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Communications Director's Message

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone was able to spend some quality time with friends and family during the Thanksgiving holiday. I know some of our members in the Northeast are still dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. I just came across the [Wikipedia](#) page about the devastation in the Caribbean, Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern United States including over 200 deaths and over \$65 billion in estimated damages. On a recent APA Board call, Benard talked about the impact of the storm on patient care and medical education in the [New York](#) area. I imagine many of us are teaching and working closely with trainees whose family members have been directly affected by the storm. With the December holidays approaching, these individuals will likely return to their homes and, for the first time, see the destruction to their communities. I'm sure our students, residents and other trainees would appreciate an extra 'check-in' during this time. As you'll see in David's report, our APA Board meeting was rescheduled and will occur in early January. Please feel free to send me any thoughts or suggestions about how the APA can meet your needs. As you'll see in this newsletter, our Region Co-Chairs have been busy planning your APA regional meetings. Check your Region section in this month's newsletter and the APA website and be sure to pass along the meeting details to your students, residents and other trainees. The regional meetings serve as a great opportunity to get trainees involved in the APA! Safe travels during the holiday season.



Have a Happy, Healthy 2013!

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President's Message

Holiday Gifts

As the daylight hours shorten and the weather cools, many of our thoughts turn to celebration of holidays associated with the winter solstice. The director of the chorus in which I sing wrote a song for this holiday concert entitled "Chanuchristmasoltizaa" in recognition of the many ways people in North America celebrate holidays at this time of year. While not universal, many of our celebrations are associated with light and giving. In this column, I want to focus on some gifts for which I am grateful and also on some gift-giving opportunities.



I am grateful for the gift of healthcare for our children that will now be more secure because of the Affordable Care Act. While there are still details regarding essential benefits to be determined, it is clear that many previously uninsured and under-insured American children will have access to preventive services, coverage for pre-existing conditions, dental and vision services, coverage on parent plans to age 26 and no lifetime limits. It is estimated that about 10% of American children were uninsured before ACA (data from 2009), and stand to benefit from its provisions. The law has withstood significant political and legal challenges, and there is much to work on in implementation, but it seems like it is now here to stay: a gift of affordable health care for our children and their families.

Another gift is the strong bipartisan response we witnessed in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. Our APA Fall Board Meeting was scheduled to occur on the weekend the hurricane struck our Eastern Coast. We postponed the meeting, but many of our members, particularly in New York and New Jersey, have been affected by this latest natural disaster. Overall, 106 people died as a result of the storm, and many suffered the effects of flood, fire and loss of electricity. Yet based on the reading I have done, the cooperation between the state and federal governments and swift preventive and responsive actions taken saved countless lives, provided emergency relief, and addressed the tasks needed to restore essential services as quickly as possible. One month later, there is still much more to be done, and still opportunities for us all to help support reputable disaster relief organizations. The bipartisan cooperation for disaster relief is laudable, and a suggestion of a type of cooperation to solve urgent problems that many of us would like to see applied more broadly in our government. I recently read a blog which makes this point:

"The perplexing thing is this: Why is our moral instinct so different when it comes to natural disasters like Sandy as opposed to slow-motion man-made disasters, such as the fate of millions of poor children languishing in failing schools? Why do some bad things that are outside people's control elicit empathy and a thirst for urgent response - and other bad things outside people's control persist for decades in the face of de facto indifference?" Matt Miller ([Washington Post](#)). Benard Dreyer has initiated an APA task force to address child poverty issues. Bipartisan governmental support for policies needed to bring American children out of poverty would be a true gift to our nation and its children.

During the holidays, parents often give gifts to their children. I recently read about a gift that one father gave to his 5-year-old son that impressed me so deeply I want to share it with you. Apparently the boy likes to wear dresses and skirts in public. He has a big sister whom he loves a great deal. He inherits her skirts and dresses and sometimes he likes to put them on. To show his support, the boy's father also wears a skirt and

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walks with his son in public. As you might imagine, when his illustrated writing about this spread across the internet, the father received a lot of feedback, some supportive and some quite critical. The father's response is poetic, and I would like to excerpt a few passages:

"He is my son, not my property. I don't own him. If there is such a thing as owning a human being, he owns me. I made him, I dreamed of him, I longed for him; now he is in my life, and I am responsible for him as long as there is breath in me. Since I am an adult, people should feel free to call me out on my decisions. In this case, if you do, I will confess that I don't particularly like wearing skirts or dresses. I'm like a soccer mom who doesn't love the sport, but does love her kids. I couldn't care more about my boy being a happy, self-assured, compassionate person. I couldn't care less about the choices he makes on the way to becoming that person-as long as they cause no harm to himself or others. The ability to make these choices is his birthright-a right that I should help him to exercise since I am responsible for his birth. It's just a dress, it's just a skirt. It is also a profound gift from parent to child."

Closer to home, another gift worth noting is the action of the St. Louis County Council on November 27th, which happens to be the 34th anniversary of the assassination of Harvey Milk and George Moscone in San Francisco. The council passed an ordinance that includes sexual orientation and gender identity in St. Louis County's nondiscrimination protections in unincorporated St. Louis County, the county in which I live. This ordinance will affect more than 321,000 residents, some of whom still fear losing their jobs or housing because of sexual orientation or gender identity. This gift is added to the gift that voters in three states, Maine, Maryland and Washington gave their constituents by legalizing same sex marriage; the first time this has happened by popular vote in the United States.

Finally, I want to talk to you about giving to the APA Development Fund. I was privileged to become the treasurer of the APA just as the fund was being initiated. I strongly believed at the time, and still do, that the APA is worthy of this giving. Our revised vision: "To create a better world for children and families by advancing child health and well-being through the work of our members and collaborators" captures the joy and challenge of the work we do. Your gift to the APA can help support young investigators to attend meetings during formative stages of their careers and to receive encouragement, mentoring and awards for their work. We can support the New Century Scholars, the APA Sponsored Research Networks, the Task Forces, SIGs, Committees and Scholars Programs that are central to our work and benefit current and future generations of children. I know I sent a recent email to the listserv about this, but I could not resist mentioning the APA Development Fund in a column about holiday gifts. I have just made my annual contribution, and I invite you to join me!

In closing, I want thank you for the gift of allowing me to serve as President of the APA. I am amazed by how speedily this year is passing, and yet I treasure every day of it in service of our mission. I also want to wish each of you a happy, safe and joyous holiday season, filled with the most amazing gifts, both given and received.

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The Election is Over: Now What?

One of my favorite movies from the 1970s was "The Candidate", in which Robert Redford plays a guy running for Senate, who goes to extraordinary lengths to win election and is last seen mouthing the words "Now what?" to his campaign manager after the victory. It has been a rough couple of months, between Hurricane Sandy, the election and the resumption of fighting in the Middle East. We would all like to think that it is over, but it is not. Now what?



For those of us in the APA, the question is more specific: "Now what about the children?" Again, thinking through the lens of our four-fold mission may be instructive.

Patient Care: The election seems to have settled the question of the Affordable Care Act, for the next little while. Speaker Boehner, a Republican, has agreed that it is the law of the land. Now we need to figure out what that means for children. In one sense, it means more change: new models of payment and practice, designed to meet the needs of the adult population. Still, there are nascent pediatric accountable care organizations that will move us to care that is more integrated (and hopefully less costly). The APA is taking an active role in preparing our members to take part in those discussions; check out the sessions on the books for the upcoming PAS meeting in Washington DC. Health reform may be the law of the land, but the details are certainly up for discussion. What's going on at YOUR academic health center? How are you making sure that children are part of the discussion? We'll look forward to talking it over with you.

Education: The election did not settle the questions of how much taxing and how much spending the government is going to do; that is the core of the discussions of the fiscal cliff currently underway. Within that discussion, however, is a real threat and a true opportunity to reform our system of graduate medical education. For the first time in many decades, there is a real chance that the GME Medicare formula may change, with the attendant impact on the current mix of residency programs. Pediatrics is at an advantage, having been one of the early adopters of competencies and entrustable professional activities. Maybe this time the reform of the educational system will come with some funding to support it. Stay tuned.

