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PAS 2013 WASHINGTON DC

Annual Meeting, May 4-7



Communications Director's Message

Happy Spring!

The 2013 Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) meeting in Washington, DC is just a few weeks away! I imagine many of you are busy working with your trainees to finalize posters and oral presentations, and setting up conference calls to review collaborative workshops. If you haven't started to peruse the preliminary [PAS meeting program guide](#) make sure you give yourself some planning time to make your personalized schedule. The PAS meeting is always a great chance to re-connect with



colleagues and establish new professional connections with APA members. On Saturday, May 4th Paul Chung, Benard Dreyer and Thomas McInerney will lead a special PAS State of the Art Plenary, "A National Agenda to End Childhood Poverty." Be sure to check out Benard's Past President's column in this month's newsletter for more details about this exciting session. You also won't want to miss the Public Policy Council Topic Symposium on Child Health Policy in the New 113th Congress (10:30-12:30pm on Saturday, May 4th). The APA Presidential Plenary and Armstrong Lecture will be held on Monday, May 6th 1:30-5:15pm. Check out David Jaffe's column for a detailed listing of events and activities as well as a special announcement about Marge Degnon. As always, the meeting will be packed with poster and platform sessions, workshops,

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mini-courses, invited science presentations, hot topic symposia and much more. Are you interested in using mind-body approaches to help children through procedures? Check out the Integrative Pediatrics SIG meeting. Are you looking for tips to enhance your teaching skills for medical students in community settings? Be sure to attend the joint Teaching in Community Settings and Medical Education SIG meeting. The Hospital Medicine SIG has an exciting agenda planned for the meeting. These are just a few of the 39 SIGs who will be meeting in DC. Be sure to check out this month's newsletter and the PAS program for details and meeting times. On Monday, May 6th be sure to wake up early and start your day at your APA Regional Breakfast at 7:00am! Check out the Region Co-Chair updates in this month's newsletter for details about breakfast meeting times and locations. Get ready for PAS in Washington, DC!

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President's Message

PAS 2013

If spring is in the air, can PAS be far behind? As the last (hopefully) snow melts, the trees bud and blossom, and flowers start to bloom, my thoughts always turn to the upcoming PAS meeting. Last year, more than half of our entire membership attended the meeting, so I know it is a highlight for many! In all there will be more than 6,000 of us attending, and as usual, there will be a vast array of programming from which to choose. This year the APA will have a meeting app!! The app will be available for iPhone, Android and Blackberry devices. The app will facilitate location of APA activities and sessions that will be of interest to APA members. In addition, the PAS website offers on-line tracks based on topics and themes that you can use to guide your journey through the meeting. I would like to highlight some of the activities that I recommend.



1. Pre-conference activities. These activities occur on Friday May 3, and require separate registration but they are becoming an increasingly popular enhancement to the program. They include the all-day quality improvement research conference, and the fellows' core curriculum. Also the educational scholars will be meeting all day on Friday.
2. Invited science highlights. There will be many topic symposia, state of the art presentations, mini-courses and hot topics to choose from. With apologies to many great sessions of interest, let me highlight a few for you.
 - a. State of the Art Plenaries:
 - i. Contemporary Issues in Environmental Health, Saturday 10:30 AM
 - ii. A National Agenda to End Childhood Poverty, Saturday 2:45 PM
 - b. Topic Symposia
 - i. Child Health Policy, Saturday 8:00 AM
 - ii. Child Health Research, Saturday 8:00 AM
 - iii. Health and Well Being of Children whose Parents are Lesbian or Gay, Saturday 10:30 AM
 - iv. Pediatric Policy Council : Child Health Policy in the New Congress, Saturday 10:30 AM
 - v. Ten Year Forecast for Pediatric Health Care Delivery, Monday 8:00 AM
 - vi. What is the Measure of the Pediatric Medical Home? Monday 10:30 AM
 - c. Mini -courses
 - i. Preparing for a New Leadership Position, Sunday 8:00 AM
 - ii. Mentoring Programs and Relationships, Monday 8:00 AM

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iii. How to Assess and Address Child Health Disparities in Research, Tuesday 8:00 AM

3. Special Interest Groups (SIGs.) There are 39 APA SIGs, most of which meet during the PAS. Consult the schedule and attend your favorite SIG meetings.
4. Workshops: Many APA members find workshops to be among the most stimulating and valuable parts of the meeting. Whether it's "Bias Busters", Effective medical writing, improving teaching, multi-institutional research, qualitative research, feedback, tips on making better posters, cultural competency and health equity, magic tricks in medicine, I can do that: performing minor procedures, emergencies in technology dependent children, there are workshop options for everyone!
5. Scientific platform and poster sessions. Many members consider these to be the core of the meeting, when the best of the original science abstracts get presented either in platform or poster sessions. This year again, the APA regional chairs will be planning mentoring visits for trainees who have poster presentations.
6. Special APA and PAS events:
 - a. Speed mentoring, Saturday 12 Noon. Back by popular demand, in this session, 60 mentors and 60 mentees, in groups of 6, will have opportunities to receive and give mentoring advice on topics of interest to career development. Speed mentoring requires pre-registration, and there is currently a waiting list, but it is sure to be a major hit for those who attend this year, and a "must try" even if it means waiting until next year.
 - b. PAS general plenary session. Saturday 5:00 PM. Renee Jenkins will receive the Joseph St. Geme III Leadership Award, and give her address.
 - c. PAS President's Reception, Saturday 6:45 PM
 - d. APA Membership Meeting and Debate Sunday 3:45 PM. The APA Debate is always a highlight, and this year will be no exception. The topic is "Resolved: The Electronic Medical Record Improves Pediatric Patient Care and Resident Education." Arguing the Pro side this year will be Joe Zorc and Ken Roberts, and the Con debaters will be Carol Berkowitz and John Frohna. Making a return appearance as moderator will be Jane Knapp. For those who have never seen an APA debate, I can tell you it is great fun. We like to think of it as "edu-tainment" with an emphasis on humor and entertainment.

Also at this meeting the APA Health Care Delivery Award, Research Award, and the Miller/Sarkin Award will be presented. Educational Scholars will be honored. There will also be a special tribute to Marge Degnon on the occasion of her retirement. (See below)
 - e. APA Committee Meetings: All 4 APA committees, Research, Education, Health Care Delivery, and Public Policy and Advocacy, will meet at 11:00 AM on Sunday at the Renaissance Hotel. I know, more hard choices!
 - f. APA Regional Breakfasts: Monday 7:00 AM at the Renaissance Hotel. Every region held a regional meeting this year! The breakfasts are a great time to catch up and plan for upcoming regional activities.
 - g. APA plenary session and Armstrong Lecture: Monday 1:30 PM. This session will contain 8 abstracts of original science touching a wide variety of topics of interest to APA members. The APA Education and Public policy awards will be presented. This year's Armstrong Lecturer, Ellen Crain, will give the Armstrong address, and I will give the Presidential Address.

I am looking forward to so many things that will be happening at the PAS meeting this year. I think it will be a rich and rewarding experience for us all. I know other board members will be sharing additional information about activities of interest within their domains. I hope I and other members of the APA Board will be able to meet and talk with many of you personally at PAS. Please stop and say hello.

Special announcement:

After 33 years of service as the Executive Director of the APA, Marge Degnon will be retiring at the end of this year's PAS meeting. In many ways, Marge has been the face of the APA for as long as I can remember, and she has guided the APA wisely and confidently to flourish during the time of her tenure. We will take a few moments during the Membership Meeting to honor Marge for her extraordinary service to the APA. I know there are so many of us who have been touched by Marge's work. I invite you all to attend the Membership Meeting and join in honoring her.

See you soon at PAS!

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President-Elect's Message

*Whan that aprill with his shoures soote, The droghte of march hath perced to the roote,
And bathed every veyne in swich licour, Of which vertu engendred is the flour...
Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages...*
- Chaucer, Prologue, The Canterbury Tales



I joined the Board of the APA in 2004 as chair of Membership and Regions. Back then, I would start every email with a bit of poetry. I found that it helped to focus my thinking. As I struggled with my thinking on this month's piece for the Focus, it occurred to me that poetry would again serve me well as I try to think what to say. So, I turned to the source: Chaucer. His opening of the Canterbury Tales seemed to fit with my own level of excitement over the coming Pediatric Academic Societies meeting. Things are bursting out all over, and we "folk" are longing to go on our annual pilgrimage, this time to Washington, to the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting. There is a lot going on, I know that I only know a small piece of it, and I look forward to learning from all of you about more of it. As your incoming President, I'd like to offer some advice to you "pilgrims" as you move down the road to the PAS.

1. *Come to the meeting:* When people ask me how to make a difference for children, I always point out that the first thing you have to do is show up. The PAS meeting has everything academic within walking distance, even as the venues have grown in size since our early days in Atlantic City. I know that money is tight, but this meeting is still the single best investment you can make in your career development as an academic pediatrician.
2. *Feed your own special interest:* Special Interest Groups in DC have a somewhat bad reputation, but we are talking about something different. The APA has 39 Special Interest Groups; surely one of them is of interest to you. I have always found the SIG meetings a great opportunity to expand my network and develop new relationships (and new projects). I hope that you find them equally useful to your professional development.
3. *Join a Committee:* The APA has four standing Committees. They each meet at 11 AM on Sunday, in open session. Unlike the AAP, in the APA, one joins a committee by showing up. The problem is how to choose. They are all so interesting. This year, the discussion at Advocacy and Public Policy will be vigorous (we are in Washington, after all) and I hear that Health Care Delivery will be discussing how changes in payment and health care systems can be leveraged to create change within your own system (not to detract from Research and Education, which also have robust agendas. So, pick one and stop by. Members welcome.
4. *Learn something new every day:* One of my mentors taught me to carry around a note card and try to write one useful change in your professional activity that you could do, based on what you had just learned. I always had to go onto a second note card, so now I carry a notebook. When your chief asks what you got out of the meeting, you will have something to share.

