



e-News for May 29, 2009

IAFP News

IAFP leads the largest delegation to AAFP FMCC



The entire Illinois AFP group joined Senators Dick Durbin and Roland Burris for a photo after the Thursday constituent coffee on May 21.

More than 20 Illinois members and staff represented you at the AAFP Family Medicine Congressional Conference May 20-21. Leaders and members from throughout the state educated the Illinois Congressional Delegation on the needs for higher primary care reimbursement, better funding for primary care training programs and more.

A complete article and plenty of Illinois photos will appear in the July/August *Illinois Family Physician*. You can read the AAFP News Now recap [here](#).

What did they talk about? Their four top priorities included:

1. Repeal the Medicare SGR formula and increase the payments for primary care services by percent increase in five years.
2. Implement the patient-centered medical home structure in all federal health programs.
3. Improve the system and the amount appropriated for graduate medical education.
4. Reauthorize Title VII funding for Primary Care and fund at \$215 million to strengthen the primary care workforce and meet the needs of underserved areas.

Also that week, **Illinois Chapter Exec Vince Keenan** and AAFP Government Relations staff attended a health care breakfast for **Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)**. Rep. Schakowsky serves on the Health Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee.



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. Let the public and the policymakers in Washington know that enhanced primary care is the key to fixing our broken system.

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.

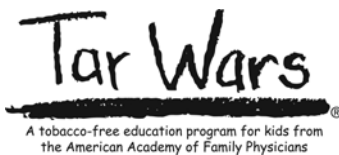
IAFP Board Meeting Report

The IAFP Board of Directors met on Tuesday May 19th in Washington, DC prior to the Family Medicine Congressional Conference.

- The board voted to add IAFP's name as a supporter of the Joint Resolution to support the creation of an "Illinois Health Workforce Studies Center."
- The board voted to not increase state chapter dues in 2010.
- The board voted that IAFP will join the Illinois Partnership for fighting Chronic Disease. Learn more at <http://www.fightchronicdisease.org/index.cfm>.

Much more from the Board meeting will be featured in the July/August issue of *Illinois Family Physician*.

TIME SENSITIVE – DEADLINES APPROACHING!



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. An order form is on our web site at <http://www.iafp.com/tarwars/SoxTickets09.pdf>.

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

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.

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.](#)

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.

Did you read your IAFP Newsletter yet?

The [May/June issue of Illinois Family Physician](#) is now available on our web site. Find all kind of feature information in the latest installment of our bi-monthly newsletter!
[Link to the new issue](#)

- 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!

State Government Relations

General Assembly heads into deadline weekend

As of today, the Illinois General Assembly still faces the daunting task of passing the budget, ethics reform and a capital bill that includes a revenue plan. They are still scheduled to adjourn on Sunday May 31. Meanwhile, a few substantive bills that IAFP supported this session are on their way to the governor for his signature.

SB 212 passes both Houses

An IAFP-supported bill that would enable expedited partner therapy in treating STDs has passed both Houses and now goes to Gov. Quinn for his signature. IAFP successfully lobbied for this bill to pass through the Senate during our five "Spring into Action" days in March and early April.

HB 71 heads to the Governor's Desk

The IAFP-supported bill, which would ban texting while driving, was sent to the governor on Thursday, May 28th after an amended version cleared both houses. The bill bans all texting (sending or reading) while driving, but does allow for GPS devices (even those on cell phones) and allows drivers to text while pulled over or while stuck in traffic with their vehicle in neutral. A related bill, HB 72 was also sent to the governor, which would prohibit using hand-held cell phones while driving in construction and school zones.

SAVE THE DATE! Open Forum focuses on services for birth to age 5

Enhancing Developmentally Oriented Primary Care project (EDOPC) is a resource for healthcare providers in Illinois, working to improve the delivery and financing of preventive health and developmental services for young children. 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.

