



e-News for May 15, 2009

IAFP News

WELCOME TO THE NEW IAFP E-NEWS

It's been a long time since you've heard from IAFP. During the month of April, the American Academy switched to a new database system and blast e-mail service. During the transition period, IAFP was unable to e-mail our members en-masse. As a result, many items have been compiled and eagerly awaiting deployment to your inbox. So this edition of **e-News** has quite a bit of material to share. Read it all, as many items and opportunities have impending deadlines. Also, a lot of good things have happened lately. We look forward to your input and feedback at iafp@iafp.com.

Meanwhile, the [May/June issue of Illinois Family Physician](http://www.iafp.com/newsletter/FP/mayjune09.pdf) is now available on our web site. As if this e-news isn't enough new information, there is much more in the latest installment of our bi-monthly newsletter! Read it here:
<http://www.iafp.com/newsletter/FP/mayjune09.pdf>

- Learn about the Shot Fairy
- Get a full recap of the 2009 Spring into Action Meetings
- Find out about our new "Senior to Senior" project
- Meet IAFP delegate to AAFP Ellen Brull, MD
- and more!

IAFP has been hijacked!

Actually one of our office phone numbers has been hijacked. Maybe you've heard of this tactic. Some computer genius with a mean streak hijacked the IAFP's 630-435-0356 phone number from a remote location over Mother's Day weekend and made hundreds of phone calls to unsuspecting folks around the country and overseas! Therefore IAFP has cancelled that phone number. Here's how you can still reach the IAFP office and specific staff members:

MAIN NUMBER (meaning anyone in the office might answer) – 630-435-0257

IAFP Staff members

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AAFP National Conference of Special Constituencies Update:

Congratulations to IAFP New Physician board member Ravi Shah, MD of Chicago. Dr. Shah was the Illinois GLBT representative to the AAFP National Conference of Special Constituencies April 23-24 in Kansas City, where he was elected as a Special Constituencies Alternate Delegate to the 2009 AAFP Congress of Delegates and also elected as the co-convenor for the GLBT caucus of the 2010 National Conference of Special Constituencies.

Read a full report from Dr. Shah at <http://www.iafp.com/whatsnew/NCSC.pdf>

The following Illinois members represented you at the conference:

Women physician- Glenda Rios, MD of Chicago
New physician - Renee Poole, MD of Chicago
Minority physician - Abbas Hyderi, MD of Chicago
GLBT physician – Ravi Shah, MD of Chicago
IMG physician - Asim Jaffer, MD of Peoria

Patrick Tranmer, M.D., IAFP president-elect, and Vince Keenan, CAE, represented IAFP at AAFP Annual Leadership Forum.

Tar Wars poster contest results

Courtney Monier, a fifth-grader at LeRoy Elementary, is Illinois' newest tobacco-free spokesperson. She designed the winning poster in the Family Health Foundation of Illinois Tar Wars Poster Contest, held this morning at the Illinois State Capitol. Courtney's "Mummy said not to smoke" poster beat out 22 other finalists. Monier will represent Illinois at the National Tar Wars Poster Contest July 13-14 in Washington, D.C.



The 2009 Illinois Tar Wars Poster Contest Results:

Go to <http://www.iafp.com/tarwars/2009posters.htm> to view all three posters

WINNER: Courtney Monier, LeRoy Elementary - LeRoy
2nd Place: Madalyn Dahl, Bureau Valley North - Walnut

3rd Place: Evelin Contreras, Columbus East School - Cicero

Carolyn Rutherford of the McLean County Health Department taught Tar Wars at LeRoy Elementary. She and fellow health educator Jackie Lanier teach Tar Wars to schools throughout the county. In the current school year, over 180 healthcare professionals and medical students taught Tar Wars to over 270 elementary schools across the state. All 23 state poster contest finalists will receive a prize pack, including a certificate and, Tar Wars T-shirt, along with pencils and jump ropes donated by the Midwest Dairy Council.

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.

