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**New Member Benefit**

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### The ABFM MC-FP Examination is moving to April in 2012

Beginning in 2012, the ABFM MC-FP examination will be held in April instead of July. Diplomates who are in good standing and hold a currently valid, full, and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the US or Canada are eligible to apply for and take the examination.

Residents who are in good standing and expected to complete training on or about July 1, 2012 are eligible to take the April 2012 examination. A currently valid, full, and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the US or Canada is not required for residents to apply for and take the April examination. Certification will be awarded when all of the criteria are met:

1. Successful performance on the ABFM MC-FP Examination
  2. The Program Director verifies that the resident has successfully met all of the ACGME program requirements
  3. The candidate obtains a currently valid, full, and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the US or Canada
- These conditions must be met by December 31, 2012.

The dates for the April 2012 MC-FP Examination are: April 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21

The MC-FP Examination will also be offered in November for candidates who fail the spring administration of the examination, or for those residents in good standing who are off-cycle and are expected to



Are you looking to cut down the Accounts Receivable balance in your practice? How about a nice alternative to collections agencies? IAFP has partnered with Transworld - Green Flag

Find out how they can follow up on delinquent AR at a discount for IAFP members. Green Flag offers internal billing follow up and diplomatic collections. All for an average of \$10 per account. [Learn more about this offer.](#)

Be sure to check out all the [member benefits partners](#) for offers that can help you or your practice.

## Classified Ad

Sidney Hillman Health Centre (SHHC) has a job opportunity for a family physician in a private not-for-profit health center. Practice is primarily ambulatory care in a multi-specialty group with dental and optometry, physical therapy, counseling and lab services on site. SHHC was set up more than 50 years ago by a union and serves mostly an underserved population. Our office continues to modernize and has a fully functioning EHR.

We are looking for a physician who both understands the public health context of practice and has high quality clinical skills. Bilingual (Spanish, Cantonese, etc.) a plus. Will consider part time employment.

Send CV via fax or email:  
 Geralynn Kahn, MD, MPH  
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 Fax: 312-942-1554  
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 Phone: 312-738-6170

### Quick Links

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[IAFP Annual Meeting Healthcare and You](#)

complete training on or about December 31, 2012. The dates for the November 2012 MC-FP Examination are: November 7, 8, 9, 10

[Learn more here.](#)

## Annual Meeting - Register now & book your room



Nov. 11-12 at the Marriott Oak Brook Hotel.

Register now with this easy [registration form](#). **Hurry, the Marriott Hotel cutoff date is Oct. 20th.**

CME will cover a clinical track and the practice management pathway. **Just \$50 per day**

Check out the [family fun events](#)

Link to the IAFP member on the updated [meeting web page](#) for full details

### Friday evening reception

Pathophysiology of Pain: Mechanisms and Manifestations  
 Friday, November 11, 2011 at 5:30pm

ROBERT L. BARKIN, MBA, PHARMD  
 Professor, Pharmacology, Family Medicine, and Anesthesiology  
 Rush Medical College - Chicago, Illinois

*\* This program is sponsored by and the speaker is presenting on behalf of Lilly USA, LLC. It is being presented consistent with FDA guidelines and is not approved for continuing education credit. Appetizers will be provided for attendees of this program.*

## PIN - Practice Improvement Network

Check out the [PIN section](#) of the IAFP web site which has resources for all family physicians



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### ARE YOU READY for any PCMH Transformation?

Link to this new [AAFP Power Point](#) to help you decide - and then link directly to resources to help you!

### Tune in to the Network! CME "Lunch and Learn" kicks off in October

Join the IAFP's Practice Improvement Network the last Thursday of

## [Take Control of Your Health](#)

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### Upcoming IHC Webinars

Click on the link to register for the webinars below or call the Illinois Health Connect Provider Help Desk at **877-912-1999**.

