



e-News for June 12, 2009

IAFP News

**Note: the next issue of E-news will deploy Monday, June 29th rather than Friday June 26.*

IAFP Launches PCMH center on our web site

Hopefully by now you know that PCMH stands for "Patient-Centered Medical Home." To compliment AAFP's extensive member and public education efforts (see the AAFP site at <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/membership/initiatives/pcmh.html>) IAFP has created our Illinois PCMH center on our web site.

Check it out at <http://www.iafp.com/PCMH/index.htm>

Vote AAFP President as one of 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare

Go online today and vote for AAFP President, Dr. Ted Epperly, as one of Modern Healthcare's "100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare."

Just click on <http://www.modernhealthcare.com/section/100mp> to cast your ballot. Voting will continue through June 26. The final ranking will be published in the August 24 issue of *Modern Healthcare* and posted at ModernHealthcare.com.

If you have questions, contact Cynthia Stapp, cstapp@aafp.org.

AAFP Congress of Delegates CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

The Illinois Academy of Family Physicians invites members to submit resolutions for consideration for Illinois to propose for the 2009 AAFP Congress of Delegates.

Resolutions must be submitted in writing no later **August 21, 2009** to be considered by the IAFP Task Force on Resolutions, chaired by Margaret Kirkegaard, MD. Resolutions should be sent via e-mail to Gordana Krkic at gkrkic@iafp.com.

AAFP offers tips on writing resolutions (from the National Conference of Special Constituencies) at http://www.aafp.org/online/etc/medialib/aafp_org/documents/cme/courses/conf/conference/reswritinghowto.Par.0001.File.tmp/ResolutionWritingNutshell.pdf

Deadline extended to June 30 to nominate your favorite family physicians

Nomination forms are now available on the IAFP web site
Family Physician of the Year <http://www.iafp.com/pdfs/FPOY09.pdf>
Teachers of the Year <http://www.iafp.com/pdfs/TOY09.pdf>
Nominations are due to IAFP by June 30, 2009.

Federal Government Relations

Link to all things federal government relations at the AAFP Web site at <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/federal.html>

ACTION ALERT: A critical moment for primary care.

It's time to act.

Both the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee and the Senate Finance Committee will soon introduce and begin consideration of their health care reform legislative proposals, and we need your help.

AAFP has reviewed a summary of their proposals, and while they are encouraged, the devil is always in the details. We want to ensure the U.S. Senate understands the importance of primary care in reforming our broken health care system.

The subspecialists, hospitals and insurance plans are already voicing their opposition to emphasizing primary care in health care reform. We need you – family physicians – to get involved and make sure the Senate knows where we stand.

E-mail your Senators: Go to <http://capwiz.com/aafp/issues/alert/?alertid=13496991&type=CO> Tell them meaningful health care reform must be built on the core principles of providing primary care to everyone, offering the Patient-Centered Medical Home, addressing the declining number of primary care physicians, improving quality and increasing access while holding the line on costs.

The HELP committee is scheduled to debate this legislation over the next three weeks, and the Finance Committee will be working on their version of health reform at roughly the same time. As they are revising and finalizing the language, we need ensure they **include adequate payment for doctors and funding for programs that will enhance and improve primary care to truly reform our health care system.**



AAFP's *CONNECT FOR REFORM*

You don't have to fly to Washington, DC to be heard! You don't have to draft a letter to the editor from scratch. AAFP has the answer with the **Connect for Reform Blog** and action center. *Connect for Reform* is a new e-advocacy campaign designed to give AAFP's members an inside look at the health care reform debate in Washington and offer easy and effective ways to get involved.

Your Academy encourages all members to join this campaign. The *Connect for Reform* site has an "Action Center" that will take you directly to template letters to the editor and to your Congress members that you can customize with your voice and personal experience. The AAFP system will even send your letters for you. *It doesn't get any easier than this!*

Family physicians have an incredible opportunity this year to influence the health care reform debate. Please do it today! Log on and sign up at www.aafp.org and click on the **Connect for Reform** icon on the right side of the page.

US Senate passes FDA Regulation of Tobacco Products bill

On Thursday June 11, the **U.S. Senate passed the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act** with a landslide, bipartisan vote of 79-17. Forty-five years after the first Surgeon General's report linking cigarette smoking to lung cancer, the most deadly product sold in America will no longer be the least regulated!

This legislation represents the strongest action Congress has ever taken to reduce tobacco use. The historic vote is a hallmark in the decade-long battle to grant the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) the authority to regulate the manufacturing, marketing and sale of tobacco products. The House of Representatives passed similar legislation in April and is expected to pass a concurrence bill soon. President Obama has indicated that he is eager to sign it into law.