Bill Watterson of Calvin and Hobbes fame ended his last strip with a thought that I have always written in my heart: "It' a magical world, Hobbes, old buddy. Let's go exploring". Here's hoping that the magic of the PAS works for you, as it always has for me.

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Past President's Message

"And the children of Israel groaned...and God heard their moaning and God remembered"

Each spring, my family has a Passover Seder, a family gathering and "feast" to commemorate the freeing of the Israelite slaves. We use the Haggadah to guide us through the evening and to tell the story. One section of the Haggadah that always provokes discussion is the verses quoted above from Exodus 2:23-24. You know the story. The Israelites are slaves, forced to build pyramids, abused and oppressed. They groan, cry out, and wail. God hears their moaning and he remembers his Covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Really? God, who is all knowing, who speaks directly to Abraham, who wrestles with Jacob, has to be reminded to pay attention to the plight of the Hebrew slaves? Has He been too busy to notice? Was suffering in the world such a norm that He ignored their enslavement and cruel labor until their cries made him recall that He had sent them down to Egypt in the first place?



The discussion, however, that these verses provoke at our Seder table is not about God, but about ourselves. To quote Jonathan Safran Foer, "God's problem is our problem as well. We're masters of forgetting: about prejudice and unfairness, wars and genocides, hunger and misery." We are busy; we get distracted; we move on; we feel disconnected from the problems of others. Every now and then, however, the cries, moans, and wails rise up and remind us.

This past year, the wails rose up from the parents in Newtown Connecticut and reminded us of the need to protect children, reminded us of children's extreme vulnerability, reminded us that they are our future, and reminded us of the special place they have in our hearts. Suddenly children were in the news; children were on the lips of the ordinary and the famous. All of us, including regular citizens, mayors, governors, and congressmen, and the President himself, were reminded. And we remembered. We remembered our special covenant with children.

Actions to protect children from the harm of guns are underway and hopefully something substantial will be accomplished. The APA, the AAP, and the Pediatric Policy Council have always strongly supported gun control efforts and we have been a forceful voice in the recent discussions. We know, however, that guns are not the only threat to children. Poverty takes its toll on children as well. This country has forgotten that the poorest segment of our society is children, that while we have used government to care for the elderly we have not done as much for children, and that good government works when there is a will to use it properly and powerfully.

Pediatricians, however, have remembered that childhood poverty is the most important issue facing children today. The APA Task Force on Childhood Poverty was formed in the last year, with leaders from all parts of our organization, as well as leaders from the AAP and from the social sciences. We are developing a strategic agenda focusing on policy and advocacy, health care delivery, education, and research, the pillars of our organization. I welcome you to join our efforts.

The APA is not the only pediatric organization to refocus efforts on childhood poverty. I am delighted to say that the AAP has chosen "Child Health and Poverty" as its next strategic priority, committing the organization and its leadership to a serious focus on childhood poverty over the next several years. You will be hearing

more about the efforts of both the APA and the AAP.

And for those of you going to PAS in Washington DC this year, please attend this State of the Art Plenary:

Session Number: 1600

A National Agenda to End Childhood Poverty

PAS State of the Art Plenary

Washington Convention Center ~ 202 B

Saturday, May 4, 2013; 2:45 pm - 4:45 pm

This plenary session is co-chaired by Paul Chung, the Chair of our Public Policy and Advocacy Committee, Tom McInerney, the President of the AAP, and me. It will bring together pediatricians, economists, social scientists, and policy experts to discuss the definition and measurement of childhood poverty, current US government policies affecting childhood poverty, health insurance for poor children, and comparisons to and lessons from the UK experience.

It is time for us, for pediatricians and pediatric health care providers, to raise our voices in unison, to cry out to leaders and policymakers and to the American people, to remind them of their commitment to children, to remind them of the toll of poverty on children and through them on the future of our nation, and to remind them that solutions are not out of reach.

Finally, I hope that all of you have enjoyed the recent holidays of Easter and Passover and have been able to spend some "quality" time with your loved ones and friends. I look forward to seeing many of you at PAS in a few weeks.

Let us raise our voices together for children!

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Secretary's Message

We hope to see you in the nation's capitol in May! The APA has numerous exciting events all year, but the highlight of the year is always the annual PAS meeting. Last year, the PAS meeting set a record for attendance, with more than 7000 pediatric professionals gathering in Boston. Our annual meeting in Washington D.C. from May 4-7 could prove to be even larger, as there is a great academic, educational program scheduled. And Washington D.C. is a fantastic city for a meeting. With thousands of abstracts submitted this year, there was a very competitive selection process and numerous APA members participated in review of research abstracts and workshop proposals. This year there will be quite a range of fascinating sessions of interest to researchers, teachers, mentors and trainees. I am certain there will be enticing choices for all.



In addition to the usual platform and poster sessions, some of the highlights of the upcoming PAS meeting include:

1. The St. Geme Award at the Opening Ceremony, this year presented to Dr. Renee Jenkins (5/4)
2. A session of "Speed Mentoring" to connect younger members of the APA with more senior mentors (5/4)
3. The annual informative and entertaining APA Debate at the Membership Meeting (5/5)
4. Late Breaker Session with cutting edge abstracts of importance

5. Topic Symposia presented by the Federation of Pediatric Organizations (FOPO), which will provide a stepping stone for an upcoming Visioning Summit that may impact the future workforce in pediatrics (5/4 and 5/5)
6. A 5K Run for Research (5/5)
7. Core Curriculum for Fellows providing essential didactic sessions exclusively for fellows (5/3 -before the official meeting)

There will also be dozens of new and innovative workshops and the APA Special Interest Groups (SIGs) eagerly await their annual "get togethers" at the PAS meeting. Our SIGs are a very treasured part of the PAS meeting and many APA members look forward to the chance to network and discuss important issues with others who have similar interests and valuable experience. For details, check the schedule of events at the PAS website.

Perhaps the most important reason to come to the PAS meeting is for the opportunity to get together with colleagues. Connect with old friends; meet new collaborators at the poster sessions. Share some stories at your Regional Breakfast Meeting. Bring your co-workers; join your colleagues at one of the many receptions. Come and celebrate another great year with the APA!

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APA New Members

Welcome to all of the new APA Members!

Alice Ackerman	Erica Just	Erin Nozetz
Hena Akhtar	Grace Kim	Jane Oh
William Allen	Ioannis Koutroulis	Kimberly Schneider
Edwin Asturias	Panagiotis Kratimenos	Amanda Schondelmeyer
Brooke Bokor	Sara Lappe	Edith Schussler
Georgine Burke	Kristen Lee	Heidi Schwarzwald
Deborah Campbell	Lindsay Lefler	Jotishna Sharma
Kathryn Carlson	Gilbert Liu	Debora Silva
Mark Clements	Melissa Long	Nivedita Srinivas
Shani Cunningham	Hillard MacKenzi	Bethany Stafford
Dominick DeBlasio	Yogangi Malhotra	Kathryn Sutter
Elizabeth Doherty	George Miner	Michelle Thomas
Stacy Ellen	Lisa Mondzelewski	Nikki Wacker
Erin Frank	Sharon Muret-Wagstaff	Matthew Wallenstein
Mona Hanna-Attisha	Arwa Nasir	Jeffrey Winer
Megan Heere	Lauren Nassetta	Chaun Zhou
Cammie Hilliard	Fabian Ngido	

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Upcoming Conferences

APA Quality Improvement 2013



**3rd Annual Advancing Quality Improvement Science for
Children's Health Research**
**APA Conference for Pediatric Quality Improvement
Methods, Research and Evaluation**
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Pediatric Academic Societies 2013



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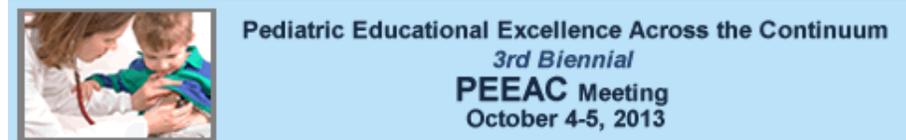
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Pediatric Educational Excellence Across the Continuum (PEEAC) 2013



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Committees

Health Care Delivery

CMS Innovation Center Grantees to Present at the PAS Health Care Delivery Committee Meeting

Mark your calendars for a very special Health Care Delivery Committee meeting Sunday May 5 from 11:00 - 12:30 at the Renaissance Washington Hotel room MR-4. All are invited and we look forward to having you join us.

Children's Health Care Delivery Transformation.

At this year's PAS meeting, the Health Care Delivery (HCD) Committee challenges APA members to think about how pediatric health care can (and should) be transformed in the future. This year's Committee meeting will begin with an overview of a new federal investment in pediatric health care delivery and conclude with brief presentations from selected APA Special Interest Groups that will describe their vision of the future of pediatric health care in the U.S. This year's HCD meeting will explore and help plan the future agenda for the committee.

Federal Investment in Children's Health Care Transformation

The CMS Innovation Center was created as part of the Affordable Care Act to test innovative payment and service delivery models to reduce health care costs while preserving or enhancing the quality of care furnished. Last spring the Innovation Center announced funding for 107 Health Care Innovation Awards. The goal of this program was to identify and test innovative service delivery and payment models to: improve health and healthcare, improve cost efficiency of CMS programs, and rapidly train or deploy a new workforce. Approximately 10 percent of these awards exclusively serve children and another subset of awards serve both adults and children.