Research: The aforementioned fiscal cliff may lead to blanket cuts to NIH funding, an outcome that will make both Republicans and Democrats unhappy. At the same time, our Young Investigator Awards and our Research Scholars program continue to increase in popularity. How do we make sure that there is enough money for our Young Investigators, while faced with fiscal legal imperatives? The good news is that research in pediatrics is alive and well. We got more than 5000 abstracts to review for PAS. We need to figure out how to support this vast array of talent.

Public Policy and Advocacy: All of the other committees need this one to coordinate our efforts. We've got to fight for the systemic changes that we need to survive in this rapidly changing environment.

So, what's next? Rolling up your sleeves and getting to work. We need to organize. Come to Washington, DC in the spring, and definitely be in touch beforehand. There is much work to be done. See you all soon.

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Past President's Message

The APA Research Scholars Program Launches: the Class of 2013 is Chosen!



"Imagination is more important than knowledge..." Albert Einstein

To paraphrase Thomas Edison's comment on genius, research is "part perspiration and part inspiration" and I would add also, importantly "part motivation". I am delighted to introduce you to the APA Research Scholars Class of 2013. These are highly motivated, very creative young professionals in our organization. We hope to inspire them, impart knowledge and skills to them, and most importantly nurture their creativity and imagination. I am privileged to lead this effort for the APA.

The mission of the APA Research Scholars Program is to assist pediatric clinician-educators and clinician-researchers in developing themselves as fulfilled faculty members engaged in important and exciting research and to increase the quality and breadth of child health research. The APA Research Scholars Program is a 3-year program modeled on the very successful APA Educational Scholars Program and includes assignment of national mentors, monthly webinars and wiki-based interactive sessions that will cover coursework in research design and statistics as well as faculty-facilitated and peer-mentored research-in-progress sessions, and a PAS full day session each year that will focus on advanced topics and research-in-progress review. Over the 3 years, each scholar will refine her/his research protocol, implement the research project, and end with a completed project or projects submitted for presentation and/or publication.

We had planned to select between 10 and 15 scholars in this first year of the program, and we ended up selecting 13 scholars. Eight of the 13 are pediatric hospitalists, three are academic generalists, one is a child abuse pediatrician, and one is in pediatric emergency medicine. One of the scholars has a previous MPH, one a JD, and two are enrolled in Masters of Science programs in Clinical Investigation. Among the scholars there is one fellow in pediatric hospital medicine, one instructor, and 11 assistant professors. Two scholars have completed residencies in medicine-pediatrics, and the others in pediatrics.

The research projects proposed by the APA Research Scholars are exciting and diverse. They include randomized controlled trials, observational studies, qualitative and mixed methods studies, and secondary analyses of large national datasets and data from multicenter trials. Content areas include obesity, community acquired pneumonia, transitions of care, health disparities, care of medically complex and technology dependent children, use of information technology and social media to improve health care, pain management, quality improvement, and children in foster care.

So please let us welcome the APA Research Scholars, Class of 2013. Here they are with their academic affiliations, in alphabetical order:

Sarah C Armstrong	Duke University School of Medicine
Eric A Biondi	University of Rochester School of Medicine
Jeffrey D Colvin	Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine
J. Michael Connors	University of Connecticut Health Center-Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Lauren Destino	Stanford University School of Medicine-Lucille Packard Children's Hospital
Keely E Dwyer-Matzky	University of Rochester School of Medicine
Mary Greiner	University of Cincinnati School of Medicine-Cincinnati Children's Hospital
Gabrielle Z Hester	University of Utah School of Medicine

Brian D Knox	University of South Florida College of Medicine
JoAnna K Leyenaar	Tufts University School of Medicine
Rebecca E Rosenberg	NYU School of Medicine
Christopher J Russell	Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California, Children's Hospital Los Angeles

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Treasurer's Message

The APA board recently approved a 2013 operating budget that is balanced, fiscally prudent and responsive to our strategic priorities. Highlights of the budget include a modest increase in dues, a strong and growing grant portfolio and ongoing support for core activities. The APA's investment portfolio is doing well, with reported year-to-date and third quarter gains.



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Membership and Regions Chair's Message

Hello everyone! Hope the holiday season is greeting you with good health and at least a tiny measure of relaxation. Our membership continues to grow and is now solidly above 2000 on a consistent basis. We have many new members this fall, not just those applying for small grants, but also more experienced faculty, which is great.



We do also have a lot of people who don't renew their membership. Why? Some become members mainly to apply for our very popular career development awards, and never get a chance to experience the lasting benefits of membership before they opt out. Others are, understandably, squeezed by shrinking budgets and need to choose between memberships (though ours is the least expensive of the major pediatric organizations!) Lately, the Board and several Region Chairs have been taking advantage of a really innovative and helpful new tool designed by Jennifer Padilla in the APA office to quickly and easily contact members who have not renewed, and have found that many value their membership highly, and just forget to renew! (For those of you who are Region Chairs, please check it out and use it!) We are also, however, constantly striving to enhance the experience of membership for APA Members.

Our regions are thriving, with each holding regional meetings this academic year, and several continue their innovation in holding virtual meetings and learning from their experiences with them. A few have started holding periodic conference calls or web-based meetings on academic topics of interest to members, several of which are not easily available elsewhere. I hope this trend will continue! We are also continuing to hold

quarterly Board calls with Region Chairs to maintain communication and gather new ideas.

As always, please send me any comments, concerns or ideas at Christopher.stille@childrenscolorado.org. Happy New Year!

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Workshops and SIGs Chair's Message

We had a SIG chair conference call in September with over 20 SIGs represented on the call. After the call SIG chairs responded to a request for helpful hints on how to run a SIG. We are in the process of collating these responses and plan to have another call in January to move this forward and then will post it on the APA website.



Again this year we had a great response from our APA members to the call for workshops for the PAS meeting. For almost half of all workshops submitted the lead author was from the APA. Workshops have been reviewed and leaders were notified regarding acceptance in November.

We look forward to a great PAS meeting in Washington, DC with outstanding workshops and SIGs led by our APA members.

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Global Health Task Force Chair's Message

Global Health Task Force Session at 2013 PAS Meeting
Sunday, May 5
9 am - 12 pm
Integrating Global Health and Academic Pediatrics:
How Can We Do It?



How in the world do you combine your interest in global health with your academic career? This session, led by members of the APA Global Health Task Force, will discuss how to fund your global health career; how to develop a global health track within your department and how global health can enhance your academic advancement. Areas of scholarship to be discussed will include research, education and clinical care in global health.

For more information, please contact Ruth Etzel, Chair, Global Health Task Force, at RETZEL@EARTHLINK.NET

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APA 2013 Election Results

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Congratulations to the winners of the 2013 election!

President Elect

Mark Schuster

Chair of Education Committee

Latha Chandran

Chair of Membership and Regions

Marilyn Dumont Driscoll

Chair of New Century Scholars and Special Interest Groups

Darcy Thompson

Nominating Committee

Lisa Chamberlain
Wendy Hobson-Rohrer

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APA New Members

Welcome to all of the new APA Members!

