



e-News for May 14, 2010

IAFP News

Meet your new IAFP Board Member

Renee Poole, MD has been elected by the board of directors to fill the unexpired term created when class of 2011 member Tim Morthland, MD resigned earlier this year. Dr. Poole is a graduate of Advocate Christ Family Medicine Residency in Oak Lawn and is currently a staff physician, Primary Care at the Harvey and Calumet City Community Health Centers in the Aunt Martha's Youth Services/Healthcare Network. She currently serves on the IAFP Public Health Committee and is the IAFP representative to the steering committees of Illinois Health Connect and Your Healthcare Plus.

Congratulations to the Illinois NCSC delegates on successful elections

- Alice Daniels, MD was elected Women Co-Convener
- Abbas Hyderi, MD was elected GLBT Co-Convener and Special Constituency Alternate Delegate

Illinois AFP was one of 12 chapters recognized for sending a full delegation to the conference. Thank you to all five IAFP members for representing Illinois' Special Constituencies.



Nuts & Bolts of the Patient Centered Medical Home June 25-26 at the Marriott Oak Brook Hotel

Register online now at www.iafp.com and save \$50 until May 31.

Earn over 8 CME Credits!

This conference is for primary care physicians and their leadership team interested in implementing the medical home.

Group discounts are also available (save \$50 on every additional registration).

20 Breakout sessions offered over two days, including:

- PCMH Transformation sessions from TransforMED professionals
- e-Prescribing
- Implementing same day appointment scheduling
- Group visits
- Meaningful use of E.H.R. in Medicare and Medicaid programs
- Medical Homes for children with special health care needs
- Strategies for engaging patients in preventive care

Plenary sessions

- Introduction to the Patient Centered Medical Home

- Panel Discussion from Practices Building Toward NCQA Recognition

PLUS

- Learning Lab assistance from Illinois Health Connect, Your Healthcare Plus and Illinois Medicaid
- Reception with keynote address from Illinois Dept. of Insurance Director Michael T. McRaith
- EMR User Group breakfast discussions featuring some of the most commonly used electronic medical records systems.

IAFP practices sought for new, paid vaccine cost study

Would you like to try a new way to assess the true vaccine costs to your practice?

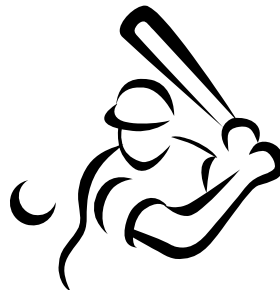
A new tool from the AAFP National Research Network and Sanofi allows practices to better assess how much they are spending on immunizations, taking all aspects into account including the cost of vaccine, necessary equipment, personnel, ordering, freezer space, etc. Your costs are compared to average costs, provided by CMS, allowing you to discern if your costs fall within a normal range or if your costs are higher or lower. This information can be very helpful to practices always looking for ways to trim costs.

There is very limited space (8 practices) for this two-month trial. Trial participants will be paid \$750 for participating in the study.

Important Information for Study Participation

- You need Windows 2000 or newer to run the program. If you have a Mac, you need Intel Core™ Duo 1.83GHz or faster processor; PowerPC® G4 1GHz or faster processor; Mac OS X 10.4.11 or Mac OS X 10.5.4, 10.5.5, and 10.6
- The study will run for two months
- Each practice must assign someone from their office to be the practice facilitator to complete the study. That person needs access or the ability to gain access to information regarding costs for immunizations, operating practice, how members of the practice, generally, allocate time and salary information.
- Facilitator must fill out the cost-tool online. (approx. 5 hours per week)
- There will be at least two interviews with the facilitator and AAFP NRN

If you are interested in participating in this study, contact Christi Emerson at 630-427-8005 or cemerson@iafp.com. Very limited space available - don't delay!



Take me out to the ball game!

Tickets are now available! The game is **Thursday, July 29th** at 7pm vs. the Seattle Mariners. Last year 200 IAFP baseball fans attended the game, and this year want 250. We have the same great lower box seats, so get your tickets now! Tickets are \$35 each – which is **less than face value** and **\$15 of each ticket** goes to the Foundation; 4 tickets = \$60 donation, 10 tickets = \$150! There's no easier way to support your Family Health Foundation of Illinois.