See the complete story from *AAFP News Now* at <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/publications/news/news-now/practice-management/20090424sams-club-ehr.html>

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

REMINDER OF MAY 19TH BOD MEETING IN DC

The IAFP Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, May 19th in Washington, DC before the AAFP Family Medicine Congressional Conference.

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.



In Memoriam: IAFP member and 2008 Family Physician of the Year nominee **Robert L. Smith, MD** of Decatur passed away on Thursday, May 7. He graduated from Millikin University and SIU School of Medicine. He practiced at Rock Springs Family Medical Center. Dr. Smith was Chief Medical Officer at St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Director at Millikin University. He was 48 years old and leaves behind his wife, Katherine, and two sons. Memorials may be made to the Robert Lewis Smith College Fund, c/o Busey Bank, 2505 N. Water, Decatur, IL 62526 for Ethan and Patrick or to the [American Cancer Society](#).

State Government Relations

IAFP Leaders join Stakeholders Roundtable



IAFP President Javette C. Orgain, MD and past president Carolyn Lopez, MD discuss the family medicine point of view with Gov. Pat Quinn after the roundtable event.

Former State Senator Billy Marovitz, political strategist David Wilhelm, and others hosted an intimate gathering of 70 influential healthcare advocates and stakeholders at Mr. Marovitz's Carnivale restaurant in Chicago on Monday, May 11. Governor Quinn attended and discussed what is currently happening in healthcare and with the state's economy, budget, and legislative session. He took numerous questions and agreed to have deeper discussions with those in attendance about the next steps for health care reform after the session is over.

The lead organizers are pulling together what is being called the "Illinois Health Care Roundtable" for the Campaign for Better Health Care's Health Care Justice Coalition. There were two specific focuses to the initial gathering: paying down the state's public aid payment cycle and HB 3923 (insurance reform).

SB 212 passes the House

An IAFP-supported bill that would enable expedited partner therapy in treating STDs passed the House on Wednesday, May 13 by a 111-4 vote. IAFP Public Health chair Rashmi Chugh, MD testified in support before the House Human Services committee in her role for DuPage County health department to help get this bill through the House process. IAFP successfully lobbied for his bill to pass through the Senate during our five Spring into Action days in March and early April. The bill now goes to Gov. Quinn for his signature.

Illinois Health Connect satisfaction survey – Your input needed!

Illinois Health Connect is performing a statewide survey to assess physician and provider satisfaction with the Illinois Health Connect program and establish goals for potential quality improvement. This year's survey also assesses PCP's perception of access to specialty care for their patients. Your answers are important in assessing the effectiveness of the IHC program. The survey has been mailed to all IHC PCPs. Please complete the mailed survey and fax the completed survey to 847-995-1021 or you can complete the same survey online at Survey Monkey web address listed below. A live link to the Survey monkey address is posted on the Illinois Health Connect website

(www.illinoishealthconnect.com) under Provider Information in the Important Announcements section. If you have any questions about the survey or about the IHC program, please contact the Provider Helpdesk at 1-877-912-1999. Thank you.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=aZRwH9_2ff3ILJA4csDiaSKg_3d_3d

Federal Government Relations

IAFP leads the largest delegation to AAFP FMCC

More than 20 Illinois members and staff will represent you at the AAFP Family Medicine Congressional Conference May 20-21. Leaders and members from throughout the state (including a student and resident member) will lobby for higher primary care reimbursement, better funding for primary care training programs and more.

IAFP submits testimony to HHS regarding Comparative Effectiveness Research

The Federal Coordinating Council on Comparative Effectiveness Research held a public listening session on May 13th in Chicago. IAFP submitted written testimony for the session, while IAFP past president Carolyn Lopez, MD testified in person as executive director of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago.

You can read IAFP's written statement at <http://www.iafp.com/legislative/cer.pdf>.

FDA Regulation of Tobacco clears the House, heads to the Senate

The House of Representatives passed HR 1256 on April 2. The bill would finally grant the FDA the authority to regulate tobacco products. Every Illinois representative voted for the bill (except for Rep. Luis Gutierrez, who was not present for the vote). The public health community has advocated for this legislation for years and getting it out of the House is a huge step. The bill has more than enough supporters in the Senate and also had the support of President Barack Obama when he served in the US Senate.