Hussein Abdullatif	Carly Guss	Reena Oza-Frank
Kabir Abubakar	Areej Hassan	Anne Palaia
Emma Archibong	William Heerman	Elizabeth Pandithurai
Sandra Arnold	Jonathan Hemler	Julie Pasternack
Elizabeth Barnert	Elizabeth Hines	Eva Patton Tuckett
Jimmy Beck	Christine Houlihan	Yolande Pengetnze
Ashley Bennett	Betsy Huang	Norma Perez
Rachel Bensen	R. Stanley Hum	Elizabeth Rogers
Julie Berg	David Johnson	Kelly Ross
Deena Berkowitz	Maya Jones	Regina Rowe
Kari Bradham	Gunjan Kamdar	Sandhya Sasi
Nicole Bramwell	Mateusz Karwowski	Melissa Scala
Mark Brittan	Mikael Katz-Lavigne	Melissa Schafer
Kelly Callahan	Patricia Kavanagh	Kathryn Schneider
Sarah Canale	Salwa Khan	Nadine Schwartz
Rebecca Carl	Shaline Khurana	Joseph Sechler

Patricia Castillo	Brittany Knipstein	Emily Severance
Jessica Cataldi	Brian Knox	Catherine Sherwin
Binny Chokshi	Atsuko Koyama	Kathryn Kelly Shirley
Marie Clark	Paul Krezanoski	Andrew Shriner
RoseAnn Cyriac	Dina Kulik	Catherine D. Shubkin
Chris D'Ardenne	Vivian Lee	Ranjana Sinha
Alexis Deavenport	Karen Leonard	Ashlee Snyder
Michele Decker	JoAnna Leyenaar	Perla Soni
Lauren Destino	Dong Liang	Ellen Stevenson
Jessica Duis	Jenifer Lichtenfels	Kyle Stewart
Keely Dwyer-Matzky	Michelle Lopez	Laura Stuemky
Jennifer Ehrhardt	Stephanie Lovinsky-Desir	Mandie Svatek
Marsha Elkhunovich	Angela Lumba	Rachel Thompson
Beth Emerson	Lynn Manfred	Sean Thompson
Hannah Famiglietti	Danah MarafieB	Jayne Truckenbrod
Barbara Ferdman	Suzanna Martinez	Ndidi Unaka
Hiu-fai Fong	Katherine Mason	Kerry Van Voorhis
Byron Foster	Tara Matthews	Sreenivas Phani Veeranki
Julia Frei	Elizabeth McFarlane	Gurpreet Vidwan
Emily Gallagher	Nancy Miller	Danielle Wales
Melissa Gilkey	GenaLynne Mooneyham	Adriana Weisleder
Rebecca Goodman	Shweta Namjoshi	Amy Weiss
Amy Gower	Audrey Naylor	Charles Wood
Meisha Graham	Mary Lauren Neel	Angela Wratney
Christopher Greeley	Katherine Nelson	Davene Wright
Andrea Green	Thuy Ngo	Kee Kiat Yeo
Mary Greiner	Abigail Nye	Matthew Zackoff
Aditi Gupta	Adebowale Odulana	Gabrielle Zimbric
Blaze Gusic	Jennifer Osipoff	

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Region I

March 2, 2013

TBD

Region II and III

March 8, 2013

Weill Cornell Medical College

New York City

Region IV

February 23 - 24, 2013

Charlottesville, VA

Region VII and VIII

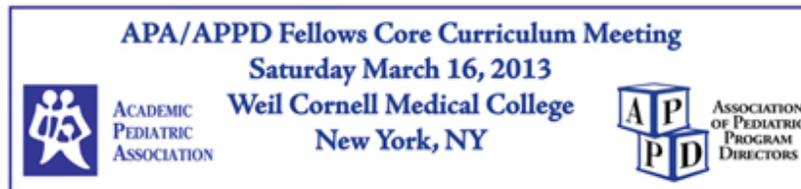
February 21 - 23, 2013

New Orleans, LA

Region IX and X
January 26 - 27, 2013
Naval Postgraduate School
Monterey, CA

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APA/APPD Fellows Core Curriculum

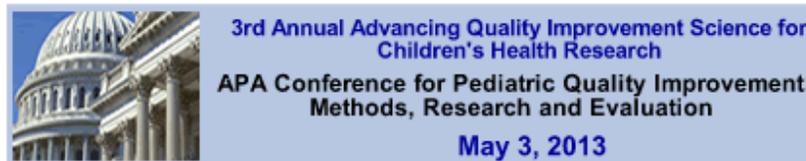


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March 16, 2013
Weil Cornell Medical College
New York, NY

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APA Quality Improvement 2013



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May 3, 2013
Grand Hyatt
Washington, D.C.

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Pediatric Academic Societies 2013



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May 4-7, 2013
Washington, D.C.

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Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM) 2013



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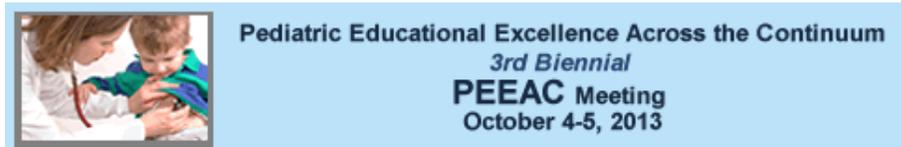
August 1- 4, 2013

New Orleans Marriott

New Orleans, LA

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Pediatric Educational Excellence Across the Continuum (PEEAC) 2013



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October 4- 5, 2013

Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel

Arlington, VA

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Committees

Health Care Delivery

It's Planning Season

While many are planning for the holiday season, the Health Care Delivery Committee is planning for the upcoming 2013 Pediatric Academic Societies meeting in Washington, DC. Mark your calendars for the HCD Committee meeting on Sunday, May 5, 2013 from 11-12:30pm. We are working with APA President-elect David Keller on securing a DC based guest speaker. Stay tuned for more information.

The HCD Committee sponsored topic symposium on the 10 Year Forecast for Pediatric Health Care Delivery is scheduled for Monday May 6, from 8:00 to 10:00 am. This is shaping up to be a great forum for exploring what's to come in pediatric health care.

The application period for the 2013 HCD Award is now closed. We received a number of outstanding

applications this year. The selection committee will soon be formed. If you have an interest in joining the selection committee, contact me at jknapp@cmh.edu in the next few weeks.

The HCD Committee continues to explore the development of an APA sponsored Quality Scholars Program. The results of initial interviews with experts in the field will be presented to the Board at the January meeting.

This month the HCD Executive Committee is recommending the November 22, 2012 issue of NEJM Special Report on resident duty hours. It's free online at:

<http://www.nejm.org/doi/pdf/10.1056/NEJMSr1210160> . The domains of health care delivery, public policy, medical education and research are linked in many ways; duty hour regulations are one of them. This Special Report is relevant to all academic pediatricians.

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Core Activities

CORNET



As we wrap up our year... we have much to be thankful for.

First and foremost, welcome to our new sites of 2012!

Virginia Tech Carilion SOM Pediatrics -- *Colleen Kraft*

KU School of Medicine-Wichita -- *Natalie Sollo*

NYP- Weill Cornell Medical College -- *Allison Gorman*

SUNY Upstate Medical University - *Beth Nelsen*

Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo - *Lucy Holmes*

Ongoing projects:

Peter Szilagyi from the University of Rochester and *Sharon Humiston* from Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics were awarded, in collaboration with CORNET, the National Partnerships for Adolescent Immunization (NPAI) Grant. This project focuses on enhancing adolescent immunization delivery through the implementation of quality improvement activities in primary care practices and pediatric resident training programs, the dissemination of best practice tools for improving adolescent immunization delivery and the adoption of best practices, especially for vulnerable, low-income populations, through their medical home.

Stay tuned for further updates as the planning of this project unfolds...

Resident Health Information Technology (RHIT) Survey is coming to a close on December 20th! We currently have 22 participating sites. The study will inform current healthcare practices of resident attitudes, use and

experience with health information technology.

For those who are participating, please make a final push! We have extended the deadline to get 80% participation.

Adolescent Immunizations within a Medical Home (AIMHI). Peter Szilagyi is the Principal Investigator on this quality improvement project to enhance adolescent immunization rates. This study represents a collaboration between the Greater Rochester Practice Based Research Network and CORNET. Participating sites will help to identify and implement best practices to enhanced adolescent immunizations within medical homes. AIMHI is currently wrapping up the intervention phase and ramping up for the post intervention chart audits.

Thanks to all our participants:

Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children's Hospital -- *Jan Drutz*
Boston Children's/Combined Residency Program -- *Ron Samuels*
Children's Memorial Hospital / Northwestern University -- *Sandy Sanguino and Bob Tanz*
Nationwide Children's Hospital -- *Judy Groner and Melissa Meyer*
St. Louis University School of Medicine -- *Susan Heaney*
University of Arkansas Medical Sciences -- *Shelly Baldwin*
University of Florida -- *Marilyn Dumont-Driscoll*
University of Iowa Hospital -- *Anita Moonjely*
University of Michigan -- *Heather Burrows*
University of Texas - Houston -- *Michelle Barratt*
University of Washington Medical Center -- *Jeff Wright*
Wilmington Hospital Health Center -- *Shirley Klein and Renee Kottenhahn*

For those who are participating, please review your emails for the last few steps on this project!