10/18 at 12:00 PM Breast Cancer Screening: Use of IHC Quality Tools for Bonus Measure Improvement

10/31 at 12:00 PM Breast Cancer Screening: Use of IHC Quality Tools for Bonus Measure Improvement

Learn more and register on the [Illinois Health Connect website](#)

Interested parties can also visit the [Providers section](#) of the IHC website at or contact Danielle Parrillo Provider Training Specialist at Phone: (888) 912-9120 - Ext: 2234 - [Dparrillo@automated-health.com](mailto:Dparrillo@automated-health.com)

### IHC Medial Home Video



English and Spanish.

<http://www.illinoishealthconnect.com/>.

### Join Our List

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

every month for a CME webinar to help transform and improve your practice! Grab some lunch and your office staff and log onto our FREE Webinar.

### An Innovative Approach to Same Day Sick Visits in a Patient-Centered Medical Home

**Thursday October 27, 2011 from Noon - 1:00 pm**

Presented by Brenda K. Fann, MD, FAAFP

Program Director, Rush-Copley Family Medicine Residency Program & Family Medicine Center Director, Rush-Copley Medical Center

Learning Objectives:

\*Compare and contrast three different scheduling models for same day acute access

\* Use the Lean model to eliminate office efficiencies related to acute access.

\* Gain the tools necessary for implementation of an efficient same day access system without compromising continuity

[Click here to register for this meeting](#)

Once the host approves your request, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the meeting.

For more information please contact Kate Valentine at

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### Small Practice Pilot Update

Small practices of eight or fewer physicians are joining in a practice transformation journey with the help of IAFP and our practice management partners. We still have room for more practices. If you'd like to join the pilot project, download the short and simple [pilot application](#).

[Here are some answers to common questions](#). To enroll in the PIN, or for more information or email the PIN project manager, Helen Kate Liebelt, at [hkliebelt@iafp.com](mailto:hkliebelt@iafp.com) or call 224-688-0430.

### State Government Relations

The Illinois General Assembly returns on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> for the first part of Fall Veto Session. They are scheduled to be in Springfield Oct. 25-27 and Nov. 8-10. Both chambers will need to address and attempt to override any vetoes from Gov. Quinn and new legislation can be introduced. Look for Action Alert emails from IAFP should anything develop that needs your attention.

### CME - Continuing Medical Education

#### Now on IAFP.com - Annual Meeting CME Schedule

If you haven't received it in the mail yet, Check out the [meeting brochure](#) filled with details, including the [two-day CME schedule](#) with a track of clinical topics and a track of practice management topics! Pick and choose what you need on Friday afternoon or all day Saturday. CME fee

for IAFP members is only \$50 per day, or \$100 for both days. The IAFP annual meeting is November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Oak Brook Hotel. Register today!

### **IAFP's 2nd Annual Palliative Care Conference**

October 29, 2011 from 8 am - 1pm

Resurrection Medical Center - Marion Conference Center

7435 West Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL 60631

Registration fee: \$15 for IAFP members/\$20 for non-members. To register [click here](#)

#### **Schedule:**

8:00 am - Breakfast

8:30-9:30 am Advanced Pain Management Presented by Michael Preodor, MD

9:30 - 10:40 am Symptom Management topics

- Dyspnea - Presented by Michael Marschke, MD
- GI Distress - Presented by Dr. Marschke
- Agitation & Delirium - Presented by Joanna L. Martin, MD

10:40 - 11:00 am Break

11:00 - 11:40 am Advance directives update - Presented by Julie Goldstein, MD

11:40 am - 12:40 pm Roundtable discussion on Difficult Patient Encounters & Solutions - Facilitated by Tim McCurry, MD (IAFP board of directors) and James Valek, MD (Chair, IAFP CME committee)

### **CME from other organizations**

#### **FREE webinar on lactose intolerance**

Our friends at the National Dairy Council invite you to a webinar titled "A Closer Look at Lactose Intolerance Among Different Ethnic Groups: Understanding the Latest Science and Smart Solutions to Prevent Unintended Consequences," with expert speakers Cecilia Pozo Fileti, MS, RD and Jeanette Newton Keith, MD. These leaders in the field of lactose intolerance management will discuss the impact of lactose intolerance on Hispanics and African Americans, share culturally relevant lactose management solutions and highlight key resources and references on this topic.