This legislation would:

- Crack down on tobacco marketing and sales to kids.
- Require larger, more effective health warnings on tobacco products.
- Require tobacco companies to disclose the contents of tobacco products, as well as changes in products and research about their health effects.
- Ban terms such as "light" and "low-tar" that mislead consumers into believing that certain cigarettes are safer.
- Strictly regulate all health-related claims about tobacco products to ensure they are scientifically proven and do not discourage current tobacco users from quitting or encourage new users to start.
- Empower the FDA authority to require changes in tobacco products, such as the removal or reduction of harmful ingredients.

CME Information

National Procedures Institute

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

Want more from your practice? Invest in procedures with National Procedures Institute in 2008! 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 the name of our state 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 (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

Proposals should encourage information exchange on projects, programs, and initiatives related to the development of family medicine internationally.

Global Health: Opportunities and Challenges

Track I: Challenge of Global Health and Family Medicine Consultations

Track II: Global Clinical Issues in Resource-poor Countries

Track III: Student/Resident International Health Interests

Workshop Highlights

Plenaries include: The Changing Face of Disease in Developing Countries, The Ethics of Global Health, Effective Short Term Medical Missions

Special guest speaker - Professor Chris van Weel, FRCGP, Wonca World President

For more information, contact Rebecca Janssen, AAFP International Activities Senior Program Coordinator, at rjanssen@aafp.org. Students, residents, and health professionals beyond the specialty of family medicine are welcome to submit abstracts

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>

Earning CME credit could not be any easier - thanks to Your Healthcare Plus (YHP), Illinois' disease management program. Just log on to <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.

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

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

This CME is FREE for all registrants. To participate or for more information, visit <http://www.yhplus.com/Content.asp?CID=188>

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.

New AAFP LearningLink Activity

Practical Aspects of Chronic Pain Management: A Case-based Approach, the fifth activity in the AAFPlearninglink.org Chronic Pain series includes 3 case vignettes that are used to demonstrate and reinforce issues and challenges family physicians often encounter when treating patients with chronic pain: 1) managing a new patient requesting a refill of pain medication, 2) negotiating treatment goals and managing residual pain, and 3) caring for elderly patients with chronic pain.

www.aafplearninglink.org

Approved for 1 Prescribed Credit. AAFP LearningLink activities are free.

PRI-MED CME INFORMATION

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

Pri-Med Updates

St. Louis – Thursday & Friday, May 28-29, 2009

<http://www.pri-med.com/30STL09A/r12>

New in 2009—Pri-Med Access

A local, two-day, CME program that keeps you current on the latest in primary care.

Chicago, IL – Tuesday and Wednesday, June 9-10, 2009

<http://www.pri-med.com/26CHI09A>

(Please note: This program is designed for actively practicing Primary Care Physicians.)

Pri-Med Online

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

Family Health Foundation of Illinois



Get your tickets now - Tar Wars night with the White Sox – July 8th

Deadline to order is June 5th

IAFP members, friends and patients – set aside Wednesday, July 8, 2009 for the Chicago White Sox vs. the Cleveland Indians. Game time is 7:11pm. ***Every ticket you purchase from IAFP for that game will mean a tax-deductible donation to the Family Health Foundation of Illinois' Tar Wars program.***

Tickets are only \$33 each (\$2 less than last year!) and our **lower box** seats are in sections 115 and 116, right up the first base line. The best seats will go to the early birds who get their orders in first. An order form is on our web site at <http://www.iafp.com/tarwars/SoxTickets09.pdf>.

Questions? Contact Ginnie Flynn at gflynn@iafp.com.

Resident and Student Information

Congratulations to our new IAFP student and resident leaders!

Resident President Elect – Lareina Pedriquez, MD – Northwestern McGaw (NorthShore)
Resident Delegate to AAFP National Conference – David Jewison, MD – UIC/Illinois Masonic

Student President Elect – Bethany Cohen, Loyola-Stritch School of Medicine
Student Delegate to AAFP National Conference – Ne Ferguson - Loyola

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>

News you can use

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

On April 30, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) voted to delay implementation of the Red Flags Rule until **August 1, 2009**.