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

If you have any questions about the survey or about the IHC program, please contact the Provider Helpdesk at 1-877-912-1999.

Illinois Health Connect “Overview and Update” live sessions

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.

This presentation is open to **all** IHC Primary Care Providers, administrative, and clinical staff and would be helpful for organizations or clinics that have new 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

Federal Government Relations

FDA Regulation of Tobacco clears Senate committee

Legislation giving the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) the authority to regulate tobacco products moved forward as a Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee on Wednesday, May 20 voted 15-8 to approve HELP Chairman Edward Kennedy's (D-MA) *Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act* (S 982). The bill has strong support in the Senate and also had the support of President Barack Obama when he served in the US Senate.

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

Or join the Connect for Reform Campaign. *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 offers easy and effective ways to get involved. Log on and sign up at www.aafp.org and click on the **Connect for Reform** icon on the right side of the page.

CME Information

Active Members:

2009 Continuing Medical Education Topics Survey

Please take five minutes to complete this survey and let the academy know which education topics and interventions are the most important to you! Your responses will help guide the development of new CME activities.

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

If you have any questions or are having difficulties accessing the survey please contact Kate Valentine at kvalentine@iafp.com.

National Procedures Institute

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

Want more from your practice? 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 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

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

Save the Date: Risk Management seminar

IAFP and ProAssurance will present a Risk Management Seminar on Tuesday, September 22 in Oak Brook

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. 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

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



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.

Check it out at www.aafplearninglink.org. Approved for 1 Prescribed Credit. AAFP LearningLink activities are free. [Register now](#).

PRI-MED CME INFORMATION

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

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

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

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](#)

Coalition for Quality and Patient Safety of Chicagoland June 3 Summit

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.

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.

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. Link to more info at

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

TECH BIT - Reduce E-mail Overload

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>.

Suffering from e-mail overload? Join the club.

One issue I've noticed helping several people is they have hundreds, in some cases thousands, of e-mails in their inbox. And a lot of those e-mails are marked unread. I don't know how people can operate in that environment. Your goal should be an empty inbox.

There's a well known time management maxim for paperwork—handle it once. Read it, deal with it and either file it (if it's important) or delete it. I file most legitimate e-mails, using Microsoft desktop search to find them later. Any e-mail I can't deal with immediately (usually only one or two in any day), I put in a folder "To Act On." That folder I scan each day the same time I deal with spam.

To reduce the number of e-mails you have to deal with, make sure your junk mail filters are turned on. Since they can trap legitimate e-mails you still need to check the junk mail folder, just in case. But if you sort that folder by who the e-mail is addressed to you can skip looking at any e-mail not sent to your e-mail address(s). If spam gets really out of hand, you might want to ask your hosting service if they can enable a feature called Boxtrapper. It is a simple challenge system that requires any unknown person sending you an e-mail to respond by simply replying to the challenge message.

Of course if you are so completely behind in your inbox you might consider "e-mail bankruptcy." Set up a temporary rule to respond to any e-mail in your inbox that you can't deal with your e-mail and are deleting all your e-mails... Then start over and keep up this time.

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.

Executive vice president **Vince Keenan, CAE** was quoted in a May 20 *State Journal-Register* article about the Your Healthcare Plus Medicaid disease management program. YHP has helped improve chronic disease management for Medicaid patients and reduced ER visits and hospitalizations, saving the state over \$100 million last year. Illinois Health Connect has linked Medicaid patients to primary care providers as their medical home. That same story was picked up by another 20 newspapers throughout the state.

Rushia Butler, MD of Manhattan (a 2008 Family Physician of the Year nominee) was featured in a May 20 *Joliet Herald News* article about her farm and growing her own vegetables. Butler and her family are able to lead by example about making healthy food choices.

Past President **John Adams, MD** of Danville will be leaving Illinois after 26 years in Danville. His story was featured in the May 20th issue of the *Danville Commercial-News*.

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.