Link to an order form at <http://www.iafp.com/foundation/Sox10.pdf> - orders are due June 28th!

Federal Government Relations



IAFP Leaders and Highlights from Capitol Hill

The IAFP sent a strong delegation to Capitol Hill for the AAFP Family Medicine Congressional Conference May 11-13. This annual event provides for meaningful dialogue with Congress on issues important to family medicine. Although the health care reform package (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) has already passed, there are many unresolved issues that our members addressed with the Illinois Congressional delegation.

Read more on the web site at: <http://www.iafp.com/legislative/FMCCUpdate.pdf>

Here are the top three issues that IAFP discussed with the lawmakers on Wednesday May 12. Not only did they advocate a permanent “repeal and replace” to the Medicare SGR formula, members also discussed some flaws in the Medicare payment increases in the PPAC Act.

- Medicare payments for primary care:
<http://www.iafp.com/legislative/FMCCPhysicianPayment.pdf>
- Investing in the future of primary care:
<http://www.iafp.com/legislative/FMCCAppropriations.pdf>
- Modernizing Primary Care Graduate Medical Education
<http://www.iafp.com/legislative/FMCCGMEPilot.pdf>

If these issues are important to you, take the time to call, write or meet with your Congressman to reinforce the family medicine message.

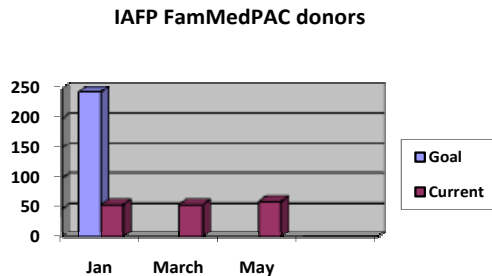
Health Care Reform – AAFP provides one stop shopping for answers:

Check out AAFP’s site with complete information tailored to family physicians
<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/federal/hcrleg2010.html>

Timeline of reform implementation:

http://www.aafp.org/online/etc/medialib/aafp_org/documents/policy/fed/hcr-timeline.Par.0001.File.dat/timeline.pdf

Illinois FamMedPAC champion Ellen Brull, MD of Glenview is challenging IAFP members to step up so that 10 percent of Illinois active members contribute to the PAC. IAFP needs 244 total contributors to reach that 10 percent goal, and we are more than one-fourth of the way there! Thank you to the 62 donors (which can and does include residents, students and staff!) who have contributed during the current cycle. To add your contribution to our total, please visit <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/fammedpac.html> to make a secure online donation.



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| Total 09-10 Donors: | 62 |
| Total 09-10 Donations: | \$19,525.72 (up to 7th among chapters) |
| Average Donation: | \$232 |
| % of Chapter Donating: | 2.54% |

State Government Relations

IAFP submits testimony on State Health Improvement Plan

The State Board of Health and Illinois Dept. of Public Health held three public hearings to invite public comment on the 2010 State Health Improvement Plan. The IAFP Public Health Committee reviewed and approved testimony submitted by the Academy on May 11.

Link to the IAFP comments at: <http://www.iafp.com/legislative/SHIP.pdf>

General Assembly unable to finish as scheduled

Despite an optimistic scheduled adjournment date of May 7, the General Assembly failed to pass a budget by that date. Therefore they will be called back to Springfield, but no date has been set at this writing. If the General Assembly does not pass a budget by a simple majority by May 31, after that date a 3/5 majority is required and the House Democrats would need some Republican votes.

Reminder:

The Medical Practice Act is up for renewal this year, as it expires on Dec. 31. IAFP has raised awareness with rank and file legislators as well as House and Senate leadership and this will remain on our radar until it the Act is renewed. A fact sheet is on our web site at <http://www.iafp.com/legislative/RenewtheMPA.pdf> and we urge IAFP members to use the information and educate their state representatives and senators about the importance of physician licensure.

CME Information

Home Care and Palliative Care Conference – May 22

*Jointly Sponsored by the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, University of Illinois at Chicago
Department of Family Medicine & Home Physicians*

Join us for a FREE CME conference directed to physicians who provide “house calls” for patients who are unable to access routine medical treatment due to physical or mental limitations. Many of these individuals are unable to see a specialist for their condition and thus the primary care provider will need to direct the treatment pathways for conditions that may not be commonly addressed. The program focuses on common disease states found in this population and the current medical treatment options available.