**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am Central**

[Register Here](#)

Access their [FREE Webinar Recording & Continuing Education](#) Credit On-Demand

It will be available over the next year, so please encourage your colleagues and other contacts to take advantage of this resource.

#### **The Business Side of Vaccines: Immunization Information You Can Use**

Join ICAAP on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> for The Business Side of Vaccines: Immunization Information You Can Use Seminar, which is designed for pediatricians, family physicians, nurse practitioners, office managers and practice billing/coding staff as well as other allied health care professionals caring for children. [More information](#)

At the conclusion of this activity, participants will:

\*Acquire new knowledge of the business side of vaccines by reviewing updated and proper CPT codes for vaccine products and administration and existing resources for improving the efficiency for delivering immunizations

\*Increase their ability to properly code and bill for both public and private

vaccines by analyzing and discussing cases with faculty and peers  
\*Discuss the impact of health care reform on immunizations  
\*Identify changes made to the 2011 recommended influenza vaccination schedule and the importance of influenza vaccination for health care providers.

*This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The American Academy of Pediatrics is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.*

*The AAP designates this live activity for a maximum of 4.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.*

When: Friday, November 4, 2011

Where: University of Chicago Medical Center, 5841 S. Maryland Avenue, Chicago, IL, 60637 - Main auditorium, P-117

Time: 9:30am - 2:45pm

Cost: \$10.00

Registration: [Click Here to Register Online](#)

Directions: [www.uchospitals.edu/visitor/directions/index.html](http://www.uchospitals.edu/visitor/directions/index.html)

For more information, contact Annie Boesen at [aboesen@illinoisAAP.com](mailto:aboesen@illinoisAAP.com) or 312/733-1026, ext 216.

## CME Invitation from Wisconsin AFP

Participate in the **AAFP Healthy Communities Collaborative (HCC) on Cardiovascular Disease** and give your staff the tools and on-going support they need to improve cardiovascular care in your practice. Physicians earn up to 40 CME credits, plus MC-FP IV credit for eligible physicians that complete the AAFP METRIC CAD module.

### **Three-person team. One low price.**

\$245 per member team. [Register](#) now.

October 28-29, 2011 in Madison, Wisconsin

*Why?* To improve your practice and improve patient care. Participate in the AAFP Healthy Communities Collaborative on Cardiovascular Disease, now being offered to Illinois Academy of Family Physicians members.

IDENTIFY your improvement goals.

LEARN from and network with your peers.

DEVELOP a customized plan to meet your objectives.

Find out more about the program and download a registration form here: [www.aafp.org/hcc](http://www.aafp.org/hcc)

The WAFP has collected videos, webinars, and other informational materials and stored them on their [website](#) to help guide you in your decision to improve your practice through HCC.

If you have any questions, please contact [WAFP](#) at (262) 512-0606.

*This CME activity is supported by educational grants from GlaxoSmithKline and the AFP Foundation and made possible by The Atlantic Philanthropies.*

## Members in the News

If you have a news item to share, send it to Ginnie Flynn at

[gflynn@iafn.com](mailto:gflynn@iafn.com)

If you get the *Chicago Sun-Times*, the Sept. 30th print edition had a special insert on Preventive Health. IAFP first vice president **Carrie Nelson, MD** was a featured columnist about the importance of getting the flu vaccine.

**K. Max Eakin, MD** of Glen Carbon was featured in the Oct. 10th *Alton Telegraph* for his work in the community with Boy Scouts of America and received the Scouts' Distinguished Eagle Award. An Eagle Scout whose sons are also Eagle Scouts, Eakin has been on the local Boy Scouts of America board since 2003.

**Gina Pontius, MD** a sports medicine fellow at Quincy Family Medicine Residency program was featured in a Quincy television station's "Facebook Story of the Day" on Oct. 10 about the importance of proper footwear to prevent pain and injury. That includes what you wear every day, not just for physical activity.