Ellen-Marie Whelan NP, PhD, Senior Advisor at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) within the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has been invited to provide a brief overview of the Health Care Innovation Awards and CMMI's pediatric portfolio. Andrew Hertz, MD (Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital) and Kelly Kelleher, MD (Nationwide Children's Hospital) will each present a brief overview of their projects, funded by the CMS Innovation Center.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS RAINBOW BABIES & CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - Andrew Hertz

Project Title: "Transforming pediatric ambulatory care: the physician extension team"

Summary: University Hospitals (UH) Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital at UH Case Medical Center is receiving an award to improve care for approximately 65,000 children with Medicaid with high rates of emergency room (ER) visits, complex chronic conditions, and significant behavioral health problems in

several counties across northeastern Ohio. The intervention will offer health care advice, referrals, and care coordination services through telehealth and home nurse hotlines; provide practice-tailored facilitation for primary care providers; and provide financial incentives to primary care physicians who reach quality performance targets, agree to offer extended hours, and make themselves available to treat these vulnerable children. Over 50 nurses, care coordinators and other health professionals will be hired and/or retrained to implement the model. The result should be better health care, with fewer avoidable ER visits, hospitalizations and lower cost- with an expected savings of over \$13 million over three years.

THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - Kelly Kelleher

Project Title: "Partners for Kids Expansion"

Summary: The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, in partnership with Akron Children's Hospital and its integrated physician group, is receiving an award to expand its Partners for Kids (PFK) program in Ohio, serving over 492,000 Medicaid children enrollees and 25,000 children with disabilities (the most costly pediatric population). PFK, the largest and oldest exclusively pediatric ACO, will enhance provider incentives and improve access for high risk rural and urban underserved populations through comprehensive medical home-based services, innovative care management with distributed technology and the rapid deployment of an expanded health care workforce focusing on behavioral health, complex care, and high risk pregnancy.

Special Interest Group presentations and discussion:

Several APA Special Interest Groups have been invited to send representatives to make short presentations in preparation for the formation of a Task Force to address the future agenda/focus for the HCD Committee. SIG representatives will describe the role their SIG will play in a transformed health care system.

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Core Activities

CORNET



All of us who participate in **CORNET** are looking forward to meeting soon at the PAS meeting in Washington DC, May 4-7, 2013! Each year many of us comment on how wonderful it is to have the opportunity to see each other, share progress on our collaborative studies, brainstorm on potential new projects and hopefully recruit new Resident Continuity sites to join our practice-based research network. The networking which occurs is invaluable and has been strategic in the professional and personal growth of so many **APA** members.

Here is a quick rundown of 4 **CORNET** events occurring at the meeting which we hope you will be able to

attend.

1. **CORNET** General Membership and Recruitment Meeting: Sunday May 5, 2013 from 9-11 AM. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible during this time to share your experiences over the past year. We also invite any interested Resident Continuity preceptors to join us, see the enthusiasm of your colleagues in participating in projects related to resident education, health care disparities and quality improvement in primary care.
2. Teaching Pediatric Residents Quality Improvement Using Adolescent Immunization Delivery as the Focus: National Partnerships for Adolescent Immunization (NPAI) Workshop. Tuesday May 7, 2013 from 8:30-11:30 AM.

This workshop will highlight strategies to enhance adolescent immunization delivery through the implementation of QI activities in community primary care and pediatric resident practices. The dissemination and adoption of best practice tools specifically designed for implementation in medical home clinical settings for vulnerable, low-income populations is a follow-up to a previous study spearheaded by Peter Szilagyi and Sharon Humiston along with Janet Serwint. This collaborative project now continues with **CORNET** and is gearing up to recruit 12 CORNET sites for the QI portion of this project funded by the CDC. Much of the information provided during this workshop will be a precursor for what we plan on doing for the upcoming NPAI project.

Importantly, if you are unable to attend this session but are interested in participating in the project, please let us know!

3. Pediatric Residents' Attitudes and Experiences with Electronic Health Records: Poster presentation, Medical Education Session, Tuesday May 7, 2013, 12-2 PM. Serwint JR, Garfunkel L, Samuels R, Hobson-Rohrer W, Bloomfield R, Deimling M, Meyer M, Margolis B, Slora E, Dhepyasuwan N.

This "Resident Health Information Technology Survey (RHIT)" assessed the current healthcare information technology use by pediatric residents and their associated experiences and attitudes regarding medical IT. This project was funded through the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB).

4. Assessing the Value of the Continuity Research Network after a Decade: Poster presentation, General Pediatrics Session, Tuesday May 7, 2013, 12-2 PM. Stratbucker W, Dhepyasuwan N, Dabrow S, Feigelman S, Ferrell C, Garfunkel L, Hetzler T, Samuels RC and Serwint J.

Thanks to everyone who contributed their time by responding to this survey.

PROJECTS APPROACHING COMPLETION

The Adolescent Immunizations within a Medical Home (AIMHI) Study is nearing completion. Post-intervention chart audits are now being performed which designates close to the end of this CDC-funded project. We'd like to complete data collection within the next month or so. If your site is a participant, please send in your forms.

CORNET PUBLICATION

Evaluation of a National Bright Futures Oral Health Curriculum for Pediatric Residents manuscript was published in Volume 13, No. 2 of Academic Pediatrics, the March/April issue, which will be available online through the Journal's website at <http://www.academicpedsjn.net/> or at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science> (follow the links). Congratulations to all that have contributed!

NEW **CORNET-PROS** PROJECT

Plans are underway to develop another collaborative project with the AAP PROS network. This will be the 3rd **CORNET-PROS** study. Many of you participated in the past project collaborations; one project

focused on national scientific data on boys' pubertal development and the other focused on comparing pediatric visit data from Continuity Research Network practices with data from the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey. Several topic areas are being considered and will be determined based on PROS and CORNET member interest and feasibility.

NEW CORNET MEMBER INITIATED PROJECTS Our goal is to develop projects which are driven by the interest of the **CORNET** membership. We are actively and enthusiastically soliciting ideas and projects which would advance the mission and goals of our network.

The **CORNET** MISSION is to maintain a self-sustaining collaborative research network among pediatric continuity clinic clinicians that produces quality research in primary care, health care delivery and medical education. Findings will be disseminated in order to improve the training of future pediatricians and the health care of children, with special attention to underserved children.

The **CORNET** GOALS are:

1. To study health and healthcare issues of minority and underserved children.
2. To compare health care issues of minority and underserved populations to those of other populations, especially examining healthcare disparities.
3. To study resident education, a) compare practice behavior between residents in their continuity practices and pediatricians in their practice settings and b) increase resident exposure to and involvement in primary care research

The **CORNET** Steering Committee and Regional Chairs will be meeting in Washington DC immediately after the close of the PAS meeting to discuss plans for the future. We hope you will share with us projects you would like to initiate. Many of us will be attending PAS and we would love to have the opportunity to chat with you!

Don't forget the **CORNET** General Membership and Recruitment Meeting on Sunday May 5, 2013 from 9-11 AM. We hope to see you there and please invite any colleagues who would like to attend! It's a fun group with which to network as we share so much passion for what we do each day and innumerable common interests and issues in enhancing quality of care and pediatric education.

See you in DC or contact one of us by email!

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New Century Scholars

APA Welcomes Class of 2013 New Century Scholars

The APA New Century Scholars Program is beginning its ninth year. The goal of the program is to increase workforce diversity in academic pediatrics by selecting under-represented minority pediatric trainees interested in entering academic careers, and providing mentorship and career counseling. Each NCScholar is linked with both a junior and senior mentor, receives a travel grant to attend the PAS meeting, and participates in a one-day NCScholars conference at the PAS meeting. NCScholars and mentors build a long-term relationship, and the NCS program directors provide mentorship and career planning guidance as well.

The Class of 2013 New Century Scholars has recently been selected. They are second year pediatric residents or third year med/peds residents. The NCScholars are:

- Elysia Alvarez (Stanford, Lucille Packard Children's Hospital)
- Merrian Brooks (Cooper University Hospital)
- Emmanuel Chandler (Medical University of South Carolina)
- Nneka Edwards-Jackson (University of California San Francisco)
- Marquita Genies (University of North Carolina)
- Maryann (Abi) Pitts (Stanford, Lucille Packard Children's Hospital)
- Deanna Wilson (Johns Hopkins)

They will be joining our returning Class of 2012 NCScholars: Milissa Carter (Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences); Amaziah Coleman (University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences); Emily McElveen (Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences); David Myles (Johns Hopkins School of Medicine); Loren Robinson (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill); and Vanessa Salcedo (Columbia University Medical Center).

We'd like to thank our selection committee, as well as the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health, who generously funds this program.

Please welcome the NCScholars when you see them at the PAS meeting. For more information on the program please see our website at http://www.academicpeds.org/events/new_century_scholars.cfm. If you have any questions, or are interested in becoming a mentor in the program, please contact us (Lee Pachter: Lpachter@drexelmed.edu; Cheryl Kodjo: Cheryl.Kodjo@urmc.rochester.edu).

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PRIS



PRIS Events at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting, May 4-7th

Meet the Professor
Chris Landrigan
Building Safer Hospital Care for Residents and Patients:
Challenges and Opportunities

APA Hospital Medicine SIG
PRIS Presentation
Attendance of PRIS Executive Council Members

Workshop
Chris Landrigan
The I-PASS Handoff Process: Teaching and Evaluating
Standardized Approaches to Transitions of Care

PRIS Activities

Annual PRIS Executive Council Meeting
February 13-14
Park City, UT

We were joined by Jacqueline Kueser and Matt Hall (CHA), Benard Dryer (APA), Lynn Olson (AAP), and Michael Burke (SHM)

Network-wide Site Participation Opportunities Still Available!!

Global Assessment of Pediatric Patient Safety (GAPPS): Improve methods for detecting inpatient harm due to medical care by validating a pediatric trigger tool. Contact michaela.tracy@childrens.harvard.edu

PRIS Point Prevalence Study
Contact jaimelblank@hsc.utah.edu

Platform Presentation

Sanjay Mahant
Tonsillectomy Care and Outcomes in Children's Hospitals

Workshop
Ron Keren
Getting Your Articles Accepted

State of the Art Plenary
Chris Landrigan, Raj Srivastava, Nate Kupperman, Patrick Conway, Mike Dean, Charlie Homer
Dissemination and Implementation Science: Spreading Evidence from High-Quality Studies across Institutions to Improve Inpatient Outcomes

Workshop
Flory Nkoy, Tiffany Glasgow, Chris Maloney, Bernhard Fassl, Bryan Stone, Raj Srivastava
Organizational Elements for the Successful Implementation of Evidence Into Routine Clinical Practice

(A detailed schedule will be sent out just prior to PAS)

Upcoming Events

Pediatric Academic Societies Conference
May 4-7, 2013
Washington, D.C.