Saturday May 22, 2010 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

UIC College of Medicine - Moss Auditorium, 909 S. Wolcott St., Chicago, IL

Link to a flyer at <http://www.iafp.com/calendar/FlyerHomecare.pdf>

Free to attend! For more information or to register to attend please contact Kate Valentine at 630-427-8000, or by e-mail at kvalentine@iafp.com

Free CME Webinar on Nutrition

In this free CME webinar series, produced in partnership with the American Society for Nutrition, family physicians and nutrition researchers will present evidence-based guidelines and practical approaches to integrating nutrition science into family medicine offices.

- July 14: Nutrition and Digestive Health 6:00 p.m. ET. The live webinar will be recorded for enduring credit. To learn more and enroll, go to www.aafp.org/webinars/nutrition.

The webinar series is supported by an educational grant from General Mills Bell Institute of Health and Nutrition.

Updates in Reproductive Health in Family Medicine

May 22 – 8:30am-1:00pm

University of Chicago -John Crerar Library

5730 South Ellis Ave. Chicago, IL 60637

Lower Level Conference Room

Includes sessions on Updates in Contraception and Office-based Miscarriage Management

Fee: \$25 for participants seeking AAFP Prescribed CME Credit *

Students and residents are welcome free of charge

RSVP: See registration form at <http://www.iafp.com/calendar/rephealth.pdf> for details.

Questions? Email info@midwestaccessproject.org



<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

Join us for this innovative CME program in a location near you -, [Rosemont](#), or [St. Louis](#). Created in association with the American College of Physicians, this all-new curriculum addresses five essential primary care areas: cardiovascular disease, musculoskeletal pain, respiratory disease, gastroenterologic screening and management, and community-acquired infectious disease. You'll learn assessment techniques, preventative strategies and new treatments and therapies, on your schedule. Join us for the full two day program, one day, or one course.

Register with the links below

Rosemont: www.pri-med.com/26ros10a

St. Louis: www.pri-med.com/26stl10a

Pri-Med Midwest - October 13-16, 2010

Annual 4-day conference and exhibition featuring Pre-Conference Symposia Day, *Current Clinical Issues in Primary Care* presented by Harvard Medical School & Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Practice Solutions, independent, non-Harvard Medical School accredited educational symposia, and a dynamic Exhibit Hall.

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News You Can Use

IDPH Schedules H1N1 Hearings for Community Input

IDPH is holding public hearings to discuss the H1N1 experience. The goal of these meetings is to gather input and feedback from community partners that will assist the Department in developing a strategic plan for future H1N1 public education efforts.

Feedback will be sought on, but not limited to, the following issues: promotional materials, advertisements, communications and strategies for using not-for-profit and faith-based organizations. Light refreshments will be served at each meeting.

Peoria Regional Meeting – Thursday, May 20, 2010 Time: 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Peoria Regional Office, 5415 North University Peoria IL 61614

To RSVP, please email Matthew.Ringenberg@illinois.gov.

Rockford Regional Meeting – Friday, May 21, 2010 Time: 12:45pm – 2:45pm

Rockford Regional Office, 4302 N. Main Street, Rockford, 61103

To RSVP, please email Heather.Blecker@illinois.gov.

Chicago and Cook County Regional Meeting – Thursday, June 3, 2010 Time: 10am – Noon

Oak Park Library, 834 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL

To RSVP, please email Shamika.Miller@illinois.gov.

Collar Counties Regional Meeting – Tuesday, May 25, 2010 Time: 10am – Noon

Du Page County Health Department - 111 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton IL

To RSVP, please email Maria.Mata@illinois.gov.

Illinois Health Connect Webinars:

Illinois Health Connect hosts monthly webinars on clinical and administrative topics that are important to providing care to HFS patients. Webinars are open to any physicians, administrative and clinical staff. To RSVP, contact the IHC Provider Services Helpdesk at 1-877-912-1999.

