



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.

Project Updates

Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis

Greetings from Elk Grove Village, Illinois! It has been a year since the program was re-launched to include allergy and anaphylaxis! A busy and wonderful year of many ongoing activities by all of our chapter champions. Thank you for your continued support of the program. We love hearing about what you are doing and how we can support you in your work.

Chapter Champions Highlight

Washington DC Chapter Champion, Rhonique Shields Harris, MD, MHA, FAAP, will be presenting on the Medical Home at the [PCMH & Team-Based Care Summit](#) on June 24, in Alexandria, VA.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Webinar: [Coordination of Pediatric Care and Care Planning](#), June 4 at 9am PT/10am MT/11am CT/12pm ET
- ◆ Webinar: [The Well Visit Planner: A Tool to Help Families Partner in their Child's Care](#), June 11 at 12pm PT/1pm MT/2pm CT/3pm ET
- ◆ [Celebration of Pediatric Pulmonology](#), June 12-13, Glenview, IL
- ◆ [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
- ◆ [10th Annual Alaska Asthma & Allergy Conference](#), September 11-12, Girdwood, AK
- ◆ [Adverse Childhood Experiences Southeastern Summit 2015: Building Resilient, Interdisciplinary Workforces, Communities & Families](#), September 24-26, Asheville, NC
- ◆ [2015 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials 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

The Pharmacy-Level Asthma Medication Ratio and Population Health

This [article](#) published in Pediatrics (May 2015) explores the increased role of community pharmacies in population health. In particular, it sought to develop a population-level measure of asthma medication fills and assess its relationship to asthma-related utilization. The study concluded that pharmacies may be a community-based leverage point for improving population-level asthma control through targeted interventions.

Child Health USA 2014

This [report](#) published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, focuses on the health status and service needs of infants, children, adolescents, and children with special health care needs in the United States. It highlights emerging issues and trends and profiles health from a variety of sources. Contents include graphical and textual summaries of secondary data on health-related indicators. Topics include population characteristics; health status; health services financing and use; and state, rural, and urban data. It also includes a section on [Medical Home](#).

Care Coordination Over Time in Medical Homes for Children With Special Health Care Needs

This [article](#) published in Pediatrics (May 2015) explores how care coordination changes conceptually and practically in primary care practices when implementing the medical home and identifies reasons for different types of changes. The researchers examined care coordination in 12 pediatric practices with the highest post intervention Medical Home Index scores, indicating high level of adoption of the model.

Peer Support in the Patient-Centered Medical Home and Primary Care

The Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC) recently teamed up with Peers for Progress (a program of the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation) and the National Council of La Raza to discuss the role of peer support (Community Health Workers in particular) in primary care and the patient-centered medical home. [Download](#) the full report to gain a better understanding of how the patient-centered medical home and peer support can help address the crisis in health care.



Resources

Podcast: What Is a Social Impact Bond, and Why Does Asthma Present a Good Fit for This Innovative Financing Mechanism?

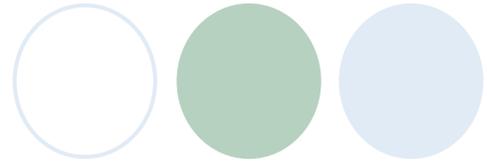
Hear Ruth Ann Norton [share her experience](#) with Social Impact Bonds as a means of revolutionizing the way we provide and finance in-home asthma services for high-risk asthma patients who are often from low-income, minority populations and live in communities that negatively affect their health.

Delay Food Introduction to Prevent Food Allergy? It Doesn't Work

Jonathan Spergel, MD, PhD, Chief of the Allergy Section at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia [talks](#)* about the changing recommendations for food introduction in infants and toddlers.

Webinar: Securing Coverage for In-Home Asthma Care Services

Social Impact Bonds are just one of many options for sustainable financing for asthma services. In this [webinar](#), learn more about the changing landscape of healthcare coverage and how to prepare your own organization to leverage existing opportunities in sustainable financing.



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Resources (continued)

Poorly Controlled Asthma: Is This Drug the Answer?

Asthma can be reasonably well controlled in most patients with standard therapies, provided that the patient is compliant. The recommend maintenance using an inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) supplemented with a short-acting beta-agonist metered-dose inhaler, used as needed, can be sufficient for most patients with asthma. However, the disease can remain poorly controlled in some patients despite compliance with these treatments. For the relatively small number of patients who still have poorly controlled disease and who continue to have acute exacerbations, the choices of treatment are problematic or expensive and include oral corticosteroids or monoclonal agents. An alternative, discussed in this [article](#),* might be the use of the long-acting anticholinergic agent tiotropium.