PRIS Executive Council Meeting
August 2, 2013
New Orleans, LA

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

Project Updates

Comparative Effectiveness of Intravenous v. Oral Antibiotic Therapy for Serious Bacterial Infections

This is the newest funded project in PRIS! The aims are to compare the effectiveness of oral antibiotics vs. intravenous antibiotics delivered via a PICC and to compare patient and caregiver reported quality of life and adherence to therapy for oral antibiotics vs. IV antibiotics delivered via a PICC in children who require prolonged home antibiotic therapy after hospitalization for a serious bacterial infection.

Work has just begun on the project and we will be working with and contacting hospitals involved in contributing data to the PHIS database soon.

Watch for more updates to come!

Infrastructure Funding + Prioritization Project

The DKA (Diabetic Ketoacidosis) project team, led by Joel Tieder, MD, MPH, has submitted a manuscript to *Pediatrics*, titled "Variation in Resource Utilization and Readmission for Diabetic Ketoacidosis in Children's Hospitals", and is awaiting a determination. In this manuscript, the team characterizes variation in hospital resource utilization and readmission rates across children's hospitals and concludes that there is wide

variation in both and that readmission is common in the first year. The study highlights the need for further research on the effectiveness of high cost management strategies used to improve outcomes. A second manuscript is in progress focusing on the predictive probability of patient factors for readmission.

Work has continued to progress on the tonsillectomy drilldown, which is led by Sanjay Mahant MD, MSc. 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.

The appendectomy drilldown team, which is led by Shawn Rangel, MD, MSCE and Samir Shah, MD, MSCE, has spent the past several months working to develop and finalize its plan for dealing with data quality issues, such as decimal and other questionable units and outlier charges. They have developed a comprehensive, well-justified plan and are now ready to move on to apply the calculated costs to the appendectomy cohort and beginning data analysis. They are in the midst of developing preliminary graphs and figures to present to the prioritization team. Many of the data quality resolutions proposed by the appendectomy team will be valuable to others performing research using PHIS data, as the same issues will impact their studies as well.

Karen Wilson, MD, MPH 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.

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

Grant funding period: September 30, 2010 - September 29, 2013

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

Over the last few months we made significant progress with the laboratory and radiology data. Both sets of data were processed at the Children's Hospital Association (CHA), and validation efforts commenced in December. The lab data are validated at all six hospitals. Analyses using lab data will begin in the coming weeks for the CER projects.

Radiology data are being validated at five of the six hospitals. To date, one site completed their validation. We are experiencing some issues with the radiology data and are working hard to correct and reprocess the data so validation can be done. Once the radiology data are successfully validated, natural language processing (NLP) will be applied to those reports that meet study criteria for pneumonia, appendicitis and osteomyelitis.

We are starting to conceptualize the microbiology data validation model. Since there are 16 data elements to validate (the lab and radiology data only validated two data elements), we anticipate the process will be more complex. We plan to use REDCap or Access to conduct the data validation.

In February, the team gathered in Park City, UT for our third annual in-person meeting. Upon arriving in UT, we received devastating news that James E. Levin MD, PhD, the site PI at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, passed away unexpectedly the night before. As an infectious diseases doctor and chief medical information officer, he had a unique set of skills and knowledge that made all the work on this project possible. Jim was an integral and cherished member of our team who will be sorely missed. The group proceeded with the planned meeting agenda as we believed Jim would have wanted the meeting to carry on. Some of the topics discussed during the two-day conference included CHA's Data Integration Strategy, Data Governance, Data Quality and Future Data Transmission / Processing.

Since the fall, the CER project teams have been working on portions of their projects that could begin before

the clinical data become available. We are adjusting project timelines based on the validation delay we are experiencing, 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. We also expect to work into a no cost extension year.

I-PASS Study PRIS Network Project Update

This study is examining the effectiveness of the I-PASS Handoff Bundle in accelerating the adoption of safer communication practices in pediatric hospitals. It was developed within the Pediatric Research in Inpatient Settings (PRIS) network and is endorsed by the Initiative for Innovation in Pediatric Education (IIPE).

Over the past quarter, The I-PASS Study progressed as planned across all study sites. Data collection and analysis were major priorities. Wave 2 sites recently completed data collection in December 2012 and subsequently spent January-March transferring clean, collated data to the Data Coordinating Center (DCC), Brigham and Women's Hospital (Boston, MA). The Coordinating Center (CC), Boston Children's Hospital (Boston, MA) helped to organize the transmission of Wave 2 data to the DCC and supported post-intervention data collection at Wave 3 sites. The DCC and CC met weekly via teleconference and worked closely to organize the analysis of baseline data, including a major effort to initiate the rating of baseline medical error data by I-PASS investigators across all study sites.

Overseen by the Coordinating Council and Education Executive Committee, the I-PASS Study Group continued dissemination efforts this past quarter. Work groups met regularly via teleconference to prepare plenaries and workshops for major conferences as well as several manuscripts for publication. A suite of curricular materials entitled *The I-PASS Core Resident Workshop* was published by MedEdPORTAL in January. This peer-reviewed resource is now available at <https://www.mededportal.org/publication/9311>. The I-PASS Study Group presented a mini-course entitled, *The I-PASS Handoff Process: Teaching and Evaluating Standardized Approaches to Transitions of Care*, at the 2013 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Annual Educational Conference in March. To date, The I-PASS Study Group has received requests for curricular materials and information from over 376 individuals from 46 states, and 12 countries outside of the United States through the website, www.ipasshandoffstudy.com. Additionally, several members of the I-PASS Study Group are developing ancillary studies to broaden the application and scope of the I-PASS curriculum. The I-PASS Study Group plans to continue to focus on dissemination and data analysis in coming months.

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Liaisons

Council of Academic Societies (CAS)

I serve as the APA Liaison to the CAS, which is the Council that represents academic faculty members within the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). In July, this Council will become the Council of Faculty and Academic Societies (CFAS) with the addition of 2 faculty members from each member medical school joining the new Council which will maintain its academic society members as well. This is an opportunity for you, through your medical schools, to become involved as well. Each school has been asked to appoint 1 faculty member within 10 years of initial faculty appointment as well as 1 senior faculty leader (Chair, Division Director, Center Director, for example) to the Council through a consultative process with the faculty. Your Dean's office or Dean for Faculty Affairs Office will likely be soliciting potential nominees for

these positions. Each Academic Society member will also get to name 2 representatives including a senior leader as well as a more junior member. The roles and responsibilities for these positions will be better defined and CFAS will be developing some special interest groups and task forces as well to deal with issues that face faculty and be able to bring items to the AAMC for discussion and possible action. It is hoped that the CFAS will be better able to assist the AAMC as it plans services. It has been my privilege to represent the APA in CAS, as I am the current Chair of the Council. This is an exciting time for this Council and I look forward to the future.

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Regions

Region I

Region I met in Amherst, MA this year on March 22nd. Our theme of the day was "Improving outcomes in child health and development". The day began with brief updates on two of the APA research networks, BORN and CORNET. We continued with four research abstracts from area residents and medical students, encompassing topics from population based cardiac screening, to medical organization preventive services guidelines for LGBT adolescents, to peer mentorship programs for medical students.

Dr. Paul Dworkin from the University of Connecticut delivered the keynote address of the day, leading the participants through the history of community-coordinated developmental screening and services in Connecticut. The "Help Me Grow" model developed there has now been adopted by 18 states across the U.S.

After lunch, we had a workshop on how to work with community-based organizations and parent groups about developmental screening and surveillance. Dr. David Keller, APA president-elect, gave the concluding talk of the day, updating the attendees on membership, strategic planning and program development from APA national.

We will meet next on Monday morning May 6th at the PAS meeting for breakfast.

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Region II

We would like to thank all who attended our Regional Meeting which was held on March 8th at Weill Cornell Medical College. Once again, the meeting was shared with Region 3 and the day was extremely successful. It was wonderful to see both established and new members. The day was full of education, networking, and mentoring; everyone had a really great day! Our keynote speaker was Dr. Sherry Glied who is a Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. Dr. Glied is a leading scholar on U.S. health policy reform; the focus of her presentation was the Affordable Care Act. The talk was very informative and all Region 2 members should have received a copy of her presentation via email.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to all of the workshop leaders. Cynthia Osman and Soutana Tomopoulos taught us how to incorporate social media into a pediatric academic career. Steven Cook led an inter-professional advocacy workshop with Patti Lubin, a legislative advisor from Senator Gillibrand's office, and Robin Vitale, a senior director for advocacy at the American Heart Association. Susan Bostwick, Cori Green, and Thanakorn Jirasevijinda reminded us that mentoring is a "two-way street." All of the workshops were timely, interactive, educational, and very well-received by the participants.

Dr. Benard Dreyer, our Immediate Past President, gave an enlightening talk overviewing the APA and all of the opportunities available to the members. There are so many ways to get involved! For starters, take a look at the special interest groups on the APA website. Sign up for one (or two!) that interest you.

Thanks to all of the platform and poster presenters for sharing their research projects with us. It was so inspiring to see some of the innovative work members from our region are doing.