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 Time: 12pm – 1:30pm

“Health Resources for HFS Women in the Perinatal Period” In a recent medical record review and study conducted to assess the content of prenatal care in certain high-risk

communities in Chicago, it was identified that referrals to certain resources available to perinatal women were either not documented in the medical record or were not made. The purpose of the webinar is to avail information and resources to providers on these services to facilitate appropriate referrals. Link to a flyer at <http://www.iafp.com/calendar/IHCMay.pdf>.

Participants can also register via the IHC website at:
<http://www.illinoishealthconnect.com/providereducation.aspx>.

Asthma management resource now available

HFS, in conjunction with Your Healthcare Plus and Illinois Health Connect, has developed a new resource to assist clinicians with asthma management. HFS summarized procedures for billing certain components of asthma management and instructions for helping patients obtain nebulizers and peak flow meters. The guideline is posted on the Illinois Health Connect website at:

http://www.illinoishealthconnect.com/files/ProviderImportantNotices/HFS_Asthma_Billing_Guidelines_and_Education.pdf

A reminder: As of June 1, 2010, HFS will no longer mail Provider Notices to participating providers. Docs should sign up for e-mail delivery of the notices. Visit <http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/assets/040210n.pdf>

E-cigarettes and the New Smokeless Tobacco Products: Get the Facts

Whether you are a doctor, dentist, legislator, teacher or parent, this presentation will provide you with the facts on new products the tobacco industry hopes will hook your patients, neighbors, and children. Mayo Clinic tobacco expert, Tom Gauvin, M.A., will present valuable facts on the e-cigarette and other emerging smokeless tobacco products. This event is free, but space is limited.

Wednesday, June 2nd from 6:00 - 8:30 pm (Dinner will be provided)

Hyatt Deerfield, 1750 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015

Registration is free ~ Register below by May 26th!

Mayo Certificate of Completion provided

[Register Now!](#)

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e2vaygsu0bc051b1&oseq=a0178q3t7utmt>

Intensive I-CARE Training Session – June 17th in Glen Ellyn

Illinois Comprehensive Automated Registry Exchange (I-CARE) is Illinois' state Immunization Registry that maintains immunization records across the state. This free registry helps improve immunization rates in your practice and is an effective way to accurately track patient immunization records. The Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics is offering a free, in-person, intensive I-CARE training session for practices interested in learning how to use I-CARE. This training session will extensively review each of the different I-CARE modules. We will show you how to add and edit patient records, add historical shot data and maintain your vaccine inventory. It is recommended that you register for I-CARE prior to the training session. You do not **have** to be a registered user but it will be beneficial when participating in the training session. The first training session will be held June 17th from 10am-1pm at the College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Boulevard, Glen Ellyn, IL. The second training session will be at the University of Illinois at Chicago. For more information about the Intensive I-CARE training sessions [click here](#) <http://illinoisaap.org/wp-content/uploads/Intensive-I-CARE-training-session-6-17.pdf> fill out the training request form or contact Annie Boesen at aboesen@illinoisaap.com or 312/733-1026 ext. 216. Inquire today as there are a limited number of seats available.

Reducing Cancer Disparities and Promoting Health Equity June 21 full-day workshop in Chicago

This workshop's materials are geared specifically toward those working as community partners or in community based organizations that provide direct services and programs to underserved populations impacted by cancer. Although researchers, scientists, doctors, clinicians, etc. are welcome to attend as participants if interested, unless they work in partnership with community based organizations, may not be able to take advantage of some of our resources. Link to a flyer at <http://www.iafp.com/calendar/SESRCDD.pdf>

A similar workshop is planned for the Springfield, IL area during Fall 2010 to allow those outside the Chicago area an opportunity to participate. To learn more about the American Psychological Association's Socioeconomic Related Cancer Disparities Program (SESRCDD), or to register for the workshop, please visit their website at: <http://www.apa.org/pi/ses/programs/index.aspx>.

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.

Richard Londo, MD was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the Univ. of Illinois at Rockford according to the April 29 *Rockford Register-Star*.

David Trachtenberg, MD of Peoria was quoted in a May 2 *Peoria Journal-Star* story about how Methodist Medical Center is now using e-visits, electronic prescription refills and e-scheduling.

Kathy Walsh, MD will be honored by the PCC Wellness Center at their June 3 benefit gala for her many years of dedicated service to the organization, as reported in the May 3 issue of the *TribLocal* – Oak Park edition.