Workshop:

Congratulations to Sharon Humiston, for spearheading the workshop submission, "Teaching Pediatric Residents Quality Improvement Using Adolescent Immunization Delivery as the Focus". This workshop will be conducted at the PAS 2013 meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 8:30-11:30am.

Publications:

A round of applause to the Bright Futures Oral Health study team led by *Hank Bernstein* and *Janet Serwint* AND all the participants on a job well done. We appreciate the notable efforts of each participating CORNET practice, especially their site co-investigators and pediatric residents. Academic Sites and Site Co-Investigators:

Baystate Medical Center, MA - *Patrick Brown and Cheryl Tierney*
Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, NC - *John Olsson and Kathleen Preville*
Children's Hospital of Austin, TX - *Marilyn Doyle, Michelle Gallas and Roberto Rodriguez*
Children's Memorial Hospital / Northwestern University, IL - *Sandy Sanguino and Bob Tanz*
Children's Mercy Hospitals - Clinics, MO - *Maria Dycoco and Nasreen Talib*
Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, NH - *Diane Kittredge and Susanne Tanski*
Fletcher Allen Healthcare/University of Vermont College Of Medicine, VT - *Jerry Larrabee and Mort Wasserman*
Helen Devos Children's Hospital, MI - *Ben Sarver and Bill Stratbucker*
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, MD - *Mike Crocetti, Robert Dudas and Denisse Mueller*
Medical University of South Carolina, SC - *Kristina Gustafson*
Metrohealth Medical Center, OH - *Abdulla Gori and Susan Post*
New York University, NY - *Cynthia Cutler, Arthur Fierman, and Cindy Osman*
Oregon Health & Science University, OR - *Cindy Ferrell, Arthur Jaffe, Marlo McIlraith, and Angeles Pena*
St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, PA - *Robert Bonner and Shareen Kelly*
St. Louis University School of Medicine, MO - *Heidi Sallee and Sue Heaney*
Stony Brook University Medical Center, NY - *Robyn Blair and Susan Guralnick*
T.C. Thompson's Children's Hospital, TN - *Annamaria Church, Karla L Garcia, Joani Jack*
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences / Arkansas Children's Hospital, AR - *Shelly Baldwin and Lanessa Bass*
University of California - Irvine, CA - *Lynn Hunt, Penny Murata and Vara Reddy*
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT - *Grael O'Brien*
University of Florida, FL - *Don Fillipps and Lindsay Thompson*
University of Maryland, MD - *Susan Feigelman*
University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital, FL - *Andrea Assantes, Lourdes Forster, and Lee Sanders*

University of Nebraska Medical Center, NE - *Sheilah Snyder*
University of South Florida, FL - *Sharon Dabrow and Rani Gereige*
University of Southern California, LAC and USC Medical Center, CA - *Madeleine Bruning, Jennifer Saenz, and Roni Vasan*
Wilmington Hospital Health Center, DE - *Shirley Klein and Renee Kottenhahn*

The "Evaluation of a Bright Futures Oral Health Intervention for Pediatric Resident Continuity Practice" manuscript will be published in *Academic Pediatrics* this *spring*

We will be planning for the spring PAS meetings. Look for announcements about a CORNET general meeting open to all members.

As this year comes to a close, we would like to wish everyone WARM and HAPPY HOLIDAYS and a JOYOUS NEW YEAR!!!!

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PRIS



Upcoming Events

PHIS+ Project Meeting 2013
February 11-12 in Park City, UT

Executive Council Meeting 2013
February 13-14 in Park City, UT

Membership Update

If your site has not already done so, please complete the 2012-2014 Membership Survey at <https://redcap01.brisc.utah.edu/ccts/redcap/surveys/?s=Q4tSn>. Membership is open to any institution serving pediatric inpatients.

Point Prevalence Study

This study is designed to allow for the efficient collection of data from a large number of hospitals over a specified time period (typically one day); this data can be analyzed to determine both the current prevalence of a particular activity, characteristics associated with it, and, if done repeatedly, tracking the change in point-prevalence over time.

The Point Prevalence Study is spearheaded by Principle Investigator Dr. Karen Wilson, PRIS Executive Council Member and Section Head of Pediatric Hospital Medicine at Children's Hospital Colorado. In October, Dr. Wilson conducted informational webinars open to any PRIS sites interested in learning more about participating in the pilot study, which focused on assessing study feasibility. The pilot study was carried out in early November, resulting in data from 43 sites, including academic and community PRIS-member facilities from across the United States and Canada. Given the success of the pilot, the data collected will be used to inform an R21 grant submission in early 2013. All PRIS site leads and pilot study participants have been asked to respond to a short survey evaluating the pilot study process, and indicating clinical priorities that could be meaningfully addressed with the Point Prevalence method.

Participation is open to any PRIS-member site. Any sites interested in participating in the study should contact PRIS Project Manager, Leah Willis (leah.willis@hsc.utah.edu) as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.

Funded Studies Updates

PHIS+: Augmenting the Pediatric Health Information System with Clinical Data

This project is linking clinical data from six hospitals to a common administrative database to conduct comparative effectiveness research (CER) studies.

Since the summer, the PHIS+ hospitals have been working closely with the Children's Hospital Association (CHA) to conduct data validation. Thus far, several lab data elements have been validated at each site. We identified a few issues during the validation process, which resulted in delays as we established appropriate solutions and resubmitted data. One of the issues we found was a time discrepancy around daylight savings time. The data submitted to PHIS+ was not matching the data in the hospital's electronic health record (EHR). After analyzing the situation, the IT staff confirmed the data sent to PHIS+ was accurate, and the issue was actually with the EHR data. Another problem we found was a hospital had omitted several records as they were only sending those records with a billing number that matched to PHIS. This process systematically eliminated data from certain centers that billed separately for tests (e.g., outpatient labs and those ordered in a cancer center). The issues we have identified are being reconciled, and we anticipate lab data validation to continue in early December.

Radiology data is being prepared by CHA and is expected to be sent to research assistants for validation in early December. We anticipate the validation will take several weeks, as the data are different from the lab data, thereby requiring more time to validate. Researchers from the pneumonia and appendicitis projects are annotating a small sample of radiology data to confirm consensus among annotators prior to moving forward with a larger sample. After consensus meetings, both research teams will annotate larger samples of data which will be used to train the Natural Language Processing algorithm.

CHA will begin to process the microbiology data once they turn over the radiology data to the sites' research assistants. A timeline for processing and validating microbiology data will be prepared and distributed in the coming weeks.

The CER project teams are working on portions of their projects that can be started before the clinical data is available. We have adjusted project timelines based on the validation delay we experienced, however we do not anticipate this delay to pose a serious issue as substantial pre-work is being done on the projects in the meantime.

Prioritization Project + Hospital-Specific Reports

This project uses administrative data from PHIS to identify hospital conditions that are prevalent, cumulatively expensive, and highly variable in terms of resource utilization.

During the 4th quarter of 2012, the project team continued to 'drill-down' to find explanations for variation in selected high priority conditions.

The DKA (Diabetic Ketoacidosis) team, led by Joel Tieder, is currently working through some data issues and hopes to submit a manuscript for publication before the end of 2012. The manuscript will discuss the team's finding of lower odds of readmission within hospitals at the patient level for patients with longer inpatient stays and the opportunity this presents for improving long-term value of care.

Work also progressed significantly on the Tonsillectomy drilldown, which is led by Sanjay Mahant. The two major questions to be explored in this drill-down are: 1) the relationship between perioperative care processes and revisits in the first 30 days, and 2) the relationship between perioperative costs and revisits in the first 30 days. They have begun drafting papers on both questions. The first manuscript covering the evaluation of perioperative use of dexamethasone and antibiotics related to revisits to the hospital is nearing readiness for submission.