New this year, and a true highlight of the day, was an informal mentoring session that took place over lunch. Students, residents, fellows, and junior faculty were given the opportunity to interact with the senior faculty and get great advice. This turned out to be a huge success and it will now be incorporated into future regional meetings. Thank you to all who participated, including our mentors: Cindy Osman, Arthur Fierman, Susan Bostwick, Nancy Spector, Benard Dreyer, Peter Szilagyi, Lee Pachter, Hans Kersten, and Steven Selbst.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at PAS in Washington DC. Just a reminder that our regional breakfast will be held on Monday May 6th from 7:00 - 8:00 am in the Renaissance Washington.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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Region V

Thanks to the speakers, faculty and trainees who attended and participated in the Region V meeting in Columbus, OH March 22nd and 23rd. The highlight of the meeting was celebrating the work of our medical students, residents, and fellows in the trainee abstract competition. Congratulations to all who participated!

We are looking forward to seeing members of our region again in Washington, DC for the PAS meeting. The Region V breakfast will be Monday, May 6th at 7am in the Renaissance Washington Hotel. Hope you can make it!

If you are presenting a poster, workshop, SIG session, or oral presentation in Washington, DC, let us know! We will distribute a list of Region V presenters so we can all support the great work that is happening in our Region!

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Region VI

Members of Region VI once again rise to the opportunities and challenges of virtual meeting

On March 8th, for the second year in a row, members of our region gathered for an online regional meeting. Approximately 15 participants gathered to receive APA organization updates from Dr. David Jaffe, APA president and Region VI member and Dr. Chris Stille - APA Chair of Membership and Regions

In addition, they were able to attend and evaluate the presentations of 2 trainee candidates for the Region VI Trainee Travel Award.

"Trends in Tobacco and Marijuana use among College Freshmen" was presented by Dr. Kelly Bush, University of Wisconsin Department of Pediatrics.

"Rapidly Administered Ketamine for Brief Procedural Sedation: A Dose-Finding Study (Preliminary Results)" was presented by Sri Chinta, St. Louis Children's Hospital, St. Louis MO.

We were thrilled to have Dr. Charlie Gaebler-Uhing, immediate past chair of region VI, give a workshop entitled "Blast off to a Healthier Practice: Efficient and Effective Obesity Screening for Primary Care and Beyond."

Following the workshop the meeting was adjourned with an invitation to the APA Regional Breakfast in Washington D.C. in May and the Regional Live Meeting to be held September 20th in Kansas City.

APA Region VI Fall Meeting in Kansas City

Back by popular demand, a Region VI CME meeting will take place on September 20th from Noon to 6pm in Kansas City. The meeting will follow the 46th Annual Clinical Advances in Pediatric Symposium (CAPS) September 17-20, 2013 sponsored by The Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City and the Children's Mercy Health Network.

Members may choose to attend the CAPS meeting prior to the Friday APA meeting or may register for a single day of the CAPS meeting and also attend the APA meeting afterward or may attend the APA meeting only. Lunch will be sponsored by Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, and will be followed by a keynote speaker, APA update and several workshops with possible breakout sessions.

Housing will be available at several hotels in Crown Center, near the meeting site and a shuttle from the hotels will be available for those arriving on Friday and checking in for the September 20th afternoon meeting. Special rates have been arranged and are valid through the weekend. For questions about the CAPS meeting or housing reservations, go to WWW.childrensmercy.org/cmhn

During the weekend of September 20th-22nd, Kansas City will be hosting the Annual Plaza Art Festival with great art, musicians and food on the Country Club Plaza. The Texas Rangers will be in town to play the Kansas City Royals for a 3 game series and there will be opportunities to attend performances at the magnificent Kaufmann Center for Performing Arts. As always, there are music and performing arts venues available galore and Union Station Science City, the Sea Life Kansas City Aquarium (are accessible from the hotel), the Kansas City Zoo, the Nelson-Atkins Museum and various children's museums.

This promises to be an exciting meeting and we will be sending out details and a call for RSVP as we approach the date.

Region VI Co-Chair position-Regional position and leader in a National Academic Organization

As we look forward to putting winter and its snow behind us, it is also time to look forward to choosing a new Regional Co-Chair for a 3 year term, 2013-2016.

Bernie Eskridge is completing his 3 year term as a Region 6 Co-chair. Donna D'Alessandro and Sharon Wilkerson, the remaining two Region 6 Co-chairs, are asking for nominations of individuals interested in serving a 3 year term as a Region 6 Co-chair. Obligations over the term would include:

- Collaborating to organize an annual region meeting (which may be in person or virtual)
- Organizing the annual regional breakfast meeting held at PAS
- Submitting pieces for publication in the APA Newsletter
- Attendance at the PAS meetings during years in office
- Attending leadership lunches are the norm. In the future, there may be opportunities to attend leadership workshops/webinars designed for regional chairs.
- Coordinating nomination and election of new co-chair

Most communication and planning is done via WEBEX or telephone/email. A previous call for nominations was unsuccessful and once again, we are requesting self or colleague nomination. Instructions for the nomination process and voting will be sent out and hopefully the voting will be completed in time for the PAS meeting.

Regional Breakfast at the PAS meeting

Join us for the Regional Breakfast Meeting in Washington D.C. Check the meeting agenda for the exact date, time and location. This will be a great opportunity for seeing old friends and networking. We hope to see you there!

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Region VII

Region VII and VIII held their annual regional meeting in New Orleans, February 21-23 during the Southern Regional Meetings.

Our APA workshop featured Stephen E. Whitney, MD, MBA, FAAP, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine, and Professor of Practice of Healthcare Management at Rice University. He led a lively workshop entitled "Putting the 'B' in Systems-Based Practice: Teaching the Business Side of Medicine."

This meeting also featured outstanding original science and clinical case presentations.

The highlight of our APA Region VII and VIII business meeting was a presentation given by Dr. David Jaffe, APA President. Dr. Jaffe provided attendees with an APA update, including new APA programs and awards, and future directions for the APA. Click on this link to view Dr. Jaffe's [slides](#).

We hope you plan to attend the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting to be held in Washington DC, May 3rd - 7th. If you do attend, be sure to come to the Region VII breakfast, to be held Monday morning, May 6th from 7:00-8:00 AM in the Renaissance Washington Hotel. Please plan to join us if you'll be in DC! [Click on this link to register for the PAS meeting](#).

We are very pleased to welcome our newest region VII co-chair, Dr. Jennifer Andrews. Jennifer is Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Section of Neonatology at UAMS & Arkansas Children's Hospital. She was born and raised in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. After graduating from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics, she completed clinical training to become a Registered Dietitian. She graduated medical school from UAMS in 2008, and then completed a pediatric residency at UAMS/ACH in 2013. Her career interests are practicing clinical medicine and supporting medical student and resident clinical training. Outside of work, she enjoys running, cooking, and traveling. We're so happy to have Jennifer as our new co-chair.

Since our last newsletter we have had many new members from Region VII join the APA! Welcome to all our new members listed below!

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Region VIII

Region VIII and Region VII had a very successful combined regional meeting in New Orleans, February 21-23 as a part of the Southern Regional Meetings. Please see the Region VII newsletter entry for details as well as a link to Dr David Jaffe's presentation of APA updates. This conference is always a wonderful experience with lots of clinical cases, original research and the always practical APA sponsored workshop. It's never too early to start thinking about next year's meeting on February 20-22, 2014. Be on the lookout for a call for workshop proposals as well as a call for abstracts, both in early summer!

Hopefully, many of you are planning to attend the PAS meeting in May! It once again looks like a full schedule of many fascinating topics. I always have a hard time picking which sessions to attend but hope Region VIII attendees will join us for the regional breakfast on Monday, May 6 at 7:00 AM. Our new Region VIII co-chair will be introduced at the breakfast. Region VIII will also be participating in the Poster Mentoring activities and would love to hear from you if you are interested in helping us in this endeavor.

Since the start of this year, we have had six new APA members in our region and extend a warm welcome to:

William Allen; University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

Kathryn Carlson; Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN

Gilbert Liu; University of Louisville, Louisville KY

Lauren Nassetta; University of Alabama, Birmingham AL

Debora Silva; University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, San Juan, PR

Nikki Wacker; Greenville Memorial Hospital, Greenville, SC

See you in Washington, DC!

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Region IX & X



Once again Region IX and X joined each other at the annual Community, Advocacy, Research and Education (CARE) Conference in sunny, Monterey, CA. The meeting was held at the historic naval Post Graduate School with a near record turnout of faculty and presenters. During the two day conference, attendees had a chance to exchange ideas and support one another. This year's abstracts covered a wide range of topics that centered on child and adolescent health, children with special health care needs, and local, regional and international advocacy efforts. APA President, Dr. David Jaffe discussed the scope of APA activities, provided an interesting perspective on opportunities to get involved in the APA, and reiterated the broad support for our local regions. This year's keynote speaker was Dr. Carol Berkowitz who provided an inspiring talk on "One Path to Leadership: Latency, Serendipity, Volunteerism and Perseverance" highlighting her unique path to leadership and modeled the importance of getting involved. The second day of the conference was highlighted by two outstanding, informative workshops on motivational interviewing and the power of social media in medicine. Both workshops provided a well-rounded review and techniques to incorporate in clinical practice.

An opportunity to get involved is approaching with Region X seeking a new co-chair. Please contact Anda Kuo (AKuo@sfgHPeds.ucsf.edu) or Dean Sidelinger (dean.sidelinger@gmail.com) for details and interest.



(Emily Johnston, Paul Young and Elizabeth Rogers)

Winners of the Paul Young Travel Award to this year's PAS meeting in Washington, D.C. were Elizabeth Rogers from UCSF for her abstract "Creation of a youth-led diabetes prevention campaign through an

academic-community partnership holds promise" and Emily Johnston from Stanford University for her abstract "Reproductive health of incarcerated girls outside of juvenile hall". The winners will present at our Regional Breakfast on Monday May 6th from 7-8am at the annual Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting.

--Hope to see members from all the states covered in our regions at PAS and at our Regional Meeting next year!

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Special Interest Groups

Child Abuse & Serving the Underserved

Colleagues,

All are welcome to attend and participate in a combined Child Abuse and Serving the Underserved Special Interest Groups meeting at the 2013 Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting in Washington, DC. We have partnered with the Serving the Underserved SIG for a session which intersects both SIGs entitled "Human Trafficking, Immigration and the Common Challenges to Healthcare Delivery".

