Welcome to the spring 2014 issue of the AAP PLACES newsletter. This issue provides you, PLACES participants, with a first look at data highlights from PLACES. Thanks for your continued participation in the study! PLACES data will be presented at the 2014 Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. For more information, visit www2.aap.org/research/places.htm.

The 3rd annual spring survey is currently being conducted. Thank you in advance for taking time from your busy schedule to complete the survey and contribute to the success of this project!

We will continue to send you project updates and findings by sharing the “GOING PLACES” newsletter with you. Please let us know what you think about PLACES data and this newsletter on the last page of the spring survey. Take a look at page 4 to see the lucky PLACES participant who won an iPad!

ABOUT PLACES

PLACES is a longitudinal study that tracks the experiences and opinions of 1,804 early career pediatricians over time

- There are 2 important cohorts
  1) Recent Residency Graduates
     Most graduated in 2009-2011
  2) Early Career
     Most graduated in 2002-2004

- 93% of PLACES participants responded to the 2nd annual survey (2013); the 3rd annual survey is currently being conducted

- Strengths of PLACES
  ✓ Longitudinal design
  ✓ Inclusion of both AAP members and non-members
  ✓ Range of content (work, satisfaction, personal dimension)
  ✓ Commitment of participants, like you!

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RESULTS FROM THE 2ND YEAR OF PLACES (2013)

~ 75% of PLACES participants completed the 2-page fall 2013 survey that focused on Health Reform

The majority of these pediatricians (60%) reported poor or fair understanding of the Health Reform Law (Figure 1)

Of the PLACES participants who are asked questions about health care reform at least occasionally (33%), 63% do not feel prepared to answer questions.

For information on health care reform to use with families, see these resources from the AAP:


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PERCEPTIONS OF HEALTH CARE REFORM

Figure 3. PLACES pediatrician anticipated impact of health care reform on access to patient care, quality of patient care, and pediatrician satisfaction

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PLACES participants anticipate health care reform will have a positive impact on access to patient care (69%) (Figure 3). Fewer expect a positive impact on quality of patient care (38%) or pediatrician satisfaction (29%).

PLACES Participants and Medicaid Patients

69% of PLACES participants currently accept all Medicaid patients who contact them; 79% accept all privately insured patients.

Subspecialists are more likely than generalists to report they are currently accepting Medicaid patients (83% and 55%, respectively).

Of the PLACES participants who care for Medicaid patients and provide primary care and/or immunizations, most (77%) were unsure if they received a higher rate of payment for Medicaid compared to a year ago; 16% said yes and 7% said no.

The majority of PLACES participants (74%) are not involved in making decisions about organizational and financial issues, such as participation in new plans and taking new Medicaid patients (Figure 4).

Figure 4. PLACES pediatrician involvement in making decisions about organizational and financial issues at work

- Not at all (74%)
- Somewhat (6%)
- Slightly (13%)
- Very (7%)

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Over 75% of participants completed the second fall survey with only 2-3 requests – thank you! Participants who returned the survey by December 27, 2013 were included in a drawing for an iPad.

Dr. Jess Chen (pictured with her two daughters) is a pediatric emergency medicine physician practicing in Akron, Ohio. She was randomly selected as our iPad winner from the 1,357 participants who completed the fall survey.

The fall survey, much shorter than the annual survey, provides an opportunity to make sure we have your current contact information and to share results via the GOING PLACES newsletter.

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