



e-News for October 2, 2009

IAFP News

STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS – LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

Fall Primary Care Forum

Saturday October 10 in Oak Brook 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Doubletree Hotel - 1909 Spring Road Oak Brook, IL 60523

Students: Try some hands-on procedures and visit with dozens of family medicine and pediatrics residency programs from Illinois and beyond. Your \$15 registration fee includes all your workshops and lunch!

Online registration is now available!

<https://quest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Register/IdentityConfirmation.aspx?e=22d04b19-583c-42ce-83d7-3700885e6f6c>

Residency programs and resident members – Exhibit, provide a workshop or demonstration and get valuable personal time with medical students from throughout the state. **PLUS** we will offer three workshops tailored specifically to residents:

- **Insurance 101**
- **Health Care and the Current Economy**, and
- **Employment and Contracting**

Registration is only \$15 and includes all three sessions and lunch! If you are staffing your program's booth in the exhibit hall, your registration is free!

Individual residents can register online at

<http://quest.cvent.com/i.aspx?1Q,M3,75979b16-7dd2-4f4e-872e-1e07fb7e499e>

Questions? Contact Crishelle O'Rourke for more information at 630-427-8006 or corourke@iafp.com

Register Now – IAFP Annual Meeting

Friday-Saturday December 4-5, 2009

Oak Brook Marriott Hotel

Register Online before Nov. 13 and save 50% on CME fees

\$40 for two days of CME (\$80 after Nov. 13)

Register Online at www.iafp.com

IAFP Announces Slate of Candidates for 2009-10 Board of Directors

The Leadership Development Task Force has slated candidates for the IAFP board of directors for 2009-2010. Electronic voting is open through **Friday, November 6**. **All IAFP active and life members** are encouraged to vote via a secure website, available 24 hours a day. To cast your vote, go to www.ivselection.com/IAFPballot/. There you will be asked to enter a Voter ID #. This is your AAFP member number. (If you do not know your AAFP member number, call the IAFP office at 800-826-7944 and a staff member will look it up for you.) Once entered, it will take you

to the voting page with instructions and a link to open (if you choose) the candidate bios and a photograph of each candidate.

Voters can vote for the slated candidate or write in a candidate. For the positions of president-elect, first vice president, second vice president, new physician, AAFP delegate and AAFP alternate delegate, there is one slated candidate and an opportunity to write in one candidate for each. For the class of 2012 board members, there are three slated candidates and an opportunity to write in up to three candidates.

The slated candidates:

For president-elect, David J. Hagan, M.D., Gibson City
For first vice president, Michael P. Temporal, M.D., Belleville
For second vice president, Carrie E. Nelson, M.D., Wheaton

For board members, class of 2012

-Michael L. Fessenden, M.D., South Elgin
-Soujanya "Chinni" Pulluru, M.D., Naperville
-Alvia H. Siddiqi, M.D., Rolling Meadows

For new physician board member, class of 2011 - Asim K. Jaffer, M.D., Peoria

For Delegate to AAFP Congress, Michael P. Temporal, M.D.

For Alternate Delegate to AAFP Congress, Javette C. Orgain, M.D.

The Task force also recommends Deborah L. Edberg, M.D., of Chicago for the position of **Treasurer** for 2009-2010. The IAFP board will select the Treasurer at its December 6 meeting.

Annual Meeting Highlights include

- **AAFP Live!** CME program on Friday morning (separate registration required)*
- Eight (8) hours of IAFP top-notch CME over two days
- Unique "product theater" luncheon: **An Advance in Multimodal Analgesic Therapy**
- Wine Tasting Foundation Fundraiser on Friday, December 4
- Patient-Centered Medical Home session presented by AAFP Board member, Ken Bertka, MD of Toledo, Ohio
- All-Member Assembly and election of a new board of directors
- Awards banquet to honor FP of the Year and Family Medicine Teacher of the Year
 - o *Free for members, \$35 for non-member guests*
- The IAFP Board of Directors will meet Sunday, December 6

Link to a printable/postable/sharable flyer at <http://www.iafp.com/calendar/am.pdf>



***More about AAFP Live**

AAFP Live! is local, free CME delivering the latest science—from the leading experts—on the topics most relevant to you. This year's topic for a half-day course: **Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease**. *AAFP Live!* Registration is free, but space is limited. Register at www.aafplive.org.

UPDATE – H1N1 Vaccines

Cook Co. seeks volunteers for vaccine events

The Cook County Department of Public Health is planning to conduct H1N1 mass vaccination of those deemed at high risk for developing serious complications if they become infected with the

H1N1 virus, and urgently needs health professionals to assist with these vaccination efforts beginning in late October.