We have a great lineup of speakers to address the health issues of human trafficking and the child maltreatment implications (Jordan Greenbaum, Atlanta, GA); immigration and the importance of healthcare systems to be equipped to address the unique health needs and to recognize the risks of human trafficking in this population (Fernando Mendoza, Stanford, CA); and the state and national policy implications to protect these vulnerable populations (Cristina Meneses, Senior Staff Attorney at the Network for Public Health Law, Baltimore, MD).

When: Sunday, May 5th, from 12:00noon- 3:00pm

Where: Washington Convention Center Room 152 B

Come to learn more about these pediatric issues that have become key topics in child protection, public health and health policy discussions. We look forward to seeing you in DC!

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Culture, Ethnicity and Health Care

This year we will have the first ever combined meeting of the Women in Medicine and Culture, Ethnicity, and Healthcare SIGs on Sunday, May 5, 12-3 pm. We will focus on the interaction of gender and ethnicity and their influence in academics and leadership. The session will include a panel of distinguished speakers across the academic spectrum, including leaders from the National Institutes of Health, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and junior and senior faculty members with experience in various leadership roles. The presentations will be followed by interactive exercises focused on specific areas of interest and a discussion to address issues being faced by attendees. The session will conclude with a presentation of a curriculum called "Culture in Health Care," focused on teaching 3rd year medical students about cultural competency. Please join us for this informative and engaging session!

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E-Learning in Medical Education



The clocks have been set forward, it is officially spring and our PAS meeting is fast approaching. We are excited about our fourth annual e-Learning SIG meeting. This will be a highly interactive meeting environment that will feature a variety of speakers and topics whose message content offers enrichment opportunities across all spectrums of the e-Learning field. Here is our agenda:

Agenda for 2013 e-Learning SIG in Medical Education

Date: Sunday, May 5, 2013

Time: 12pm-3pm

Course Number: E-Learning in Medical Education (#2531)

Location: Walter E. Washington Convention Center Room#204A

Meeting # 5

Co-Chairs: Kadriye O. Lewis, EdD; Erik Black, Ph.D; Michal Cidon, MD

Time	2012 e-Learning SIG Agenda Items
12:00-12:20 pm	Welcome, introduction, and overview of e-Learning SIG Activities (<i>Presenters:</i> Kadriye O. Lewis; Erik Black; Michal Cidon)
12:20-12:40 pm	Title: Online Schools and Children With Special Health and Educational Needs: Comparison With Performance in Traditional Schools (<i>Presenters:</i> Erik Black; Lindsay Thompson) 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.
12:40-1:05 pm	Title: E-Learning with Moodle (<i>Presenter:</i> Grant P. Christman) 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.
1:05-1:30 pm	Title: 7+2 Easy Steps to Better PowerPoint Presentations: Turning Educational Theory into Practice (<i>Presenter:</i> Bernhard L. Wiedermann) Description: Although many education research studies have shown poor learning outcomes when speakers recite verbatim from bullet-point slides, this practice continues to be common in medical education. Barriers to change are significant, particularly when clinical commitments leave little time to re-invent faculty members' approach to PowerPoint use. Rather than suggesting a wholesale (and time-consuming) reboot of everything PowerPoint, this presentation will focus on a few key changes that faculty, fellows, and residents can implement gradually without an inordinate time commitment. Focus points include a brief discussion of cognitive load theory, followed by quick ideas for modifying slide titles, legibility, and pictures, as well as novel approaches to speakers' notes and handouts.
1:30 - 1:40 pm	Break (10 minutes)
1:40 - 2:50 pm	e-Learning SIG Sponsored Workshop Title: Implementing On-Line Curricula: Why Or Why Not And How To Get Started (<i>Presenters:</i> Dale A. Coddington, Nazreen Jamal, Todd P Chang, David Mathison, Terry Kind, Dewesh Agrawal, Mohsen Saidinejad, Pavan Zaveri) Description: Online and mobile devices have augmented and changed the methods by which we teach and assess trainees in pediatrics. As medical educators, we need to decide when to use e-learning, how to do it well, and how to evaluate its effectiveness. This will provide a primer on electronic modalities including blogs and wikis, webinars, podcasting and mobile, audio,

and video applications. The focus of this workshop will be on exploring specific on-line teaching strategies and how they can be incorporated into a curriculum. In facilitated small groups, participants will apply principles of curriculum design to develop a plan for incorporating an on-line teaching strategy at their institution. Workshop participants will leave with a checklist for on-line curriculum development, learning resources about e-learning, and an action plan.

2:50-3:00 pm

Wrap-Up and Closing

Note: The meeting agenda will also be delivered to the APA members through the APA_APANET Listserv.

Webinar Cast Light on Online Professional Learning Communities

Dr. Kris Frady, Associate Director, Center for Workforce Development at Clemson University led a webinar on Monday, February 18 on the topic of online professional learning communities.

Dr. Frady shared various resources and discussed her research on online professional learning communities. She also introduced the emerging concept and described practices associated with successful learning communities.

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

Other e-Learning Related Presentations from the e-Learning SIG Members

Workshop on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 8:30-11:30am: Kadriye O. Lewis, and her collaborators (John D. Mahan; Teri L. Turner, MD; Larry Hurtubise) will be presenting the workshop titled, "Leveraging E-Learning 2.0: Encourage Your Trainees to develop Life Long Learning Skills" (Course# 1216; Room# 144C, Washington Convention Center). This workshop will provide a guided tour of key concepts and tools that will take medical educators to the next level and provide insights into the variety of e-learning contexts. The workshop will present a variety of practical applications such as interactive web based learning sites (virtual simulations, mashups, and self-paced modules) and collaborative social learning sites such as Twitter, wikis, blogs/microblogs, and voice threads.

Workshop on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 8:30-11:30am: Kadriye O. Lewis and Michal Cidon, will be presenting the workshop titled The ABCs of Wikis: Building Your Own Wiki for settings, make text entries, set up a learning activity, import photos, video, gadgets or widgets, and link to Internet resources as well as to invite collaborators and medical learners to visit their Wiki on PBWorks.

Upcoming Conferences and Workshops - 2013

- ePIC 2013, the 11th ePortfolio and Identity Conference at London, England
July 8-10, 2013
Website: <http://www.epforum.eu>
Deadline for submission of long/short papers to the International Journal of Clinical Skills: June 10, 2013
- 29th Annual Conference on Distance Teaching & Learning at Madison, WI
August 7-9 2013
Website: <http://www.uwex.edu/disted/conference>
- 6th world congress on social media, Mobile Apps and Internet/Web 2.0 in medicine and Public Health in London, England
September 23-24 2013
Website: <http://www.medicine20congress.com/ocs/index.php/med/med2013>
- 19th Annual Sloan Consortium International Consortium International Conferences on Online Learning at Lake Buena Vista, FL
November 20-22 2013
Website: <http://www.sloanconsortium.org/aln>
Deadline for submission of presentation: May 20, 2013

2013 AAEEBL-EPAC Free Webinar Series: The Enabling Deep Learning with ePortfolios series focuses on how ePortfolios are being utilized to support authentic, experiential and evidence based pedagogies. All webinars are free to access but require registration through the [AAEEBL homepage](#) or from the [webinar landing page](#).

- January 30 --[Pathbrite](#)
- February 13 --[SchoolChapters for Higher Ed](#)
- February 27 --[Bedford/St.Martin-s](#)
- March 13 --[NobleHour](#)
- March 27 --[LiveText](#)
- April 10 --[ConnectEDU \(formerly Epsilen\)](#)
- April 24 --[eLumen Collaborative](#)
- May 1 --[PebblePad](#)
- May 8--[Foliotek](#)

Invitation for Contribution to e-Learning SIG Newsletters and Webinar Proposals

We sincerely invite all of the APA members to contribute to our newsletters with topics that might be of interest to our e-Learning SIG members. Also, if you are looking for opportunities to present or deliver your e-learning initiatives, please send a brief outline and summary of your presentation topic. Feel free to contact one of the Co-chairs via the information below to discuss your ideas.

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Evidence-Based Pediatrics

This year at the annual PAS meeting in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, May 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the Evidence-Based Pediatrics Special Interest Group will hold its annual meeting with the majority of the meeting devoted to the teaching of evidence-based medicine in training programs. Participants for the last two years have rated this format highly and asked us to continue the tradition.

There will be a variety of presentations of successful teaching tips and methods used by faculty across the country to teach EBM to medical students and residents. Topics include 1) Preliminary Findings from a New EBM Curriculum for Pediatric Residents using CAT Presentations, 2) Teaching Pediatric Residents to Pose Relevant Clinical Queries, 3) How I Teach ROC Curves, 4) Common Errors that Teachers of EBM Make, 5) Using Small Group Learning to Teach EBM to Trainees, and 6) A Report from the SIG's Year-long Project to Develop Standardized Questions and Answers for Testing EBM Proficiency. A brief business meeting will follow the presentations. We will also review the on-line EBM resources we have compiled and set an agenda for the upcoming year.

Save the date and plan to join us!

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Faculty Development

This year's Faculty Development special interest group will feature three distinguished speakers who will address the topic of the pediatric milestones. If you are a beginning, midcareer or experienced faculty developer, you will need to have a working knowledge of what these new milestone requirements will mean to your faculty as they assess resident performance in the future. We will offer ideas about how to communicate these complex milestones and sub competencies to your faculty. This will enable you to clearly explain this new assessment system to your core teaching faculty. Please join us to hear Franklin Trimm, MD, Program Director and Vice Chair, Department of Pediatrics at the University of Sough Alabama and Ellie Hamburger, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, George Washington University who will speak on "Milestones and Convincing Your Faculty They are a Good Thing" and Daniel J. Schumacher, Associate Program Director, Boston Combined Residency Program in Pediatrics who will speak on "Competency based assessment: stop evaluating your trainees". We will follow this with a panel discussion on methods to engage/teach faculty. We hope you will join us!