Last fall, the FTC ruled that if physicians defer payment for services, they become "creditors" simply by billing patients after their services are completed. Accordingly, these physician practices are required to implement identity theft prevention programs that comply with a regulation known as the Red Flags Rule.

The 90-day extension of the Red Flags deadline gives physicians additional time to prepare for compliance.

Most physician practices need to be in compliance with requirements of the final rule entitled, "Identity Theft Red Flags and Address Discrepancies Under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003." These final rules and guidelines implementing section 114 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (FACT Act) and final rules implementing section 315 of the FACT Act were originally posted with a compliance date of November 01, 2008. Due to questions regarding whether physicians met the definition of creditors, this was extended pending a now complete review by the Federal Trade Commission, which determined that many physicians are creditors and subject to the rule.

The following resources are intended to assist members in understanding the purpose of the rule, what is required in the physician practice setting, and to provide some ideas that may make compliance program development, implementation, and training less complex and more integrated with other programs, such as HIPAA privacy and security programs.

Link to more info at

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/practicemgt/regulatory-compliance/id-theft.html>

AAFP seeks practices for vaccine cost study

The Verden Group, a practice management consulting firm focused on primary care, is in the process of recruiting practices to participate in a landmark vaccine cost study. Practices of all shapes and sizes from across the country are needed to participate in the study.

A representative from the Verden Group will spend a day onsite with you to observe the many aspects involved in the vaccine delivery process and to understand costs incurred through the entire revenue cycle. In return, the Verden Group will provide free consulting in the form of a customized report detailing any opportunities you may have for vaccine cost improvement based on their visit to your practice.

If your members are interested in signing up or learning more about the study, please visit <http://www.verdenvaccinestudy.com> for more details.

If you have questions, contact Trevor Stone with AAFP at tstone@afp.org or 800-274-2237, ext. 4178.

Illinois State Board of Health meeting notice

The Illinois State Board of Health is meeting on Thursday, June 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the James R. Thompson Center in downtown Chicago. IAFP President Javette C. Orgain, MD is the Board president. It is an open meeting and Dr. Orgain encourages all interested IAFP members to attend.

Illinois e-Rx program has six open licenses that UnitedHealthcare is offering

If eligible, sponsored providers would receive the handheld device and a year of licensing.

Criteria for qualification:

- not currently using an EMR
- must meet a prescribing volume threshold (this is usually met very easily by specialties that write a high volume of scripts, such as primary care)

For more information, contact

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Cook County Physicians Association

28th Annual Daniel Hale Williams Lecture

Friday May 15, 2009 from 6 - 9pm

Crowne Plaza Chicago Metro Hotel

733 W. Madison at Halsted - Chicago

Presentation: Margaret Kirkegaard, M.D., MPH

Medical Director, Illinois Health Connect

Daniel Hale Williams Lecture

“At the Crossroads of Opportunity and Obstruction: Healthcare Policy, Disparities, and Quality” Evelyn L. Lewis, M.D., MA, FAAFP, Deputy Director, Uniformed Services University (USU) Center for Health Disparities - Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and Director Medical Policy, World Wide Public Affairs and Policy, Pfizer, Inc.

RSVP to Javette C. Orgain, M.D., IAAP President at jvtorgain@aol.com.

Skin Cancer Screening National Tour coming to Illinois

The Skin Cancer Foundation's Road to Healthy Skin Tour presented by AVEENO® and Rite Aid -- which provides free full body skin cancer screenings and the latest skin cancer information -- hit the road in April and has three stops in Illinois later this month. Although skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, it is also one of the most preventable and, when detected early, treatable forms of cancer. Yet, more than 10,000 people in the US die from skin cancer every year.

At each stop, people visit the 38-foot customized RV to receive a quick, easy and potentially life-saving full body skin cancer screening by local board-certified dermatologists in one of two private rooms. Educational materials that explain how to perform monthly skin checks at home and the proper ways to protect the skin from the sun on a daily basis will be provided.