-Link to a [Cover letter](http://www.iafp.com/whatsnew/ccletter.pdf) with more information at <http://www.iafp.com/whatsnew/ccletter.pdf>

-Link to a [Flyer with signup details](http://www.iafp.com/whatsnew/ccflyer.pdf) you can share via e-mail or print and post at your institution at <http://www.iafp.com/whatsnew/ccflyer.pdf>.

- Go to www.cookcountypublichealth.org/volunteer to facilitate those members who want to easily access our Cook County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) webpage to join. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either volunteer@ccdph.net or call 708-492-2820.

Here are two helpful pieces of information from late last week

1. IDPH Health Advisory with clinician planning activity and a 2-page patient education piece, <http://www.iafp.com/IDPHH1N1.pdf>
2. **How practices that pre-registered will receive the H1N1 vaccine.**

From the Illinois Department of Public Health for all areas except Chicago:

Local health departments and hospitals received the provider agreement and materials in advance of community physicians and other identified providers. Next week community physicians and other registered providers will receive an IDPH communication regarding the provider agreement, order form, VIS, vaccine handling, and doses administered tracking requirements. Your local health department has already received a list of the pre-registered sites within their jurisdiction. Local health departments will be identifying any gaps or providers that are critical to their plans that need to be included.

From the Chicago Department of Public Health (*Chicago only*):

The full provider registration letter is available here, <http://www.iafp.com/CDPHh1n1.pdf>

Please complete the CDPH online pre-booking system for pandemic H1N1 influenza vaccine at <http://www.chicagohan.org>.

THE VACCINE: The FDA has approved four vaccines against the novel influenza A (H1N1) virus, and initial lots are expected to be distributed nationally beginning in mid-October. The FDA said preliminary data from clinical trials indicate the vaccines induce a robust immune response in most healthy adults eight to 10 days after a single dose. Children under age 10 will require two shots, 21 days apart.

GET PAID FOR ADMINISTERING IT: CMS has created a unique health care common procedure coding system, or HCPCS, code -- **G9141** -- specifically to cover administration of the H1N1 vaccine.

The AAFP has confirmed the following instructions from the country's largest private health insurers and Medicare

- NEW!! Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois will cover administration of the vaccine for members of its fully insured health plans without regard to whether their current plan covers vaccinations. There are two codes that can be used: **G9142** - Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine, any route of administration and **G9141** - Influenza A (H1N1) immunization administration (includes the physician counseling the patient and family). For more information, http://www.bcbsil.com/provider/h1n1_information.htm
- UnitedHealthcare is asking physicians to submit the CPT vaccine administration code appropriate to patient age, route of administration and number of vaccines administered AND the code 90663 for the vaccine itself and indicate an amount of \$0.01. The federal government is providing the vaccine free of charge, but some claims clearinghouse systems will reject CPT codes with a \$0 charge.

- CIGNA is asking physicians to bill for the administration of H1N1 flu vaccines using the new G9141 HCPCS code.
- Aetna wants physicians to use age-appropriate CPT codes -- 90465-90468 for children or 90471-90474 for adults. Use of the G9141 HCPCS code also is permissible.
- Humana prefers that physicians use the **HCPCS G9141** code when filing a claim for administration of the H1N1 vaccine.
- Medicare wants physicians to bill for administration of the H1N1 vaccine using the **HCPCS G9141** code. Payment will be the same as for administration of the seasonal influenza vaccine. More information about CMS' H1N1 vaccine payments is available in a recent [MLN Matters](#).
- **Medicaid** - HFS has indicated that they will pay \$6.40 for H1N1 vaccine administration. HFS will use the CMS code **G9141**. For more information on H1N1 vaccine in combination with other vaccines administered at the same visit, see the top provider notice "[Reimbursement for the H1N1 vaccine](#)" posted at <http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/physicians/>

MORE RESOURCES ON H1N1

CDC Updated Interim Recommendations for the Use of Antiviral Medications in the Treatment and Prevention of Influenza for the 2009-2010 Season

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/recommendations.htm>

Questions and Answers about CDC's Revised Recommendations for the Use of Influenza Antiviral Drugs

<http://www.flu.gov/vaccine/antiviralfaq.html>

Federal Government Relations- Health Care Reform

Sen. Durbin talks reform in Springfield

IAFP board member Janet Albers, MD joined Sen. Durbin for his latest "listening session" on health care reform on Monday Sept. 28. This time Sen. Durbin chose the Family Practice Center in Springfield as the setting, which illustrates his support for boosting primary care's role in meaningful health care reform policy.