CME Information

Active Members:

IAFP Bi-Annual CME Topics Survey

The IAFP develops CME activities based on the needs of our members. Let your voice be heard and tell us which topics you would like to see the IAFP develop CME activities on! The survey takes about 5 minutes to complete but your input will help the academy develop educational activities for you for the next two years.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=E8m3LDF7GrDrDdKA6QmFkw_3d_3d

National Procedures Institute

August 6-10 at the Avenue Hotel
160 E. Huron in Chicago (near Michigan Ave.)

Invest in procedures with National Procedures Institute in 2009! Our Illinois chapter is proud to partner with NPI to provide you an exciting opportunity to bring new procedures to your practice. When you attend an NPI course, NPI will send \$50 to the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians. All you have to do is enter "Illinois" in the Referral Code field when you register online at the NPI Web site so that our chapter receives credit for your attendance.

Visit NPI online at <http://www.npinstitute.com> to view course descriptions, learn about NPI's outstanding faculty and register. Don't forget to enter **Illinois** in the Referral Code field during the registration process and start getting more out of your practice with NPI.

AAFP presents global health workshop in Colorado

6th annual AAFP Family Medicine Global Health Workshop, September 10-12, 2009 in Broomfield (Denver), Colorado. Learn more at www.aafp.org/intl/workshop. On-line registration is now available. Members can register by **June 26** to receive AAFP discounted rates, and earn up to 16.5 Prescribed CME credits for attendance

Save the Date: Risk Management seminar

IAFP and ProAssurance will present a Risk Management seminar to better prepare you and your practice for tomorrow's challenges.

Tuesday, September 22

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Maggiano's Little Italy, Oakbrook

Registration and dinner begins at 5:30

This live program is FREE for IAFP members (\$100 for non-members) and awards continuing medical education credit and may qualify you for premium credit. To register, e-mail Kate Valentine at kvalentine@iafp.com

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.

YOUR HEALTHCARE PLUS FREE CME

Visit <http://www.yhplus.com>

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.

Access FREE CME and earn credit with easy-to-use education activities on:

- Quality Improvement
- Depression
- Pediatric Asthma
- COPD
- Substance Abuse
- Heart Failure
- Diabetes

PRI-MED CME INFORMATION

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

Next Illinois event: Pri-Med Access, November 6-7 at McCormick Place in Chicago
<http://pri-med.com/PMO/ViewEvent.aspx?EventCode=26CHI09B>

Pri-Med Online

Earn high-quality physician-authored eCME anytime at
<http://www.pri-med.com/onlineCME>.

Family Health Foundation of Illinois

AAFP Foundation Dues Check-Off Campaign

Support good work at both the state and national levels. When you make a \$50 Check-Off donation with your membership dues payment, you help your state chapter and AAFP Foundation at the same time.

Your dollars will fund grants for chapter-level programs through the *Family Medicine Philanthropic Consortium* (FMPC), as well as AAFP Foundation humanitarian, educational, and research

initiatives. All programs are designed to advance the values of Family Medicine and improve the health of all people.

So remember to check the box, when you receive your membership dues statement. *And don't forget your contribution is tax-deductible.*

Resident and Student Information

Congratulations to National Conference Scholarship Awardees

Five Illinoisans received scholarships to attend the AAFP's National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Students – coming up July 30-August 1 in Kansas City.

First time students

Melissa Ferguson, Loyola (also the Illinois student delegate to the conference)
Parinda Shah, Chicago Medical School
Jennifer Stromberg, University of Chicago

Minority Scholarship Student

Melina Beaton, UIC

Minority Scholarship Resident

Julie Mora, M.D., Advocate Christ FMR

Nominate your favorite family medicine teacher

IAFP is seeking the best in family medicine education. We will honor one employed family medicine teacher and one volunteer family medicine teacher. Nominees can come from medical schools, residency programs or community preceptors.

Simply submit a nomination form and a support letter from someone who has directly benefitted from that doctor's instruction. **Nominations are now due June 30.**

Link to the nomination form at <http://www.iafp.com/pdfs/TOY09.pdf>

SAVE the Date! Residents and Students IAFP Fall Forum – Saturday October 10 in Oak Brook

Students: This is the IAFP's premier annual event to explore family medicine, try some hands-on procedures, and visit with dozens of residency programs from Illinois and beyond.

Residency programs – Exhibit, provide a workshop or demonstration and get valuable personal time with medical students from throughout the state.