Saturday, May 23

10 am - 4 pm

Centennial Beach
500 W. Jackson Street
Naperville Illinois 60540

Tuesday, May 26
10 am - 4 pm
Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center
10350 Haligus Road
Huntley Illinois 60142

Wednesday, May 27
10 am - noon
Oak Brook Family Recreation Center
1450 Forest Gate Road
Oak Brook Illinois 60523

Doctors Without Borders recruitment information session

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30PM
Mayer Brown LLP
71 S. Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

Every day, Doctors Without Borders aid workers from around the world provide assistance to people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect, or catastrophe – treating those most in need regardless of political, religious, or economic interest. Whether an emergency involves armed conflicts or epidemics, malnutrition or natural disasters, Doctors Without Borders is committed to bringing quality medical care to people caught in crisis.

On May 20, **medical and nonmedical professionals are invited to join us** for a presentation to learn more about how you can join Doctors Without Borders' pool of dedicated aid workers. Aid worker and recruiter Laura Cobey, RN will share her experiences of "life in the field" and discuss requirements and the application process. **Registration is required for this event.** For more information and to register, visit <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/work/field/infosessions.cfm>

Coalition for Quality and Patient Safety of Chicagoland to Host June 3 Summit

Chicago-area Patient safety leaders announced the establishment of the Coalition for Quality and Patient Safety of Chicagoland (CQPS), with the implementation of a Patient Safety Organization (PSO) dedicated to improving safety and quality of care in the Chicago area as one of its core initiatives. The Coalition, a program of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago (IOMC), will be housed at the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council (MCHC). Its PSO is one of the first to be certified to operate by the federal government, and will be dedicated solely to assisting Chicago-area healthcare providers and the communities they serve.

The CQPS mission is to mobilize the diverse healthcare stakeholders in metropolitan Chicago to provide the best possible care to every patient every time by eliminating preventable harm and implementing systemic change to ensure consistent excellence. Ramp up of CQPS, as well as the work of the Chicago Patient Safety Forum which

CQPS succeeds, has been supported by the Otho S. A. Sprague Institute. This important work also has received support from the Illinois Department of Public Health and other public and private sector sources that support the mission of advancing patient safety.

“CQPS and its PSO will provide healthcare, business, government and consumer partners with an exciting venue to work together to improve patient outcomes,” said **Carrie E. Nelson, MD**, Vice-President of the IOMC Board of Governors. “I expect that our efforts will provide opportunities to achieve levels of safer, more effective care never before achievable in Chicago. Our PSO will start with hospital reporting, and move to engage long-term care, physician groups and others who can contribute to and benefit from the learning PSOs can foster. Patients will be at the center of all we do.”

June 3 Summit Planned

CQPS's first large-scale effort will be a summit open to all stakeholder groups on June 3 at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago. Co-sponsors to date include the Institute of Medicine of Chicago, Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, University of Illinois at Chicago Institute for Patient Safety Excellence and MacNeal Hospital. The CQPS summit is open to the public. Summit registration material and more information on CQPS can be found at www.chicagopatientsafety.org.

PCPCC offers patient education video on the Medical Home

The Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative, a coalition of more than 400 organizations who have joined together to develop and advance the patient centered medical home, and Emmi Solutions, producer of interactive health education programs, announce the release of a new multimedia program to help patients understand the patient centered medical home. The web-based educational program, entitled "Introduction to the Patient Centered Medical Home", was recently unveiled at the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative Stakeholder's Working Group Meeting.

Go to the website and you can download the short video and add it to your own practice web site. <http://www.emmisolutions.com/medicalhome/transformed/index.html>

Atlantic Health Partners offers low cost Fluzone pre-booking

Vaccine costs continue to be a major issue for many practices. As you may know, your Academy has established a partnership with **Atlantic Health Partners** to help your practice save money and manage vaccine purchasing more effectively.