Senate Finance Committee votes down public option amendments

On Tuesday, the Senate Finance Committee rejected two different amendments that would have added a public plan option to their bill. The amendments failed when five Democrats, including committee chairman Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.) voted against the proposals. The vote shows that even Democrats are not united on some of the biggest issues surrounding health care reform.

A public option is in the Senate HELP committee bill, and could survive when the two bills are combined for a Senate floor vote. Meanwhile, in the House HR 3200 is expected to move to a floor vote later this month and still contains a public option.

An additional concern for physicians is that the Senate Finance Bill does not replace the SGR formula for Medicare physician payment and only provides (yet another) one year patch.

Where does that leave family medicine? The following is excerpted from a Sept. 29 letter from AAFP president Ted Epperly, MD to AAFP members, updating them on reform efforts as he wraps up his term as president.

“There are several pieces of legislation in play, and these bills are under rapid evolution. Before the August recess, they were literally changing by the hour. We don't have a finished product in either chamber of Congress. That's why we see this evolving process as being a critical time to be "at the table, so we don't end up on the menu." We want to help shape the debates around the critical principles and values that we hold dear as family physicians.

So what principles am I talking about? Where does the AAFP stand on health care reform? It's really quite simple. We believe that the key to designing a new health care system is to reemphasize the centrality of primary care by:

- Ensuring health care coverage for all and aligning financial incentives to support this system; (<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/policies/h/healthcare.html>);
- Increasing payment for primary care services (<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/policies/p/physicianreimburs.html>);
- Redesigning the manner of primary care delivery modeled on a 'patient-centered medical home' (<http://pcpcc.net/content/joint-principles-patient-centered-medical-home>); and
- Reinvigorating the primary care workforce (<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/media/releases/newsreleases-statements-2009/merrithawkins-physicianshortage.html>)

In addressing all of these principles, our approach has been one of "Yes, if." "Yes, we will support certain provisions, if the following principles are present." The health care system we have is unacceptable and not financially sustainable long term. The rapidly growing health insurance premiums and cost sharing measures (like higher co-payments and bigger deductibles) are making more of our patients limit their access to their family doctors. The status quo is not acceptable to us or to our patients.”

As AAFP continues their work on Capitol Hill, Epperly asks members to do the following back home:

- Stay optimistic. Keep focused on changing our health care system for the greater good of our country.
- Use the AAFP's (www.aafp.org) web page and the "Connect for Reform" icon in the upper right hand corner to join and have a front row seat as this debate and process unfolds.
- Download the AAFP-developed one page information sheet for your patients that you can access at http://www.aafp.org/online/etc/medialib/aafp_org/documents/policy/fed/hcreformptinfo.Par_0001.File.tmp/health-reform-patient-handout.pdf . Please distribute this as you see fit. Included are links to two historically bipartisan fact check sites (<http://factcheck.org/> and <http://politifact.com/>) where you and your patients can learn about which statements about health care reform are true and which are not.
- Please help settle down all the rhetoric, fear, and confusion that exist with your patients, colleagues, and communities.

FAMMEDPAC

Friendly Reminder

To complement and strengthen our position in the health care debate, it's vital that members support the AAFP FamMedPAC. The PAC supports candidates and incumbents of both parties that support family medicine's priority issues. Several Illinois members of Congress have received AAFP FamMedPAC contributions, hand delivered by IAFP constituents. Learn more and donate at <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/fammedpac.html>

CME Information

IAFP ONLINE FREE CME

With the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) CME Website, <http://www.IAFP.com/education> (registration required), you will be able to track which CME courses you have completed and obtain your CME certificates - simply with the click of a button at the end of each completed online course.

Check out any of the IAFP FREE online CME programs and you could earn up to nine credits by completing all of the case studies.



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Each topic contains valuable resources, including disease management tips, clinical education, QI worksheets and reference materials, as well as audio files for people on the go. All CME modules on this website, except QI, have been approved for AMA Cat 1 credit, AAFP prescribed credit, nursing contact hours, and asthma and depression have been approved for ABFM MC-FP Part IV credit.

News you can use

Illinois Health Connect Providers – IMPORTANT NOTICE

If your practice is an Illinois Health Connect primary care provider (PCP), the following information may be helpful to you.