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Family Centered Care

We are excited to announce the location for the Family Centered-Care (FCC) Special Interest Group at PAS this year!

Session Type: APA Special Interest Group

Session Course Number: 1740

Session Title: Family Centered Care

Session Date: 5/4/2013

Session Time: 2:45 PM-4:45 PM

Session Location: Washington Convention Center, Room 101

Our theme: "Optimizing the Family Involvement in Patient and Family Centered Care" will feature a special guest and keynote speaker, Beverly H. Johnson, President and CEO of the Institute for Patient and Family-Centered Care. We will have a panel discussion and a poster session to generate new research ideas. In addition, we are currently forming a question list for our panel discussants and welcome your questions. Please email us your questions for consideration to: Snezana Nena Osorio snm2001@med.cornell.edu, Mike Weisgerber mweisger@mcw.edu or Heather Toth htoth@mcw.edu. We look forward to our upcoming meeting and view this forum as a way to exchange experiences and ideas to establish a network that enables further research in FCC!

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Global Health

Come and join the Global Health SIG at PAS for our annual program! This year's theme will be:

***"Strengthening Capacities in Research, Service, and Education
Through Global Academic Partnerships"***

Saturday, May 4 2013, 8:30 - 11:30 am

Pediatric Academic Societies Conference, Washington DC

Washington Convention Center, Room 154A

8:30 am	WELCOME
8:35 am	GLOBAL HEALTH RESEARCH AWARD 2013 GH Research Awardee & Award Presentation Ruth Kihari, MBChB, MMED Study: "Phone Based Counseling Supporting Primiparous Women to Exclusively Breastfeed" Litein Mission Hospital, Kericho, Kenya; Presentation: TBD
9:05 am	KEY NOTE SPEAKER Fitzhugh Mullan, MD <i>"Medical Education Scale Up in Africa: Notes from the Field"</i> Murdock Professor, Medicine/Health Policy, George Washington School of Public Health Professor, Department of Pediatrics, George Washington University School of Medicine Principal Investigator - Sub-Saharan African Medical Schools Study (SAMSS), Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Coordinating Center Former Director, National Health Service Corps
10:10 am	GLOBAL HEALTH PANEL <i>"What are the Ingredients to Successful International Collaborations? Voices from Pediatric Leadership"</i> Roseda Marshall, MD, FAAP, FWACP, MPH - Liberia Assistant Professor, AM Dogliotti College of Medicine of University of Liberia Director, Pediatrics at JFK Memorial Medical Center, Monrovia, Liberia President of Liberia's Graduate Medical Education Council Andrew Steenhoff, MBBCH, DCH - Botswana-UPenn Partnership Associate Country Director, Research Director, Pediatric Program Co-Director, International Core of the Penn Center for AIDS Research Jane Aceng, MBBCH - Uganda Ministry of Health - TBC Director General, Health Services, Uganda Ministry of Health
11:20 am-11:30 am	Discussions and Closing

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Health Literacy

We are looking forward to the Health Literacy SIG meeting at the upcoming 2013 PAS meeting in Washington DC, which will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2:45-4:45PM (Room 148; Washington Convention Center).

We expect that this will be an exciting SIG meeting. We will have a special guest speaker, Anne C. Beal, MD, MPH, Chief Operating Officer of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). As PCORI's first COO, Beal is responsible for ensuring PCORI develops the structure and capacity needed to carry out its mission as the nation's largest research institute focused on patient-centered outcomes research. She will be discussing the current and future role of PCORI in funding health literacy and health communication research.

As part of the SIG meeting, participants will have an increased opportunity to get feedback on their current and planned health literacy projects, and network with others interested in health literacy issues. We will be discussing a proposed APA Health Literacy Policy Statement as well as nominating new Health Literacy SIG chairs for the upcoming term.

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Hospital Medicine

Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) meeting in Washington DC, 2013
A **terrific** meeting is planned for the upcoming Hospital Medicine SIG meeting at the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting on MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM in 102A. We invite you all to attend and participate in this incredible program!

Similar to last year, we'll start with updates from the Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM) task forces related to ongoing projects in quality improvement (VIP network), research (PRIS network), education (PHM Roundtable), and practice management (STP Committee). Facilitated breakout sessions will allow attendees

to have input in direction of these efforts. We'll also have a report from the Joint Council of Pediatric Hospital Medicine.

Then, we'll move on to SIG business, including our election! We have several terrific candidates. Each candidate will have three minutes to present his/her platform. Hospital Medicine SIG members will be receiving a survey monkey invitation to review the candidates' platforms and cast their ballot. The election will close a week after PAS.

Finally, we'll wrap up with an incredible fellowship panel. Fellowship programs in pediatric hospitalist medicine continue to grow as our field grows. Our SIG meeting highlights a panel discussion with fellowship directors, ACGME representatives, American Board representatives, and professional societies' representatives. After comments by each speaker, there will be an opportunity for questions from the audience. So come prepared to ask questions about this important topic!

Here are the details of the planned agenda:

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| 8:30 am - 9:00 am | Updates from Pediatric Hospital Medicine roundtable groups, including:
Mark Shen representing the VIP network
Karen Wilson representing the PRIS network
Jennifer Maniscalco representing the Education Taskforce
Doug Carlson representing the Workforce group
Dan Rauch representing the Joint Council of Pediatric Hospital Medicine (JCPHM) |
| 9:00 am - 9:30 am | Breakout sessions for pediatric hospital medicine roundtable Groups |
| 9:30 am - 10:15 am | SIG business
Discussion about election process
SIG co-chair candidates review platforms
Review website
Acknowledge Research Scholars, Education Scholars, and Young Investigator Awardees
Plaque for Tamara Simon
Announcements |
| 10:15 am - 10:30 am | Break |
| 10:30 am - 11:30 am | Fellowship panel: "As we move toward consideration of certification in Hospital Medicine, what could/should fellowship in PHM look like?" Opening comment by:
Jennifer Maniscalco presenting an update on PHM Fellowships
Doug Carlson presenting the JCPHM-organized meeting with the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)
Gail McGuinness presenting the ABP position
Panel members:
Joe Gilhooly as ACGME representative
Mary Ottolini as CoPs representative
Dave Jaffe as Emergency Medicine and APA representative
Karen Wilson as PHM program director
Lindsay Chase as PHM fellowship director |

We hope to see many of you there. To receive up-to-date information about SIG meetings join our SIG roster by emailing Jennifer Padilla (Jennifer@academicped.org). Please remember that you have to be a member of the APA to join our SIG roster.

This year the SIG is sponsoring an evening scenic bus tour of DC followed by a casual gathering for light

food and drinks on Monday, May 6, from 7-10pm. (Thanks Jimmy Beck!).

Karen Smith has kindly arranged a tour of Children's National Medical Center Hospitalist program on Friday May 3rd from 1-4 pm. This includes pickup and drop off from the convention center. If you are interested please email Brandy.Morris@cchmc.org

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. Starting 2012, an election process was started for the co-chair position. The call for annual co-chair election (one position) was sent through our listserv. The candidates will give a brief talk at the SIG meeting following which the election will start.

We also have a record-breaking five platform sessions dedicated to Hospital Medicine! Also, don't miss the Section on Hospital Medicine-sponsored club on Monday from 12-1pm in West Salon B.

Joint Council of Pediatric Hospitalists Medicine (JCPHM) and ABP meeting

On April 4-5, the JCPHM is meeting with the American Board of Pediatrics to discuss certification options for PHM, assess the impact of each in a variety of domains, and determine the next steps for certification for PHM that include specific actions and timelines. The meeting will be attended by JCPHM members, Strategic Planning Committee (STP) co chairs, and a member of each, from community hospitalist, fellowship directors, education taskforce, residency directors, and the VIP network. Leaders from the ABP board and ACGME will attend the meeting. Dr. Stephen Ludwig has kindly agreed to be our facilitator.

The summary of this meeting with resultant outcomes and recommendations will be distributed through the various PHM LISTSERVs following the meeting, and discussed at the upcoming PAS, SHM, and PHM 2013 Meetings. As you have done over the past year or so, please feel free to contact meeting attendees and share your viewpoints with them directly. You may also communicate with JCPHM members at jointcouncilPHM@gmail.com.

Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM) 2013, New Orleans

The annual PHM meeting is scheduled from August 1-4, 2013 in New Orleans, LA. This year we celebrate our 10th anniversary! Make plans now for the premier gathering of your colleagues from across the spectrum of our field.

Highlights from the Planning Committee include Society for Pediatric Sedation Provider Course and the Pediatric Fundamentals of Critical Care Support course that is offered by the Society of Critical Care Medicine before the conference; a new community hospitalist track and early career track and many more workshops, platforms, posters, and conundrums.

