make reimbursement a reality. Presentations for the Colorado, Baltimore and Kansas City Summits can be accessed on the [program website](#).

Food Allergy Mortality: The Elephant in the Exam Room

It is difficult to know how many children with food allergy have been saved each year due to effective food allergy management strategies. Evidence based allergen avoidance strategies, and the timely recognition and treatment of anaphylaxis with epinephrine must be reiterated to all who are responsible for the care of children with food allergy. Health care teams including doctors and nurses, must be trained to teach effective food allergy management strategies at the very onset of the allergy, even before seeing an allergist. The identification of patients with potentially life threatening allergies and the effective delivery of food allergy management education, must be emphasized. Physicians and nurses must also be able to impart that unless effective management strategies are put in place, there may be an increased risk of [food allergy mortality, the elephant in the examining room](#).

New Affordable Care Act Fact Sheets for Families

Created by the National Center for Medical Home Implementation and the Catalyst Center, these four fact sheets highlight provisions of the Affordable Care Act which benefit children and youth with special health care needs. Each fact sheet is written in plain language, making the content easy to read and understand. Families will find information related to [concurrent care](#); [habilitative services](#); [health home programs](#); and [health insurance marketplace and Medicaid coverage for children and disabilities](#).

Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis

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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Policy and Advocacy

2015 Advocacy Training Grants - Call for Applications

The [2015 Advocacy Training Grants](#) call for applications opened on Wednesday, December 3. The AAP Community Pediatrics Training Initiative (CPTI) will support four pediatric faculty-resident pairs to attend the 2015 AAP Legislative Conference on April 12-14, 2015, and then implement an educational advocacy project in collaboration with their AAP chapter. Applications are due January 21, 2015.

AAP Advocacy Day Training

The AAP will be hosting a second Advocacy Day training in Washington, DC, on January 23. Beginning with an in-depth training session on how to advocate to members of Congress, the day will culminate with in-person visits to federal legislators on Capitol Hill. There is no cost to attend the Advocacy Day training other than travel. If you are interested in attending the training, please email Devin Miller at dmiller@aap.org.

Ways to Engage

2015 Visiting Lectureship Program Grants on Tobacco Smoke Exposure

The AAP Julius B. Richmond Visiting Lectureship Program provides grants of up to \$3,000 to support two-day, customized, educational meetings aimed at protecting the health of children and families by controlling tobacco smoke exposure. The lectureships are designed to promote secondhand smoke exposure control and to integrate tobacco control and prevention into medical education, health departments and state or national pediatric organizations, both in the U.S. and abroad. The deadline for submissions is **January 30, 2015** and awards will be made in April 2015. To find out how to apply, visit the [AAP Richmond Center Website](#).



Education in Quality Improvement in Pediatric Practice (EQIPP): Medical Home

The goal of this [EQIPP Medical Home](#) course is to help pediatricians create plans for improvement, and to address gaps identified in key activities of the medical home. Using EQIPP, pediatricians will collect baseline and follow-up data and work to improve care and processes delivered by the medical home through Plan, Do, Study, and Act (PDSA) cycles. Important factors that include people, processes, resources, and the culture of the practice will affect the ability to build a strong medical home.

In the News...

- ◆ [Peanut Allergy Patch Quest Has DBV of France Evading Suitors](#)
- ◆ [Food Allergy Laws Enforced in Restaurants and Takeaways](#)
- ◆ [How School Nurse Training Makes Allergic Kids Safer](#)
- ◆ [Link Between Antibiotics and Childhood Asthma Called Into Question](#)
- ◆ [SMART DINING: How Restaurant Pros Address Food Allergies – In and Out of the Kitchen](#)



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Chapter Champions Call to Action

Contact your chapter leadership and ask them to consider listing your information as the medical home asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis chapter champion, including the short description below, on your chapter website.



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The AAP Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis facilitates the dissemination of best practices, evidence-based guidelines and resources in asthma and allergy care to pediatricians in their states, and supports pediatricians in serving as advocates for change at local, state and national levels. The program seeks to support a successful, national chapter champion network model, initiate a team-based, care coordination and co-management quality improvement learning community; and cultivate an enhanced focus on advocacy and policy. If you are interested in more information about the project, please [Contact Us](#) or visit the [program website](#).

The AAP [Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis](#) staff provides 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 [AAP Medical Home Web site](#) and the [National Center for Medical Home Implementation Web site](#). All comments and inquiries can be sent to Nkem Chineme at nchineme@aap.org or 800/433-9016, ext 4342. If you would like to unsubscribe to the Champions E-Correspondence, contact Nkem Chineme.