Work continued on the Appendectomy drilldown. The cohort was updated to include only admissions from 2007-2011, since earlier years were found to have some missing data, and in order to make the cohort more current. Tables were created for hospital characteristics and encounter characteristics, and CTC groupers relevant to appendectomy were developed. The Cost Master Index was updated based on the new low severity cohort, and cost was summarized by hospital, CTC bucket and grouper. A preliminary finding is that there is a two-fold variation from lowest to highest cost hospital. The data analysis group is currently working through data quality issues, such as fractional units, outlier and '0' units, and outlier charges, and proposed resolutions to these issues.

Karen Wilson is leading the fourth and final drilldown for Pneumonia which was chosen in August. Dr. Wilson has spent significant time developing the study framework and organizing the study team. The full team including data analysts and statisticians began meeting in early October and is currently working on defining the study cohort and looking at preliminary data.

Additionally, a manuscript describing the results of the prioritization project methodology was published in October in Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at:

<http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1363507>

I-PASS: Accelerating Safer Signouts

This study is examining the effectiveness of a "resident handoff bundle" in accelerating adoption of safer communication practices in pediatric hospitals, and is endorsed by the Initiative for Innovation in Pediatric Education. It was developed within the Research in Inpatient Settings (PRIS) network and is endorsed by the Initiative for Innovation in Pediatric Education (IIPE).

The I-PASS study is progressing as planned across all sites. Post-intervention data collection has been completed at the first wave sites - Lucille Packard Children's Hospital (Palo Alto, CA) and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital (San Francisco, CA). The next wave of sites - Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (Cincinnati, OH), St. Louis Children's Hospital (St. Louis, MO), and Primary Children's Medical Center (Salt Lake City, UT) are in the midst of wrapping up post-intervention data collection. Wave 3 sites - St. Christopher's Hospital for Children (Philadelphia, PA), the National Capital Consortium (Washington, DC), Doernbecher Children's Hospital (Portland, OR), and The Hospital for Sick Children (Toronto, ON) began post-intervention data collection in mid-November. The Coordinating Center at Boston Children's Hospital (Boston, MA) has conducted trainings for new research assistants and research nurses at Wave 3 sites. Study work groups continue to meet regularly in teleconference to support data collection and the transfer of collated data to the Data Coordinating Center (DCC), Brigham and Women's Hospital (Boston, MA). The Coordinating Center and the DCC have been working very closely throughout the past quarter to organize and initiate the analysis of preliminary data.

In addition to efforts to educate others about the I-PASS Handoff Bundle and to disseminate curricular materials via the study group's website <http://www.ipasshandoffstudy.com>, the I-PASS team continues to present at major conferences and is in the process of preparing several manuscripts for publication. In

November 2012, the I-PASS Study Team presented a poster at the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Annual Meeting and received an honorable mention for the AAMC Readiness for Reform Innovation Award. In the coming year, the group is slated to present a mini-course at the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Annual Educational Conference in March 2013, a State-of-the-Art Plenary presentation and workshop at the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) Meeting in May 2013, and a workshop at the Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) Meeting in May 2013. Additionally, several members of the I-PASS study team are developing ancillary studies to broaden the application and scope of the I-PASS curriculum.

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Research Scholars Program

The APA Research Scholars Program Launches: the Class of 2013 is Chosen!

"Imagination is more important than knowledge..." Albert Einstein

To paraphrase Thomas Edison's comment on genius, research is "part perspiration and part inspiration" and I would add also, importantly "part motivation". I am delighted to introduce you to the APA Research Scholars Class of 2013. These are highly motivated, very creative young professionals in our organization. We hope to inspire them, impart knowledge and skills to them, and most importantly nurture their creativity and imagination. I am privileged to lead this effort for the APA.

The mission of the APA Research Scholars Program is to assist pediatric clinician-educators and clinician-researchers in developing themselves as fulfilled faculty members engaged in important and exciting research and to increase the quality and breadth of child health research. The APA Research Scholars Program is a 3-year program modeled on the very successful APA Educational Scholars Program and includes assignment of national mentors, monthly webinars and wiki-based interactive sessions that will cover coursework in research design and statistics as well as faculty-facilitated and peer-mentored research-in-progress sessions, and a PAS full day session each year that will focus on advanced topics and research-in-progress review. Over the 3 years, each scholar will refine her/his research protocol, implement the research project, and end with a completed project or projects submitted for presentation and/or publication.

We had planned to select between 10 and 15 scholars in this first year of the program, and we ended up selecting 13 scholars. Eight of the 13 are pediatric hospitalists, three are academic generalists, one is a child abuse pediatrician, and one is in pediatric emergency medicine. One of the scholars has a previous MPH, one a JD, and two are enrolled in Masters of Science programs in Clinical Investigation. Among the scholars there is one fellow in pediatric hospital medicine, one instructor, and 11 assistant professors. Two scholars have completed residencies in medicine-pediatrics, and the others in pediatrics.

The research projects proposed by the APA Research Scholars are exciting and diverse. They include randomized controlled trials, observational studies, qualitative and mixed methods studies, and secondary analyses of large national datasets and data from multicenter trials. Content areas include obesity, community acquired pneumonia, transitions of care, health disparities, care of medically complex and technology dependent children, use of information technology and social media to improve health care, pain management, quality improvement, and children in foster care.

So please let us welcome the APA Research Scholars, Class of 2013. Here they are with their academic affiliations, in alphabetical order:

Sarah C Armstrong	Duke University School of Medicine
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Lauren Destino	Stanford University School of Medicine-Lucille Packard Children's Hospital
Keely E Dwyer-Matzky	University of Rochester School of Medicine
Mary Greiner	University of Cincinnati School of Medicine-Cincinnati Children's Hospital
Gabrielle Z Hester	University of Utah School of Medicine
Brian D Knox	University of South Florida College of Medicine
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Liaisons

Council of Academic Societies (CAS)

APA is a member of the AAMC's Council of Academic Societies, which represents academic faculty members within the governance of the AAMC. I have been privileged to serve as Chair of the CAS and will continue in this role for another year. In this capacity, I also serve as one of the 17 members of the AAMC's Board of Directors. The most exciting event that has occurred during the last year has been a redesign of the CAS and as of July, 2013, it will be renamed as the Council of Faculty and Academic Societies (CFAS) and its membership expanded to include 2 representatives from each member medical school as well as 2 representatives from each member society, like the APA. In addition, the terms of representatives will be redefined and the school representatives will include one who is a "faculty leader" such as a Chair, Center Director, Program Director etc., and one representative within 10 years of his/her first faculty appointment. The Society representatives as well will be asked to include one within 10 years of society membership, hoping to get more junior faculty members' voices heard at the national level. This will enable the CFAS to represent both the breadth of academic specialties through its Society memberships and the diversity of schools and faculties through its school members. It is hoped that this will also give faculty a much broader influence on the AAMC as it plans programs and policies that can affect all of us as we work in our schools and through our societies. This will offer a great opportunity for APA members to get involved at the national level by being aware that your schools will be nominating representatives to the CFAS and putting yourself in the position to be a school nominee/representative. The AAMC itself has been working on strategies to sustain our medical schools and I hope to be able to forward information in the near future from the AAMC to you about these efforts. I continue to send the weekly CAS Mail through the Listserv and expect communication to increase in the near future.

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Regions

Region II

Hello Region II,

Save the Date!!!

We are all busy preparing for our Regional Meeting which will be held on March 8, 2013 in New York City at Weill Cornell Medical College. Once again we will join forces with Region III to present you with a day filled with education, networking, mentoring, and more. We are excited to announce that our Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Sherry Glied, a leading scholar on U.S. health policy reform and mental health care policy. She served as Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under President Barack Obama and was a senior economist for health care and labor market policy on the President's Council of Economic Advisers under Presidents Bush and Clinton. Currently she is a professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and will deliver a talk on Health Care Reform. The workshops also promise to be exciting and will cover such interesting topics as social media in education, mentoring, and legislative advocacy, specifically focusing on the obesity epidemic.