Videos to Help Develop Community-based Initiatives

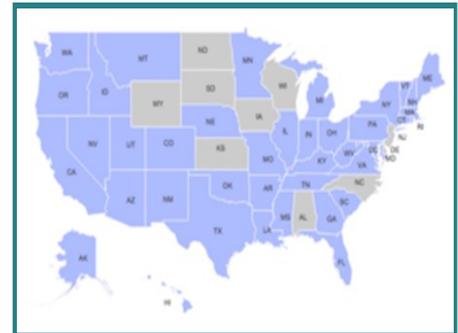
The AAP Division of Community-based Initiatives launched the project "[How to Plan Community-based Projects](#)." Twelve short videos explore the basic principles and methods for developing a community-based initiative while the worksheets lead to concrete pieces of a project proposal. This series will help pediatricians and residents become not only informed participants but also community leaders.

Asthma Awareness: Public Health and Genomic Insights

Since 1997, CDC's Office of Public Health Genomics (OPHG) has served CDC programs, other federal agencies, state health departments, and other external partners by identifying, evaluating, and implementing evidence-based genomics practices to prevent and control the country's leading chronic, infectious, environmental, and occupational diseases. This May, for Asthma awareness, they have compiled some [asthma](#) resources.

New Map: State Community Health Worker Models

As states transform their health systems many are turning to Community Health Workers (CHWs) to tackle some of the most challenging aspects of health improvement, such as facilitating care coordination, enhancing access to community-based services, and addressing social determinants of health. While state definitions vary, CHWs are typically frontline workers who are trusted members of and/or have a unique and intimate understanding of the communities they serve. [This map](#) highlights state activity to integrate CHWs into evolving health care systems in key areas such as financing, education and training, certification, and state definitions, roles and scope of practice.



Webinar: Practical Strategies for Integrating Clinical and Community Asthma Innovation with Sustainable Payment

The [webinar](#) focuses on a successful community intervention deployed by the St. Louis chapter of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA). Speakers discussed payment and policy options currently being tested by the Center for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Services and other agencies, assessed challenges and opportunities for innovation, and provided practical strategies and next steps for integrating sustainable payment and system transformation.

New Bilingual Asthma Resources

From 9 million to nearly 53 million: that's how much the Latino population has grown in the United States since 1970. New immigrants, many of whom speak primarily Spanish, account for nearly 36 percent of this total (source: U.S. Census Bureau). Now, consider that 1 of every 11 Latino children under the age of 15 living in the U.S.—some 5.6 million total—has asthma. The National Asthma Control Initiative (NACI) has developed several helpful [bilingual resources for asthma](#).



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Resources (continued)

Asthma/Anaphylaxis, Intervention, Resources and Education (AIRE) in Nebraska

[AIRE Nebraska](#) is dedicated to enhancing asthma and allergy awareness, promoting comprehensive asthma and allergy education, serving as a resource and advocate for Nebraskans affected by asthma and life-threatening allergies. Stephen R. Russell, MD, FAAP (Nebraska MHCCPAAA chapter champion) has worked closely with this organization for over 10 years.

12th-Annual Asthma Capitals™ report

This [report](#) ranks the most challenging places to live in the U.S. with asthma. For questions about the study or other information, please contact Mike Tringale (mike@aafa.org), 202-466-7643, x272, AAFA's SVP of External Affairs.

*Medscape log-in required

Policy and Advocacy

State Legislation: PCMH and Advanced Primary Care

A new [resource](#) from the PCPCC tracks state government activity and legislation that specifically supports patient-centered medical home and other innovative primary care delivery models by: instituting uniform definitions and standards; authorizing new state programs; appropriating funds for new and existing programs; and mandating commercial payer participation in multi-payer programs.

New Medicaid Fact Sheets

The AAP, in partnership with the Children's Hospital Association, has created [fact sheets](#) for all 50 states and the District of Columbia that explain the importance of the Medicaid program for children. The fact sheets are designed to be downloaded and distributed.



Ways to Engage

CATCH Now Accepting Grant Applications

[Grants](#) of up to \$10,000 for pediatricians and fellowship trainees and \$2,000 for pediatric residents are available from the Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) program for innovative initiatives that will ensure all children, especially underserved children, have medical homes, timely immunizations, and access to health services not otherwise available in their communities. Applications will be accepted for Planning, Implementation, and Resident Grants until July 31.

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In the News...

- ◆ [Climate Change Push Puts Asthma In Spotlight](#)
- ◆ [Gene May Play Part in How Kids Respond to Asthma Meds: Study](#)
- ◆ [Adverse Childhood Experiences Linked to Asthma](#)
- ◆ [Peanut Allergy Exposure Occurs Most Often at Home, Study Says](#)
- ◆ [Many Kids With Asthma Also Sensitive to Peanuts: Study](#)
- ◆ [Family-to-Family Health Information Centers Funded Through FY 2017](#)

Chapter Champions Call to Action



As we head into year two of the Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis, please take a few minutes to [complete your year two work plan](#). We love to hear from you! Please send in your work plan on or before **June 30, 2015**.



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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