The Illinois Health Connect PCP network has a capacity for 5.3 million clients and approximately 1.7 million clients are enrolled. Through securing a “best fit” medical home, IHC improves continuity of care, access to preventive services and coordination of chronic disease care for the client. To continue to enhance continuity of care, IHC is now implementing Phase I of the Illinois Health Connect Referral System, implemented by Region, on the dates provided below:

- **Northwest Counties - Implementation begins Monday, October 5, 2009**
- Collar Counties – December 1, 2009
- Cook County – February 1, 2010
- Central Counties – April 1, 2010
- Southern Counties – April 1, 2010

Phase I requires patients to be seen by their own IHC PCP or a physician or clinic affiliated with their PCP. IHC PCPs seeing patients enrolled in Illinois Health Connect but not enrolled on their panel, or on an affiliated PCP's panel on the date of service, must obtain a referral from the patient's PCP in order to be reimbursed by HFS for services provided. PCPs will be able to submit referrals for their Illinois Health Connect patients to see other PCPs through the Illinois Health Connect Provider Portal via the secure MEDI system and directly with Illinois Health Connect via fax and phone. **Subspecialty care does not require a referral in Phase I.** Certain services such as inpatient care, lead screening, immunizations, STD treatment, lab and diagnostic testing are designated as direct access services and do not require a referral regardless of who provides the services.

Illinois Health Connect (IHC) is hosting a series of training webinars and presentations entitled, ***"Illinois Health Connect: Referral System Implementation-Phase 1."*** Additional webinars and live presentations will be scheduled throughout the coming months around the state. Please check the IHC website at www.illinoishealthconnect.com under Events Calendar (presentations) or Provider Education (webinars) for an updated schedule of trainings.

These educational sessions are open to all IHC Primary Care Providers, administrative, and clinical staff. Link to a registration form at <http://www.iafp.com/calendar/IHC.pdf>

Live Presentations:

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

DePaul University – Naperville (12-1:30pm)
150 West Warrenville Road
Naperville, IL 60563

Monday, October 26, 2009

Elgin Community College (7:30am-9am)
1700 Spartan Drive
Elgin, Illinois 60123

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Robert Morris University (formerly Robert Morris College) (7:30am-9am)
1507 Waukegan Road
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

Thursday, November 5, 2009

Joliet Junior College (12-1:30pm)
1215 Houbolt Road
Joliet, Illinois 60431

CLOCC Chicago Summit

The Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC) Policy event will be held 8:30am to 2:30 pm at Kennedy King College in Chicago.

[Click here](#) to view flyer for additional details and RSVP instructions

<http://www.iafp.com/calendar/CLOCC.pdf>.

Flu Clinic Locator can direct patients to seasonal flu shots

If you are not giving flu shots at your practice, you can still help ensure your patients get vaccinated. The American Lung Association website once again offers a "flu clinic locator" function. You can type in your zip code, and how many miles you are willing to travel to get your flu shot (5 miles, 10 miles, etc) and what dates you are interested in getting your shot. Every available clinic in the area on the dates requested will be listed.

Visit the Flu Clinic Locator to find a location convenient to you:

<http://www.flucliniclocator.org/>

PS...Have you and your staff received your flu shot?

Members in the news

E-mail Ginnie Flynn at gflynn@iafp.com to share your media clips or to request a copy of any items listed below.

IAFP executive vice president **Vince Keenan** was quoted in Sept. 30 *Crain's Chicago Business* story on Illinois Health Connect program performance bonuses paid to primary care providers who exceeded national benchmarks for certain screenings and preventive measures.

The Oct. 1 *Chicago Tribune* covered the announcement of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois medical home pilots at two suburban practices, Elmhurst Clinic and ProngerSmith (southwest suburbs). IAFP member **Donald Lurye, MD** is CEO of Elmhurst Clinic and is quoted in the story. Blue Cross medical director, **Scott Sarran, MD**, is also an IAFP member and quoted throughout.

Carrie Nelson, MD, of Wheaton will become the new medical director for Your Healthcare Plus, the Illinois Medicaid disease management program, beginning Oct. 19. Nelson is an IAFP board member in the class of 2009 and is a slated candidate for the position of IAFP second vice president for the 2009-2010 board. She was program director for the Rush Copley Family Medicine Residency the last four years. She will be reporting to **Rick Leary, MD**, who has been promoted to be the national medical director for McKesson Health Solutions. Dr. Leary is a past president of IAFP, 2005-06, and has been working as the medical director for Your Healthcare Plus since August 2006.

Gregg Stoner, MD of Dunlap received the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria for his work in establishing fellowship programs in geriatric medicine and comprehensive women's health care at the school.

Information from our Partner Companies



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<http://www.pri-med.com>

Partnering with the IAFP, Pri-Med offers world-class CME programs in your area. Taught by leading experts, you can earn Continuing Medical Education credits at little or no cost. All activities listed are approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s). Application for AAFP Prescribed credit has been submitted.