Fall Forum – Saturday October 10th

Doubletree Hotel

1909 Spring Road

Oak Brook, IL 60523

630-472-6000

Room rate: \$107 single/double – cut off date is September 24th

Interested students and residency programs can contact Crishelle O'Rourke for more information at 630-427-8009 or corourke@iafp.com

News you can use

Important Vaccine Program Reminder

IAFP has partnered with Atlantic Health Partners (AHP) to help members lower their vaccine costs. IAFP members who have joined AHP report very high satisfaction with the program, particularly from the savings and customer service. And the service is free!

With the peak vaccination season quickly approaching, we encourage you to contact AHP. The 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 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.

New Report looks at H1N1 response

Trust for America's Health (TFAH), the Center for Biosecurity, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) issued a new analysis today, *Pandemic Flu: Lessons From the Frontlines*, which found that the initial response to the H1N1 outbreak showed strong coordination and communication and an ability to adapt to changing circumstances from U.S. officials, but it also showed how quickly the nation's core public health capacity would be overwhelmed if an outbreak were more severe or widespread.

<http://healthyamericans.org/report/64/pandemic-flu-frontlines>

From Chicago Dept. of Public Health – updated influenza testing info

Attention Chicago family physicians: CDPH has updated guidance for physicians practicing within Chicago on timely guidance on diagnosis/testing, treatment, chemoprophylaxis, and infection control, regarding novel influenza A (H1N1) infections. Health Alert Notices were released June 9.

HAN 19 includes reporting, testing, treatment and chemoprophylaxis recommendations for individuals who may be at high risk for complications (including pregnant women and HIV infected individuals) from novel influenza A (H1N1) infections. <http://www.iafp.com/whatsnew/HAN19.pdf>

HAN 20 includes updated guidance for novel influenza A (H1N1) Virus in healthcare settings: diagnostic testing of healthcare personnel and revision of infection control for patients with confirmed or suspected novel influenza A infections. <http://www.iafp.com/whatsnew/HAN20.pdf>

TECH BIT – Find that Memo

Gregg Marshall, CPMR, CSP, is a speaker, author and consultant. He can be reached by e-mail at gmarshall@repconnection.com, or visit his website at <http://www.repconnection.com>.

Where Did I Put That Memo?

Even if you are organized, with thousands of files you are going to forget where you might have stored Aunt Sally's favorite cookie recipe. That's where a local search program comes in handy.

There are two free ones, Google Desktop Search (<http://desktop.google.com/>) and Microsoft Desktop Search (<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/winfamily/desktopsearch/default.msp>).

Once installed, and given time to build their indexes, you can search your hard drive as easily as you can search the Internet. The words "Aunt Sally cookies" would find your recipe in just a few seconds.

Just as nice, both index your emails. Since I keep all my emails and I send and receive about 40,000 emails a year, that's a lot of emails. With desktop search I can find any of my 200,000 emails. If Google can find information in 6 billion web pages, your hard drive is a piece of cake.

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.

Harold Lausen, DO - assistant professor of family medicine at SIU-Springfield School of Medicine, has been elected to a two-year term as secretary of the Association of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators. AODME is a professional association that represents development opportunities for members.

IAFP Board member **Carrie Nelson, MD** of Aurora was quoted in a front page *American Medical News* article about the lessons learned from the H1N1 (swine flu) virus pandemic and the struggle providers faced in keeping up with the barrage of information from various health care resources.

IAFP past-president **Lee Sacks, MD**, who is Chief Medical Officer for Advocate Health Care was featured in a June 4 *Chicago Tribune* article about the need to create health care reform in a system that will help small practices and not just hospitals and large systems.

Matthew Johnson, MD of Park Forest served as a local resource for a June 7th *Southtown Star* story looking at the practical implication of Senate Bill 212, which codifies expedited partner therapy in treating sexually transmitted diseases.

Risha Raven, MD, a 2008 nominee for IAFP Family Physician of the Year, is a featured rural family physician on the AAFP's web site center for rural FPs. Dr. Raven practices in Polo, IL in rural northwestern Illinois. Link to her profile story at:
<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/membership/ruralcommunity/fpprofile/archives/ravenrisha.html>

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. FAMILY MEDICINE & PEDS

Excellent opportunity exists to join several other BC/BE Family Medicine & Pediatric physicians to work for the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center in Lake County IL, a federally qualified health center. We serve five clinic locations and three hospitals, located about 40 miles from Downtown Chicago, 15 miles from Wisconsin, with a large Spanish-speaking patient population.