*The Lincoln Daily News* featured an announcement that central Illinois native **Christopher Rivera, MD** has returned from residency in Indiana to open a practice in Lincoln. The story ran on Oct. 11th.

## News You Can Use

### **FREE Assistance with Medicare PQRS**

The Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program is the largest federal program dedicated to improving health quality at the community level. IFMC-IL is a federally funded, non-profit organization and the Illinois Medicare QIO, contracted with CMS to assist Illinois physicians and other eligible professionals, at no cost, to report PQRS using their electronic health record systems. For more information, [click here](#).

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***Looking for resources to help with your Medicare Meaningful Use Attestation process?*** The Chicago Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (CHITREC) has a new [attestation guide](#) that can help!

### **September-October issue of the IL-HITREC INTERCHANGE.**

This newsletter is your resource for news and information on the REC program in Illinois.

[Click here](#) to view it on the IL-HITREC website

In this issue, IL-HITREC shares some timely information, including:

- Illinois Regional Extension Center Sign-up Reaching Capacity
- Snapshot of Statewide HIE
- IL-HITREC's first Meaningful Use Attestation
- Lessons Learned from IL-HITREC's First Attestation
- State of Illinois Medicaid Attestation update

- The Electronic Health Record Opportunity - a video from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology about the ONC's Regional Extension Centers and how they can help health care providers make the change to EHRs.

### **Hat Tip to Texas AFP... Study shows Hospitalists also have unintended negative consequences.**

[A recent study in Annals of Internal Medicine](#) looked at what happened when patients were cared for in the hospital by private physicians (presumably often their personal physicians) compared to hospitalists.

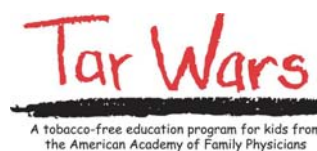
This study found that hospitalist patients stayed in the hospital 0.64 days fewer than the private physician patients. This finding is consistent with previous studies. However, hospitalist patients were 18% less likely to be discharged home (more likely to a nursing facility), 18% more likely to make an ER visit in the 30 days after discharge, and 8% more likely to be readmitted to the hospital. This study was important because it measured real world performance across the U.S. after previous controlled studies showed the hospitalist approach had merit. The post was written by Richard Young, MD. [Read more on the TAFP website](#)

### **The Great American Smokeout is Nov. 17: Pledge Today!**

Join the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout on November 17 with two opportunities to promote tobacco prevention and cessation.

1. [Tar Wars](#)-Pledge to present a Tar Wars tobacco prevention presentation in your local elementary school. Then contact your Illinois Tar Wars Coordinator, Ginnie Flynn at [gflynn@iafp.com](mailto:gflynn@iafp.com) or call 630-427-8004.
2. [Ask and Act](#)-Ask your patients about their tobacco use and utilize AAFP tobacco cessation resources to help them quit.

[Click here](#) to pledge today to receive free Tar Wars and/or Ask and Act materials.



#### **Youth Smoking Rates Drop in Will County, thanks to Tar Wars**

[Read more on our web site.](#) Will County youth smoking rates for 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are well below the state average - and Will Co. Health Department credits their Tar Wars efforts for their success!

### **Repeat Items**

#### **Medicaid Meaningful Use Registration is now open**

Illinois has opened registration for Medicaid Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records Provider Incentive Payments. Read the [Provider Notice](#) from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. [Link to the Illinois FHR information page](#)

Providers will be able to attest beginning in November, with the first payments expected to be made to successful providers in Feb. 2012. Register via the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at <https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action>

**Make sure you have the 2011 ABN form for Medicare patients!**

CMS is notifying health care providers and suppliers that it has updated its "Advance Beneficiary Notice of Non-coverage," or ABN, form and made the [revised form and information on how to use it](#) available online. Use of the revised ABN will become mandatory on Nov. 1, 2011. Check the lower left hand corner of the document for the words "Form CMS-R-131" and the revised date "03/11" to ensure that you have the correct form in your office.

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