Thank you to everyone in both Region II and Region III for submitting abstracts to present at the Regional Meeting. We are currently reviewing them and we look forward to many informative poster and platform presentations.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate this year's winner of the Young Investigator Award, Lauren Tarnok. Dr. Tarnok is currently a fellow in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and is working on a project entitled, "Are We Successfully Training Pediatricians to Assess Children's School Experience?" She will present her findings at the Regional Meeting. A special thank you goes to the Region II Chair of the Young Investigators Award Program, Ellen Silver.

Please contact us with any questions or suggestions. Hope to see everyone in March!

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Region VI

As we go barreling towards the end of 2012, it is hard to even contemplate what will be happening next fall. Luckily it is our job as co-chairs to do that for the region and indeed, we are moving forward in the planning of a live Region 6 meeting for 2013. This will be in addition to the virtual meeting planned for spring 2013, prior to the PAS meeting.

Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics in Kansas City will be hosting the 46th Clinical Advances in Pediatrics (CAPS) September 17-20, 2013. Region 6 will hold the 2013 live meeting on the afternoon of September 20th, after the close of the CAPS meeting.

The time of year and day of the week meet the expressed desires of those wanting a live meeting. In addition, those wanting to attend an extended CME experience may attend the CAPS meeting and stay for the regional meeting. We anticipate discounted accommodations for the meetings and into the weekend for those wanting a Kansas City Outing. Kansas City will be bustling with activity that weekend in the fall. It will be a wonderful time for the whole family to journey to K.C.

Please plan to join us!

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Region IX and X

Our Joint Region IX and X Meeting, the Pediatric CARE (Community, Advocacy, Research and Education) Conference, will be from January 26-27th, 2013 in Monterey, California at the Naval Post Graduate School. Thank you to everyone who submitted abstracts. Similar to last year's format we will have a keynote address and networking opportunities in addition to research and works-in-progress presentations on January 26th. January 27th will have a half-day of workshops aimed at faculty. Registration will be available shortly via the APA website. We are fortunate that our keynote speaker this year is Dr. Carol Berkowitz, Executive Vice Chair in the Department of Pediatrics at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and former President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Academic Pediatric Association, the Association of Pediatric Program Directors. Her keynote address is titled, "One Path to 'Leadership': Latency, Serendipity, Volunteerism and Perseverance."

We also welcome our new co-chair for Region IX, Larry Yin, who is an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the Keck School of Medicine of USC and the Medical Director of both the Boone Fetter Clinic at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and the CA-LEND Rett Clinic. We thank Christine Johnson for her service as the outgoing co-chair for Region IX and for her service on two recent tours of duty including to Haiti. Gina French, an associate professor of pediatrics at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of

Hawaii, is the co-chair-elect for Region IX.

If you are not already on our regional listserv, please join. We will continue to use the listserv more this year to update on regional happenings. Please go to "Administer Listserv Preferences" on the APA website and check to be included in the Region IX/X listserv.

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Special Interest Groups

Academic Fellows

We are excited to be the new co-chairs of the Academic Fellows Special Interest Group and wish to extend our sincere gratitude to the prior chairs for their vision and hard work. Sara Slovin and Tracey Wilkinson collaborated to establish a SIG that would focus on the unique needs of academic fellows and young faculty in all pediatric specialties and foster opportunities for networking, research collaboration, career development, mentorship and advocacy. We plan to continue their established tradition of activism as the SIG's new co-chairs and look forward to meeting and working with you!

If you are interested in joining the SIG and becoming an active member, we would love your support! Please contact us via email.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Fellows' Conference: March 9 - 10, 2013, in Washington D.C. - Join your peers in this amazing conference, which is catered to address your needs! Details to follow.
- PAS Meeting: May 4 - 7, 2013, in Washington D.C. - This is a must for any academic pediatrician! There are several sessions tailored just for you:
 - Academic Fellows SIG workshop, Saturday, May 4, 2:45pm- 4:45pm
 - 2nd APA Speed Mentoring Event, Saturday, May 4, 12pm - 2:00pm
 - Academic Fellows SIG Lunch, Saturday, May 6, 12pm - 1:30pm
 - And MUCH more

We'll see you there!

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Advocacy Training

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in DC in May!

The Advocacy Training SIG meeting will be held on Saturday May 4 from 8:30 to 11:30 AM. We have a really fun session planned. As we will be in our nation's capital, we are hoping to invite some legislators and/or staffers to participate in a discussion of child and adolescent health advocacy topics and strategies for interaction on a federal policy level. The learning objectives for this session include: 1) discussion of issues in pediatric health policy; 2) understanding policies surrounding the pediatric workforce; 3) exploring strategies for policy fluency - the process for creating a policy agenda, strategies for communicating with legislators, and media training. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn and share advocacy skills and stories. The panel discussion will be followed by oral presentations of trainee advocacy projects, and a poster session featuring a diverse group of educational or community projects or public policy initiatives addressing pediatric health or health care.

This is also our last year as Co-Chairs, so we are looking for members of our SIG to step forward to take the reins next spring. Please let us know if you are interested.

Please contact us with any questions. We look forward to seeing you.

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Continuity

The Continuity SIG Steering Committee (previously referred to as the Task Force) met October 12-14, 2012 at New Smyrna Beach, Florida. As we do every year, our meeting was intended to discuss the state of our SIG, the issues in pediatric education that likely will impact teaching in the continuity setting, and to plan the Continuity SIG meeting for the Pediatric Academic Societies' Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

We spent some time talking about the new RRC program requirements and the new accreditation system (NAS). The Milestone Project will be at the heart of this NAS and you might want to become more familiar with it as you look ahead. (<https://www.abp.org/abpwebsite/publicat/milestones.pdf>) We plan to spend a good

amount of time at our SIG meeting not only reviewing the Milestone Project, but will also give attendees an opportunity to use elements of the Milestone Project in break-out sessions.

Another topic which stirs the muddy waters is that of electronic medical records. Many of you remember that Jan Drutz got a group together in Hawaii to share thoughts about EMRs and the discussion has continued. Given the general concern, and in large part with feedback from our members, we are focusing our Quick Conti Consult session on EMRs in continuity settings. We will also have some brief updates about other SIG activities. The meeting is shaping up well and you can expect a great discussion and to come away with some very useful information and ideas.

By the way, you can mark your calendars for our Continuity SIG meeting in Washington, D.C. We will be meeting on Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 8:30-11:30, location to be determined. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me at olssonj@ecu.edu if you have questions, suggestions, or concerns. Happy holidays!!

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E-Learning in Medical Education



Webinar Cast Light on Redesigning Patient Follow-up Logs

On November 13, we were inspired by the presentation of David Salzman, Assistant Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. His presentation was titled *"Redesigning Patient Follow-up Logs: Harnessing Technology to Promote Self-Directed Learning and Create an Interactive, Collaborative, Emergency Medicine Patient Follow-up Blog."* Dr. Salzman described the development of a new method for documenting patient follow-up using a blog format to meet residency training requirements in the Emergency Department. He also addressed how his blog has provided a forum for individual and group learning in the residency program at his institution. Presentation objectives were to: (1) Describe the educational rationale for the basis of the development of an electronic follow-up blog to promote self-directed learning; (2) Demonstrate the different components of the follow-up blog; and (3) Summarize the successes, barriers, and lessons learned after a year of implementation of this blog. A question and answer period was built into the presentation; thus, participants were able to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the importance of integrating Web 2.0 technologies in medical practice.

Note: If you were not able to attend this webinar, you can still view the presentation slides on our e-Learning SIG wiki <http://elearningsig.pbworks.com/>.

Agenda for 2013 e-Learning SIG

The 2013 PAS is not far away, and we are trying to finalize the program by selecting the presenters and organizing the agenda. Our meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 5 from 12:00-3:00pm. Similar to last year's meeting, we will feature a variety of speakers and topics whose message content offers enrichment

opportunities across all spectrums of the e-Learning field. Here is a preview of two of the presentations that will take place at the 2013 PAS:

1. Erik Black, (SIG Co-Chair) and Lindsay A. Thompson, from the University of Florida, will present a collaborative research study. Their presentation is titled "Online Schools and Children with Special Health and Educational Needs: Comparison with Performance in Traditional Schools." The objectives and the description of their presentation are below:

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will gain a basic understanding of the present state of K-12 online schooling in the U.S. and Worldwide.
- Participants will gain a basic understanding of the manner in which individuals with special health care needs are making use of K-12 online learning.
- Participants will recognize the role that can be assumed by health care professionals in offering guidance to parents and children seeking to participate in online learning programs.