Flex/part-time positions are also available. Bi-lingual Spanish speaking will be helpful. Benefits include paid malpractice insurance through FTCA, medical, dental, life insurance and others. For more info, please call Diana at 847-377-8440. To apply, please forward resume. Fax: 847-360-6757. Email: HealthHumanResources@co.lake.us. Mail: Lake County Health Department, Human Resources Office, 3010 Grand Avenue, Waukegan, IL 60085

2. FACULTY - ILLINOIS

MacNeal Hospital Caring for Generations

MacNeal Family Medicine Residency- Associate Program Director

Interested in being part of the longest running residency program in Illinois? MacNeal Family Residency seeks an enthusiastic family physician to join our faculty in a leadership role and become a part of our long, proud history of training family physicians. Our program offers strong balanced training, stable faculty, and excellent support from our institution. Located in a diverse urban-suburban setting in a very near-Chicago suburb, our 12-12-12 community-based university-affiliated program has three fellowships and is dually accredited. Practicing obstetrics, Spanish speaking skills, or an Osteopathic degree are desirable but not required. Become a member of an established residency program with a proven commitment excellence in family medicine for almost 40 years.

Confidential inquires please contact: Donna Lawlor, M.D., Program Director
dlawlor@macneal.com

3. FOR SALE

Alma Harmony Laser - \$55,000. Like new, excellent condition, used less than 25 times, approximately 3 years old. Contact vivallury@southtownmed.com.

4. MELROSE PARK – Busy medical practice looking for board-eligible or board certified family medicine physician. Spanish-speaking a plus. Competitive salary and benefits are available. Fax CV to The Center for Women at 708-343-2116.

5. CHAMPAIGN - 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. Our Clinic is a Family Medicine model with care provided to babies, children, adults, and pregnant women. Benefits include health and life insurance, CME reimbursement, and Retirement plan for full-time physicians. 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.

6. **QUINCY - Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine (2 positions)** A community based, university-administered Family Medicine Residency Program is recruiting two board-certified/board eligible Family Physicians. Qualifications: Graduate of an accredited family medicine residency program, State of Illinois licensure or eligibility. Strong clinical skills and desire to teach are essential. Three or more years of clinical and/or teaching experience in an active Family Medicine practice, hospital-based procedural skills, or training and experience in providing maternity and obstetrical care are desirable.

Established for 30 years, the 18 resident program features a Sports Medicine Fellowship, progressive and innovative faculty, and a supportive medical environment. The service area population exceeds 175,000 and is located in a Midwestern community of approximately 40,000. Quincy is a great family community with excellent schools and a love of the arts. Highly competitive salary, excellent benefits and terrific residents.

Submit letter of interest and current CV to:

Tom Miller, MD, Residency Director
612 N 11th Suite B, Quincy, IL. 62301
Phone: 217-224-8957
Email: tmiller1@siumed.edu

Deadline to apply is June 30, 2009 or until filled.

SIU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Repeat Items

Sam's Club offers E.H.R. package to Illinois Physicians

Illinois physicians looking for a startup electronic health records system can now order one from the same place they shop in bulk for toilet paper, granola bars and frozen appetizers! You can't put your E.H.R. in the shopping cart at Sam's Club, but you can order a system online through their partnership with Dell and e-ClinicalWorks.

If you have purchased the Sam's Club E.H.R., we want to hear from you. Contact Vince Keenan at vkeenan@iafp.com to tell us about your experience.

From AAFP - Identity Theft Red Flags Rule Deadline Extended to August 1

The 90-day extension of the Red Flags deadline gives physicians additional time to prepare for compliance. Link to more info at <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/practicemgt/regulatory-compliance/id-theft.html>

Illinois Health Connect "Overview and Update" live sessions (repeat item)

Illinois Health Connect (IHC) is hosting a series of education sessions entitled, "*Illinois Health Connect: Overview and Updates*." Illinois Health Connect will present an overview of the Illinois Health Connect (IHC) program and updates, including resources and tools available to IHC Primary Care Providers and administrative staff.

Link to a registration form at <http://www.iafp.com/calendar/IHCRegionalMtg.pdf>

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Fairfield Inn & Suites Mt. Vernon- Rend Lake (7:30am-9am)
217 Potomac Blvd. Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Belleville City Library (12:30pm-1:30pm)
3414 W. Main St. Belleville, IL 62226

Friday, June 19, 2009

Champaign Public Library (12-1pm)
200 W. Green St. Champaign, IL 61820

Open Forum focuses on services for birth to age 5

EDOPC invites you to attend an Open Forum focusing on the promotion of developmental services for Illinois children with developmental disabilities including autism and care coordination of such services for Illinois children birth to 5 years of age.

June 30, 2009 from 8-11:00am

Hoogland Center for the Arts- Theatre Three
420 S. 6th St. in Springfield, Illinois

To RSVP or for answers to questions about this unique opportunity, please contact Juanona Brewster, Director, Early Childhood Development Projects, Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP) at 312/733-1026 ext 203 or jbrewster@illinoisAAP.com.

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