Pri-Med Access with ACP

You're invited to this complimentary 2-day, innovative CME program designed for primary care physicians with active patient panels. In collaboration with the ACP and Pri-Med Institute, the CME curriculum addresses four essential primary care areas: cardiovascular disease, diabetes/obesity, immunizations, and dependency disorders where you can learn assessment techniques, preventative strategies, and new treatments and therapies.

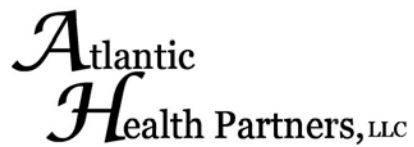
>> **[Chicago, IL](#) – Friday and Saturday, November 6-7, 2009**

http://www.pri-med.com/pmo/ViewEvent.aspx?EventCode=26chi09b&CCODE=r12&utm_source=oafp&utm_medium=partnerlink&utm_campaign=AM_IAFP_R12

(Please note: This program is designed for primary care physicians with active patient panels and whose attendance at this program will benefit the treatment of their patients. A limited number of registration opportunities will be made available for nurse practitioners and physician assistants also engaged in active patient care.)

Pri-Med Midwest Conference & Exhibition

Annual conference and exhibition composed of Pre-Conference Symposia day, 3 core program days, and over 50 clinical lectures from Harvard Medical School and Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Plus, a dozen practice management sessions, industry-supported symposia, and a dynamic exhibit hall.



Buy your Vaccines Less Expensively Through Program

IAFP partnered with Atlantic Health Partners (AHP) to help members lower their vaccine costs—and the program is working! IAFP members who have joined AHP report very high satisfaction with the program, particularly from the **savings** they have experienced and customer service provided. And the program is free! What do you have to lose?

We encourage you to contact AHP and give the program a try. This vaccine buying program is available to you at no cost and provides *the most favorable pricing* for Sanofi Pasteur and Merck vaccines, which you order directly from the manufacturers (as you may already do now).

Atlantic Health Partners is widely recognized as the leading vaccine program in the country and has helped thousands of physicians, including many IAFP members, manage vaccine purchasing more effectively. **Don't delay – contact AHP today** by phone at 800-741-2044 or by e-mail at info@atlantichhealthpartners.com.

CLASSIFIED ADS

IAFP members may post a classified ad in E-news free of charge for up to 4 issues.

Classified ad rates for non-IAFP members are \$100 per month (2 issues per month).

Contact Ginnie Flynn at gflynn@iafp.com to place your ad or you can download and print a form at <http://www.iafp.com/pdfs/EnewsAd.pdf>

1. Position available in busy primary care clinic for a full-time or part-time Family Medicine physician. Frances Nelson Health Center, Satellite of Community Health Improvement Center, is a Federally Qualified Health Center located in **Champaign, IL**. Champaign is a friendly, multicultural and diverse community and home to the University of Illinois. The city has easy access to three major metropolitan areas. Our clinic is a Family Medicine model providing care to babies, children, adults, and pregnant women. Benefits include health and life insurance, CME reimbursement, and Retirement plan for full-time physicians. Relocation assistance is also available.

Please call Andrea Goldberg, Site Director at 217 403-5401 and/or send letter of inquiry and resume to: agoldberg@chealthctr.org. We look forward to hearing from you to further discuss this opportunity.

2. Family physician for progressive, medical home practice in **Southwest Chicago**. Must be computer savvy. Must have excellent communication skills. Must have a passion for being an excellent family doctor. E-mail resume to lzielinski@visioneermd.com or fax 815-846-1072.

3. Practice full-spectrum family medicine! Full-time position for family physician at **Logan Square Health of Cook County**. Join three other family physicians and three internists in this busy health center servicing the north side of Chicago. Position is mainly outpatient focused, but

includes resident/student teaching, obstetrics and inpatient care. Current interest/competency in obstetrics is required. Bilingual Spanish or Polish is highly desirable. Salary is competitive and benefits are excellent. Contact Stephen Stabile, MD at chisalvato@gmail.com if interested.

Repeat Items

Medicaid Management Information System Survey for Providers

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) seeks family physicians' assistance with a brief survey to help improve the information processing system used to pay medical claims. HFS is in the process of modernizing the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). As you may know, the MMIS supports many functions including medical claims processing and eligibility verification. As a provider you can help design a new MMIS that serves you better.

Responding to the survey is your chance to tell us how you would like to see the MMIS operate. In an effort to "Go Green," HFS has posted the survey at website address link <http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/ps/>. Instructions on how to complete the survey are contained at this website. **Please complete the survey by October 25.**

For more information: <http://www.iafp.com/whatsnew/ProviderSurvey.pdf>

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