The **Atlantic vaccine program** includes a Flu component that may **lower the cost** of your existing **Fluzone pre-booking**. And if you have not done so, this is a great time to pre-book Fluzone because Sanofi has recently lowered prices on adolescent and adult Fluzone products. Please note that your practice needs to be **enrolled** in the **Atlantic program before June 1, 2009** to ensure access to Atlantic's contract pricing for Fluzone.

The **Atlantic vaccine program** is simple, straightforward, and **available at no cost**. As a program member, your practice orders directly from Merck and Sanofi Pasteur and receives more favorable pricing and purchasing terms on their full spectrum of pediatric, adult, flu, and travel vaccines, including Sanofi's new combination vaccine Pentacel.

Atlantic is recognized as the leading physician vaccine program in the country and has helped thousands of physicians save money and more effectively manage vaccine purchasing. Contact Atlantic by phone at (800) 741-2044 or by e-mail at info@atlantichelpartners.com to learn more about how their vaccine program can benefit your practice.

TECH BIT - USB Drives are a Flash

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Sneaker-net—that's what they used to call carrying a floppy disk between computers to transfer files. And the highest capacity floppy was 1.44 **Megabytes**.

In the last couple of years, sneaker-net has resurfaced using USB flash drives. My first held 16 megabytes. Now 16 **gigabyte** drives are affordable, 1 and 2 gigabyte drives cost less than \$10. And they are handy for more than transferring files. Back up those critical files each day and carry the drive home with you.

Carry important documents, like scanned images of your passport, medical records, etc. separate from your computer. Even if it gets lost or stolen, you have what you need. My favorite new flash drive is a 4 gigabyte A-Data PD15. It's about as thick as a credit card and half the size of regular flash drives (think the same size as the key fob versions of your office supply or grocery store loyalty card). It lives in my wallet and is available anywhere I might need my data, or someone has some file to give me.

One problem with the A-Data PD15, it's not really meant to live in a wallet. The SuperTalent Pico C is a bit thicker, but has a metal case to protect it. And it still fits in a wallet, but with a bulge.

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 president **Javette C. Orgain, MD** was one of six Chicago area health and insurance executives whose input *Crain's Chicago Business* consulted for their April 6 feature on Obama's plans for health care reform. Dr. Orgain was only physician included in the article.

Dana Ray, MD of Decatur has been appointed to the Decatur City Council to fill the unexpired term previously held by Mayor Mike McElroy. Dr. Ray was introduced as the new city council member on May 8th and is expected to be approved at a council vote on May 18th. She is a physician at Community Health Improvement Center and an ordained minister.

Robert Bales, MD is featured in an April 30th *Rockford Register-Star* article on smoking cessation and the impact that the new federal cigarette tax increase is having in smokers seeking to quit. He is also featured in a follow up article on May 7th discussing the controversial new product known as the "e-cigarette," a battery-operated device that

delivers a nicotine vapor to the user without the tobacco products of traditional cigarettes.

The Tar Wars poster contest made the April 21st Fox news in Springfield and State poster contest winner **Courtney Monier** was featured on WJBC-AM news radio on April 28th.

Robert Sawicki, MD, in his role as medical director for OSF Home Care Services, was quoted in a May 5th *Bloomington Pantagraph* story where he talked about the ability to manage pain in patients using currently available therapies.

Congratulations to IAFP member **Susan Nagele, MD** who will be honored with the 2009 AAFP Humanitarian Award. The Illinois chapter nominated Dr. Nagele for her 24 years of service in Kenya. She received a 2008 IAFP President's award from then-president and SIU School of Medicine classmate Steven D. Knight, MD at the December 2008 IAFP annual meeting. Learn more about her at <http://www.iafp.com/pdfs/presidentsAward.pdf>

Bernard Ewigman, MD will be the double chair of Family Practice at University of Chicago + NorthShore University Health System.

Past president and current Foundation chair **Carolyn Lopez, MD** of Chicago has been appointed President of the Chicago Board of Health. **Steven Rothschild, MD** was appointed to the Board of Health as a member.

Former IAFP board member **James Bull, MD** of Silvis was elected to the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) Board of Trustees

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 & 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

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.

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