Important dates to remember

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

Hospital Medicine 2013 sponsored by the Society of Hospital Medicine, May16-19, in National Harbor, MD

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

Pediatric Education Excellence across the Continuum (PEEAC) Conference October 4-5, Arlington, VA

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

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Newborn Nursery

Come join your friends & colleagues from across the nation at the Newborn Nursery SIG on Saturday afternoon, May 4th at 2:45 pm. We look forward to an exciting, jam-packed session! This year we will have a special keynote presentation on Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome by Dr. Debra Bogen. Dr. Bogen's presentation will be followed by our networking session. Bring your best ideas and most challenging clinical scenarios and come ready to join in the discussion. We will round out our SIG with brief business news as well as updates from committees and the BORN Network.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Obesity

Please join us at 8 am on Sunday, May 5th in Convention Center room 102A for an exciting session on Pediatric Obesity Practice-Based Research Networks (PBRN)! This year's Obesity SIG will feature presentations from the Children's Hospital Association's Focus on a Fitter Future COMPASS PBRN and POWER registry, and the National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research (NCCOR). Our schedule is as follows:

8:00-9:15-Childhood Obesity Multi Program Analysis and Study System (COMPASS) and Pediatric Obesity Weight Evaluation Registry (POWER): Past, Present, and Future of an Obesity Practice-Based Research Network and Patient Registry

Presenters: Robert Siegel MD, Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Medical Center; Ihuoma Eneli MD, MS, Nationwide Children's Hospital; Tom Robinson, MD, MPH, Stanford University School of Medicine; William Stratbucker MD, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital; Shelley Kirk, PhD, RD, LD, Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Medical Center

9:15-9:30- Questions and Answers

9:30-10:30- Childhood Obesity Prevention and Treatment Research at NIH and the National Collaborative For Childhood Obesity Research (NCCOR)

Presenter: Charlotte A. Pratt, PhD, MS, RD, FAHA, Program Director, Prevention and Population Sciences Program, Division of Cardiovascular Sciences National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health

10:30-10:45- Questions and Answers

10:45-11:00: Next steps in development of obesity PBRNs and patient registries

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Pediatric Clinical Research Network

The Pediatric Clinical Research Networks Special Interest Group (PCRN SIG) will meet at the PAS meetings from 2:45-4:45 on Saturday, May 4th in Room 143B at the Washington Convention Center. The PCRN SIG is a forum for PAS members who either are involved in or are planning to establish clinical research networks (defined as *enduring multi-site clinical research collaborations*).

Representatives and members of a diverse group of pediatric clinical research networks - primary care practice-based research networks, specialist networks, and disease-specific networks - have an opportunity to meet to discuss solutions to common challenges, hear updates on innovations, and offer consultation to those planning and launching new networks.

This year's two-hour session will focus on two areas. The first is folding Maintenance of Certification credit into network research. Four primary care practice-based research network leaders will tell the group how they have been able to offer American Board of Pediatrics Part IV Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credit for participation in research studies. In these days of competing demands on the work of busy clinicians of all stripes, finding ways to grant MOC credit for participation in network research is likely to be a necessary "carrot" for involving clinicians.

The second is a consultation session by the group for a newly-forming network on health care transitions (i.e., from pediatric to adult medicine settings). As improved pediatric care for many chronic conditions has led to survival into adulthood, a group of pediatric clinician researchers are forming the Health Care Transition Research Network to better understand the complex issues involved in effectively transitioning patients from pediatric to adult care.

Other presentations will include brief updates from the networks in attendance. We look forward to seeing network researchers from both new and experienced on the afternoon of May 4th.

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Qualitative Research

The Qualitative Research SIG has been active and gearing up for PAS 2013 - hope to see you on Monday May 6 from 8:30-11:30.

Over the past year, we have developed a WIKI (and thank Teri Kind for her technical tips). Please visit the WIKI at: <http://apaqualitativeresearchsig.pbworks.com/w/request-access>

You will need to "Request Access", which Jan Hanson (SIG co-chair) will gladly provide. Several people have started to use the WIKI but we would welcome more chatter. If you come across a helpful resource or run up against a methodological problem, please feel free to share.

Our goals for this year's SIG meeting are (a) to continue to build our qualitative research community and (b) provide some more advanced level training in qualitative analysis. We think this advanced training will complement the qualitative workshop we'll be facilitating on Saturday afternoon.

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Simulation-based Medical Education

Spring into Simulation

Are you involved, or interested, in pediatric simulation-based medical education? With the end of winter, and spring on the way this 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 April 23 - 25th 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/>.

Immediately following the IPSSW meeting, the International Network for Simulation-based Pediatric Innovation, Research and Education (INSIRE) group will hold a meeting on April 26, from 8:00 - 3:30 pm at the New York Simulation Center for the Health Sciences (NYSIM). At the meeting you can meet eager new simulation researchers, educators, and innovators, as well as seasoned mentors and experts from across the globe in this intimate, collegial, international group! To find out more about the INSPIRE meeting, please visit <http://www.inspiresim.com/>

During the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) meeting, the 2nd annual APA Simulation-based Medical Education (SBME) SIG meeting will take place on Saturday, May 4 from 1:45-4:45pm in room 209A at the Washington Convention Center (PAS Course Number: 1590). 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) simulation webinars. The IPSS Webinar Series includes talks by top-level researchers and educators in pediatric simulation and takes place 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 great spring!

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Teaching in Community Settings

Please join us in DC this May! This year the Teaching in Community Settings and Medical Student Education SIGs are joining forces to present a unique program geared toward teachers of medical students in all settings. The first part of the program will focus on techniques to enhance teaching during time-limited clinical settings (such as community/outpatient preceptorships and inpatient rounds.) Reflection as a means to enhance and enrich teaching in the domains of clinical reasoning, professional development/empathy, and evidence-based practice will be emphasized.

The second part of the program will highlight best practices and challenges of community medical student education from the perspectives of community teachers and clerkship directors at academic centers. An interactive panel discussion featuring SIG chairs, clerkship directors, and recent graduates will engage audience members to work through community teaching challenges faced by educators of all levels.

All parts of the SIG session will be interactive and provide opportunity to learn from colleagues to enhance teaching skills.

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Announcements

Global Health Task Force

Please join us for the annual meeting of the APA Global Health Task Force. This will be a working meeting, designed to finalize competencies in global child health. Below is the draft agenda. All are welcome to attend.

Developing Faculty Competencies in Global Child Health

Sunday, May 5, 2013

Renaissance Washington Hotel, Room MR 3

9 am - noon

9:00 - 9:10	Introduction: Why do we need faculty competencies?
9:10 - 9:45	Keynote: Alvin Zipursky, MD, Chair and Scientific Director of the Programme for Global Paediatric Research and Officer of the Order of Canada
9:45-11:00	Small groups each formulate 12 faculty competencies a. Faculty competencies in global health research Co-leads: Bob Bortolussi and Ruth Etzel b. Faculty competencies in clinical care Co-leads: Yvonne Vaucher and Mirzada Kurbasic c. Faculty competencies in education Co-leads: Nicole St. Clair, Cindy Howard and Melanie Anspacher d. Faculty competencies in health systems / administration Co-leads: Chandy John and Jane Aceng
11:00-11:45	Each small group reports 12 selected faculty competencies back to the larger group
11:45-noon	Plan for finalizing faculty competencies - Ruth Etzel

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Quality Improvement Meeting

Registration is now open for the **Third Annual Conference on Advancing Quality Improvement Science for Children's Healthcare Research** to be held on May 3, 2013 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in conjunction with the 2013 Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting. This meeting will serve as a springboard for those seeking to bring new methods to their work on local innovation and improvement and for emerging or established health services researchers to understand state-of-the-art techniques in improvement science and related disciplines. Trainees at all levels are particularly encouraged to register (at a discounted fee).

This year's meeting will build on the great success of the two previous conferences and the feedback of almost 300 attendees. Of those (130) who completed the evaluation in 2012, 95% indicated they had increased their competence, and 98% indicated they would like to attend future conferences. Ample time for networking is included, as is a new lunchtime poster session.

Faculty will again represent an all-star cast from pediatrics, the social sciences, and beyond. The keynote

speaker will be Lisa Simpson, President and CEO of AcademyHealth. In response to feedback, interactive breakout sessions have been expanded and will include opportunities to learn and practice both introductory and advanced level methods such as:

- Bridging classical statistical methods and QI research
- Developing robust quality measures
- Statistical process control
- Advanced observational analysis methods such as interrupted time series designs
- Cluster-randomized and stepped wedge intervention designs
- Skills for obtaining funding, publishing, and academic advancement in the domain of quality improvement research.

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Book Review

Identifying and Addressing Developmental-Behavioral Problems: A practical guide for medical and non-medical professionals, trainees, researchers and advocates, Nolensville, TN: PEDStest.com, LLC, 2013 www.pedstest.com
FP Glascoe, KP Marks, JK Poon, MM Macias (Eds).

As stated in the introduction, this book addresses primary care issues for early detection, prevention, referrals, and intervention for children with possible developmental delay or behavioral problems. It is geared for those in primary care, residency, fellowship, and nursing. The book covers how to effectively address parental concerns, conduct screening/surveillance, and provide counseling during a primary care visit. This is a common conundrum for primary care physicians who have multiple issues that need to be addressed during a 15 minute visit.

The chapters of the book cover a wide variety of topics including screening/surveillance, early intervention, language concerns, cultural issues, teaching/training professionals, and conducting research on developmental-behavioral issues. There is also a companion website where the reader can download forms and access links to other websites that will offer further information or resources pertinent to the corresponding chapters. It is a useful site, and I found I was able to access information more quickly by this route than by flipping through the book.

Two chapters were the main focus of this review. Chapter 5 concentrates on developmental-behavioral screening and surveillance for children birth to six years. The chapter discusses, in detail, the different screening/surveillance methods that can be used in an office setting. Templates are given for the referral process so that adequate information is given to the specialist. Examples are provided of correspondence letters, completed screening tools, and longitudinal documentation. Chapter 7 concentrates on promotion of

development and behavior. It discusses establishing a relationship between clinician and parent and how to dispense effective advice to parents in a manner for them to be able to recall readily. This ranges from verbal advice to written advice, organizing group visits, providing internet resources, and videos. Behavioral interventions are also discussed. Information on general child management strategies and common behavioral issues are provided along with handouts that can be given to parents. For situations where more intense interventions are needed, resources are provided. There is also a section on parenting resources.

From the two chapters that have been reviewed, it is evident the authors have researched all areas thoroughly and provide a wealth of information for primary care physicians. It can be a bit overwhelming for those not familiar with developmental-behavioral issues, and those referencing the book may have to review the chapters a couple of times to take full advantage of the material provided. As a physician in Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics, this book appears appropriate for general pediatricians, nurses, and residents. It can be a little basic at times with some of the descriptions and advice given. The behavioral interventions discussed are very useful, appropriate and practical for the primary care setting. Based on the two chapters reviewed, this book would be a valuable resource to clinicians in the primary care setting.

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