Tony Miksanek, MD of Benton provided comments in a newspaper article, "Losing patience with patients: How doctors deal with 'difficult' people", published in the May 5 issue of *The State-Journal Register*.

The 2010 Tar Wars state poster contest winner, **Madisyn Quinn**, was featured in the May 6 *Bureau County Republican*.

Michael Friedman, MD of Chicago, director of the family medicine residency program, Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Centers, received a Silver Minted Liberty Dollar Award from the Mutual of America Community Partnership for his dedication and commitment to the school-based health center at Roberto Clemente High School in Chicago.

Carrie Nelson, MD of Wheaton was quoted several times in the May 6 *Tribune TribLocal* Hinsdale and LaGrange editions in a story covering a panel discussion about the impact of the federal health care reform package, also known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Mario Piverger, MD of Blue Island was quoted in the May 12 *Lincoln-Way Sun* for his practice's efforts to offer sports physicals and give away tickets to a local minor league baseball game.

Paul Kinsinger, MD of Washington was featured in a May 12 *Bloomington Pantagraph* story for his innovative invention he calls "Dr. Paul's Piggy Paste," which is a topical treatment for toenails.

Nipa Shah, MD of Chicago is quoted in a May 13 *Daily Northwestern* story about training health care professionals to screen for signs of suicide in the office visit.

From an IAFP Partner Organization

Save money on vaccine purchases at no additional cost to you

IAFP has a strong partner in helping our members save money with vaccine purchases. This partner – **Atlantic Health Partners** – is helping thousands of family physicians save precious dollars and advocate on your behalf with payers and manufacturers.

Atlantic, a vaccine purchasing program, works directly with Sanofi Pasteur and Merck and has obtained very favorable pricing and purchasing terms for a wide variety of pediatric, adolescent, adult, flu, and travel vaccines. Members of the Atlantic program make purchases directly from Sanofi and Merck (as many of you do now) but typically receive better pricing and purchasing terms. In addition, participation is voluntary and there is no cost to enroll in the Atlantic program.

Atlantic currently works with 21 state AAFP chapters and has been nationally recognized by the AAFP. They serve over 6,000 physicians, and your colleagues report strong satisfaction with the program, most notably for the savings, ability to make smaller purchases, customer support, and how easy it was to enroll. Atlantic's program can also offer better pricing for Sanofi's Fluzone (subject to availability) and medical/surgical supplies ordered through Sanofi.

Jeff Winokur and Cindy Berenson are the primary contact persons at Atlantic, (www.atlantichealthpartners.com). Contact them at 800-741-2044 or at info@atlantichealthpartners.com for more information. If you would like to start by talking to an IAFP staff member, contact Christi Emerson at cemerson@iafp.com.

Repeat Items

IAFP Award nominations – deadline is June 30

Just complete the appropriate nomination form and **include a letter of support** outlining your reasons for nominating that member. **All nominees must be IAFP members in good standing to be considered.**

Family Physician of the Year: <http://www.iafp.com/PR/FPOYWANTED.pdf>

Family Medicine Teachers of the Year: <http://www.iafp.com/PR/TOYNomination.pdf>

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>

FAMILY MEDICINE OR MED-PEDS BILINGUAL PHYSICIAN (JC1652) (AMBULATORY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK) Full time practice at the Vista Health Center of Cook County, Palatine.

REQUIREMENTS: Medical degree or foreign equivalent; Illinois physician and surgeon license; must be board certified or board eligible in Family Medicine or Internal Medicine-Pediatrics; three years experience in job offered or resident physician; bilingual required (English/Spanish).

JOB DUTIES:

- Have nine direct patient care sessions; complete all clinical administrative duties in a timely fashion.
- Participate in quality assurance and quality improvement projects of the health center and ACHN as assigned. Serve on the Bureau and ACHN committees and tasks as assigned.

- Participate in: community activities, teaching activities and community based research projects.
- In-patient care is optional if mutually agreed upon.
- Take after hours phone calls on a rotating basis.

STARTING SALARY: \$ 5,654.00 Biweekly

APPLICATION PERIOD: March 29 - April 9, 2010

SEND RESUME TO:

Specialty Care Center Administration Attn: Stephen Stabile, M.D.
1901 West Harrison, Room 2150 Chicago, Illinois 60612