Description: As K-12 virtual schooling continues to become more prevalent, it is incumbent upon healthcare professionals, parents and children to better understand its impact on students that fall outside of the norm. Students with health care needs are one population that is particularly underrepresented in the literature. In an effort to rectify this, researchers conducted two separate studies which employed a valid and reliable screening instrument to identify and describe children with special health care needs who were enrolled in state-led K-12 virtual schools in four southeastern US states. This presentation describes the results of these surveys and discusses the implications of these results for health care professionals, parents and children.

2. Moodle, an open source learning management system, will be presented by Grant Christman, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at USC Keck School of Medicine. The objectives and a description of his presentation are below:

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the advantages of augmenting traditional face-to-face medical education with an e-learning program.
- Describe how to convert a traditional educational presentation into an interactive, Moodle-based e-learning course.
- Develop a plan to create a Moodle-based e-learning site that functions as a collaborative academic environment for faculty, residents, and medical students.

Description: Moodle is an open source Virtual Learning Environment that is fast becoming one of the most popular software platforms for e-Learning education. Though frequently used by major universities to host formal online courses, Moodle is equally well-adapted for use in more intimate, face-to-face learning environments such as those encountered in the hospital-based education of pediatric residents and medical students. In this presentation, we will discuss how to set up a Moodle website, how to develop a learning module with Moodle, and how to turn a Moodle site into a collaborative academic community for faculty, residents, and medical students.

A Closer Look at Great Resources about E-Learning in Medical Education

The use of mobile technology in medical education was discussed at *Doctors 2.0 & You 2012*, a conference that took place on September 30, 2012. The conference focused on: (1) the journey of patients to meet their clinical needs through mobile technology and (2) the experience of healthcare providers in using mobile applications to impact their patients' health. Please access <http://www.doctors20.com/videos2012-2/#6> to view a video clip about how mobile technology has transformed medical education. For more information about these topics and about this annual social media conference, visit <http://www.doctors20.com/category/news/>.

There are a number of journals, which focus on eLearning: International Journal of ePortfolio, Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR), and JMIR Research Protocols. Here is a sample of current instructional articles related to eLearning:

The new issue of the International Journal of ePortfolio (IJeP), a double-blind, peer-reviewed, open

access journal, is now available online at <http://www.theijep.com/current.cfm>

The following instructional articles comprise Volume 2, Number 2 of IJeP:

- Making Learning Visible with ePortfolios: Coupling the Right Pedagogy with the Right Technology: <http://www.theijep.com/pdf/IJEP84.pdf>
- Using the ePortfolio to Complement Standardized Testing in a Healthcare Professional Program: Better Education or More Busy Work? <http://www.theijep.com/pdf/IJEP84.pdf>
- Developing a Model for ePortfolio Design: A Studio Approach: <http://www.theijep.com/pdf/IJEP66.pdf>
- The Dialogic Potential of ePortfolios: Formative Feedback and Communities of Learning Within a Personal Learning Environment: <http://www.theijep.com/pdf/IJEP64.pdf>

The current call for papers can be found at <http://www.theijep.com/callforpapers.html>. It is a rolling submission process.

Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR) is a leading journal that focuses on ehealth. View the following current articles at <http://www.jmir.org>.

- Clinicians Expectations of Web 2.0 as a mechanism for knowledge Transfer of Stroke Best Practices
- Conducting Research on the Internet: Medical Record Data Integration with Patient-Reported Outcome
- Smartphone in Medicine: A Review of Current and Potential Use Among Physicians and Students

JMIR Research Protocols publishes protocols and grant proposals in medicine as well as early reports of ongoing studies. View the following current articles at <http://www.researchprotocols.org/>.

- Improving Hospital Care and Collaborative Communications for the 21st Century: Key Recommendations for General Internal Medicine
- Standardization of Questions in Rare Disease Registries: The PRISM Library Project

Upcoming Conferences and Workshops - 2013

- Association of American Colleges and Universities' ePortfolio Symposium at Atlanta, Georgia. January 23-26, 2013
<http://www.aacu.org/meetings/annualmeeting/AM13/symposium.cfm>
- eLearning2013 at San Antonio, TX. February 17-20 2013
<http://www.itcnetwork.org/elearning-conference/registration-information.html>
- Association for Authentic Experiential Evidence-Based Learning (AAEEBL) Northeast U.S. Regional ePortfolio Conference at Johnson & Wales University at Providence, RI. March 15, 2013
<http://www.aaeebl.org/events-in-brief?eventId=528740&EventViewMode=EventDetails>
- Association for Authentic Experiential Evidence-Based Learning (AAEEBL) Western U.S. Regional ePortfolio Conference at Salt Lake Community College, Salt Lake City, UT. April 19-20, 2013
<http://www.aaeebl.org/events-in-brief?eventId=525817&EventViewMode=EventDetails>
- Doctors 2.0 & You at Paris, France. June 6-7. 2013
<http://www.doctors20.com/register>
- The 2013 Annual ePortfolio Conference at Boston, MA. July 29 - August 1 2013
<http://www.aaeebl.org/2013conference>
- Medicine 2.0 '13 congress at London, England. September 23-24, 2013.
<http://www.medicine20congress.com/>

Call for Presentations about e-Learning:

Please note the following deadlines in your calendar.

- Medicine 2.0 2013 (Abstract deadline: March 7, 2013)
- AAEEBL's 2013 Annual ePortfolio Conference (Deadline for proposals: February 15, 2013)

Other Resources

- List of Free Tools to Create Infographics for your Learners (<http://tinyurl.com/c4lrps8>)
- Open Source Authoring Tool from Google(<http://tinyurl.com/c7hm4n8>)

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Ethics

Dear Ethics SIG members,

We hope you had a happy Thanksgiving!

As the year goes along we are also working on our next PAS meeting scheduled in May 2013. We have identified the topics and speakers. This year we will be focusing on the adolescent age group; ethical issues concerning adolescents as mothers in the NICU, as patients in the ED, palliative care and research subjects. You will get the details in our next newsletter.

We are proud to announce the second APA Ethics SIG Essay Contest.

The contest is open to all pediatric residents and pediatric subspecialty fellows (including pediatric surgical fellows). Essays should focus on the ethical issues that residents and fellows face in patient care. Topics may include but not be limited to personal narratives of ethical dilemmas faced in training or practice or scholarly presentations of issues related to organizational, interprofessional or global health ethics.

Essays should be between 800 and 1600 words. Essays longer than 1700 words will be disqualified without review. Essays must be original and unpublished works. If there are multiple authors, the award will be shared. All co-authors should provide demographic information (training status) and role in manuscript preparation.

Two awards will be offered:

1st Place - \$200

2nd Place - \$100

The winning essays will be read at the PAS meeting in Washington, DC and will be published on the APA website as part of the ethics SIG newsletter article in June 2013. If the resident or fellow will be attending PAS in Washington, DC they may present their paper themselves.

Deadline: February 10, 2013

Submit essays to: zsalih@iupui.edu

We wish you all the best in your writings in ethics!

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Pediatric Hospital Medicine SIG

As the pediatric hospitalist medicine community prepares to celebrate its 10th anniversary this summer at their annual meeting, we are excited to share opportunities and news from our community.

Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM) 2013, New Orleans

The annual PHM meeting is scheduled from August 1-4. This year is very special as we celebrate our 10th anniversary! Come join us in our annual meeting and listen to national leaders speak on hot topics in pediatric hospitalist medicine, participate in workshops and abstract presentations, and celebrate with colleagues. This year we have a new community hospitalists track. We will have a call for abstracts and conundrums in December with deadlines in February 2013.

Joint Council of Pediatric Hospitalists Medicine (JCPHM)

In our last newsletter you heard about the JCPHM structure and our call for two at-large members. One seat is reserved for a community hospitalist. 24 candidates participated in round one and six were selected to go into round two of the ballot. Stay tuned to the Hospital Medicine SIG listserv for the final election results.

Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) meeting in Washington DC, 2013

Fellowship programs in pediatric hospitalist medicine continue to grow as our field grows. Come participate in our SIG meeting which highlights a panel discussion with fellowship directors, ACGME representatives, American Board representatives, and professional society representatives. Our SIG meeting is scheduled on May 6th from 8.30-11.30 am. To receive up-to-date information about SIG meetings join our SIG roster by emailing Jennifer Padilla (Jennifer@academicpeds.org). Please remember that you have to be a member of the APA to join our SIG roster. We hope to see many of you.

This year we are also planning fun activities during the PAS meeting for hospitalists to network with colleagues as they enjoy scenic views of Washington DC in a night-time bus tour (thanks Jimmy Beck and Karen Smith!). Stay tuned as more information is coming and seats are limited!

The APA Hospital Medicine SIG has three co-chairs. Each co-chair position is for three years. The co-chairs also serve on the JCPHM and PHM planning committee. In 2012, an election process was started for the co-chair position. The call for annual co-chair election (one position) will be sent through our listserv.

Important dates to remember

Pediatric Academic Societies meeting 2013- May 4-7, Washington DC

Pediatric Hospital Medicine 2013-August 1-4, New Orleans, LA.

Please take advantage of these opportunities for personal professional growth and to contribute to advancements in Pediatric Hospital Medicine.

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Newborn Nursery

Join your friends from across the country at this year's Newborn Nursery SIG on Sat. May 4th, 2013 from 2:45-4:45 pm. This year's agenda will feature networking, lively discussion, a keynote hot topic presentation and an update from the Better Outcomes through Research in Nurseries (BORN) Network.

Do you enjoy interacting with your nursery colleagues from across the nation? Are you looking for a fun academic opportunity? Consider volunteering for a term as SIG Co-Chair. We want to thank Dr. Terry Wall for her stellar service and hand over the reins to the incoming Co-Chair after the annual meeting in May. The 3 year term is a great way to develop leadership skills and become more involved on a national level. Look for a Listserve posting in early January with more details about the Co-Chair opportunity.

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Simulation-based Medical Education

Tis the Season for Simulation

Are you involved, or interested, in pediatric simulation-based medical education? With the holiday season approaching, and a new year around the corner, now is a great time to get involved and learn more about medical simulation. In the coming months there are multiple opportunities to participate in medical simulation conferences and educational activities.

From January 26 to 30, in Orlando Florida, the 13th Annual International Meeting for Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH) will take place. IMSH is the largest medical simulation conference in the world and provides an outstanding opportunity for both novice and experienced 'simulationists' to learn more about medical simulation, and to find out about the latest initiatives and research. For more information on IMSH please visit, <http://ssih.org/events/imsh-2013-central>.

Immediately preceding the IMSH conference, on Saturday, January 26, the second annual meeting of the International Network for Simulation-Based Pediatric Innovation Research and Education (INSPIRE) network will take place. The goal of the INSPIRE network is to improve the care provided to acutely ill infants and children by answering important research questions pertaining to resuscitation, technical skills, education and simulation. To find out more about INSPIRE please visit, <http://www.ipedsim.com/home-page>, or contact the INSPIRE leadership at inspiresimnetwork@gmail.com

From April 23 to 25 the 5th annual International Pediatric Simulation Symposium and Workshops (IPSSW) will take place in New York, NY. IPSSW is the world's largest meeting of pediatric simulation educators and researchers. This intimate and very collaborative meeting provides a unique experience for pediatric

simulation educators and researchers to collaborate and network. For more information on IPSSW please visit, <http://www.ipssw2013.com/>.

Finally, on Saturday, May 4th, during the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) meeting the 2nd annual APA Simulation-based Medical Education (SBME) SIG meeting will take place. We had a fantastic meeting at PAS last year, and our group is already one of the largest SIGs in the APA. At the 2012 SBME SIG meeting we had attendees from PED, NICU, PICU and Hospitalist Medicine who have developed working groups and are currently embarking on exciting work products. This year we are planning a dynamic meeting, with presentations on relevant happenings in the world of pediatric simulation as well as workshops and subspecialty working group sessions.

If your travel budget is limited, or if you just want more frequent updates on important educational and research topics in pediatric simulation, you will want to attend one of the free International Pediatric Simulation Society (IPSS) webinars. The IPSS Webinar Series includes talks by top-level researchers and educators in pediatric simulation. Webinars are held several times per year. To find out more about upcoming Webinars please visit, <http://www.ipedsim.com/innovate/ipedsim-webinar>. IPSS members can also view past webinars in the IPSS webinar archives.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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Announcements

Advance Notice for IPA Workshop Melbourne

Workshop on Children's Health and the Environment

Melbourne, Australia

August 24, 2013

9 am - 5 pm

The International Pediatric Association (IPA) is sponsoring a 1-day workshop about Children's Health and the Environment on August 24, 2013 in Melbourne, Australia. The workshop is designed for pediatricians who plan to teach other providers about children's health and the environment.

Learning Objectives

After this workshop, pediatricians will:

1. Identify risks to children from secondhand smoke, chemicals (e.g. lead, mercury, pesticides), air, water and food contaminants, emerging issues (e.g. climate change), and other environmental hazards;
2. Describe how to recognize, diagnose, prevent and manage adverse effects linked to these environmental risk factors;
3. Describe why children may be at increased risk of adverse health outcomes and developmental

- consequences from environmental exposures to chemical, physical and biological agents;
4. Describe when and how the fetus, the child and the adolescent may be exposed to environmental hazards in different rural and urban settings;

We hope that you will consider attending. Please visit the IPA website <http://www.ipa-world.org> (click on "Program Areas" and "Children's Environmental Health" and "Events") or contact Ruth Etzel if you would like to place your name on a list to receive additional information and a registration form for this workshop.

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Reviews

Environmental Health Review

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The death of two children swept from their mothers arms into the raging waters of Hurricane Sandy made headlines around the world and caused many to reflect on the implications of climate change. Pediatricians who would like to know more about climate change and its effect on children's health are referred to articles from the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences and Environmental Health Perspectives that are briefly summarized below.

From [PNAS](#) published online August 6th 2012

Perception of Climate Change

Hansen J., Sato M., & Ruedy R.

Patterns in global warming are difficult to discern because regional weather and climate conditions tend to fluctuate on a daily and yearly basis. It is difficult to convince the public that climate change exists because they expect variations in weather and "perfect storms". This research utilized data from the Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) which examined the seasonal mean temperature variability between 1951- and 1980. The research found that radical weather anomalies, especially hot summers, are growing more common as a result of global warming. The authors estimate that the earth's warming will further perpetuate more extreme temperature anomalies that can have devastating effects on plant, animal and human life. The authors discussed the importance of increasing public perception to recent trends in global +warming because increased awareness will initiate the actions necessary to help curtail the emission of green house gases.

From [Environ Health Perspect](#). 2011 March 119 (3) 291-298.

Global Climate Change and Children's Health: Threats and Strategies for Prevention
Sheffield P. E. & Landrigan. P.J.

The article analyzed the effects of climate change on children's health and suggested methods to mitigate these effects. Climate change places children at higher risk for malaria, dengue disease, increased diarrheal

and respiratory disease and increased morbidity and mortality from extreme weather. Emerging research is quantifying that especially hot summers will increase pregnancy complications and renal effects. Preexisting social and economic disparities will be exacerbated by worsened poverty, malnutrition and threats to human habitation. The current burden of climate change related disease falls disproportionately (over 80%) on children globally. The authors stress the importance of implementing preventive measures in order to reduce the children's potential health outcomes related to climate change. More research is needed to refine our understanding of the complex relationship between climate change and children's health status. The needed research would require quantification of existing impacts and projection of future impacts. The authors suggest that further analysis of climate change on children's health is crucial and that the children's environmental health indicators proposed by the World Health Organization (WHO) be implemented by researchers worldwide. They also suggest that health effect assessment might serve as a starting point to create policies that can solve multiple existing problems.

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