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Communications Director's Message

This issue of the *APA Focus* is focused on **information about the 50th Anniversary and the PAS Annual Meeting.**

It's always hard for me to choose what I liked best at the meeting. But this year, for me, the highlight had to be the Presidential Plenary and 50th Anniversary celebration. What could be better than a mixture of excellent science, awards for exemplary service to children, reflections on the past and predictions of the future, along with the flood of light and joyful music in the beautiful atrium, all surrounded by colleagues and friends?



The work of the APA goes on year round, so continue to be involved in programs, projects, discussions and collaborations with other APA members. One way is to volunteer to review workshops and abstracts when the calls go out in the late summer and fall. Remember our Facebook page is another way to keep current with APA activities.

Again this year the **deadlines for the Denver 2011 will be earlier.**

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President's Message

I feel quite privileged to serve as the President of the Academic Pediatric Association for this upcoming year. The APA has been an integral part of my professional development and my hope is that all of our members will benefit from their affiliation.



What a wonderful 50th anniversary APA celebration at the PAS meeting in Vancouver! The meeting remained exciting from the welcoming session, the invited science programs, excellent abstract, poster and workshop presentations, the entertaining and informative debate, to the Presidential Plenary Session with scientific abstracts, memorable presentations by renowned colleagues, Danielle's inspiring Presidential address, poetry readings, the Oral History project and even a Canadian marimba band!

Viewing the Oral History project and hearing the inspiring remarks of past presidents reminded me how lucky I have been to receive the gift of mentorship from many APA colleagues. All of us need mentors, and we can all serve as mentors. And there are so many opportunities through the APA. The Committees, SIGs, Regional Meetings, the research networks PRIS and CORNET, Young Investigator Awards and the Educational and New Century Scholars allow for countless opportunities for mentorship. Two upcoming meetings will appeal to many of our members.

The Hospital Medicine meeting (sponsored by the AAP, APA and SHM) will take place in Minneapolis from July 22-25 and the program looks quite exciting. The 4th APA Leadership Conference, which is a collaboration between the APA and APPD, will take place September 21-22 and include a peer mentoring program. Consider either serving as a mentor or seeking a mentor for the upcoming solicitations for PAS invited science programs (due July 1st) and PAS workshops (due August 13).

When I was a young faculty member, two senior colleagues from other institutions invited me to work with them on a workshop. I was thrilled they extended, this opportunity to me! Once I agreed, they then informed me I should lead the workshop. While I was at first nervous, it was one of the best experiences I have had by providing me the experience to lead the workshop with their input and support. This workshop experience then

led to a content area that I have continued to develop throughout my career. So for the upcoming submissions for the PAS meeting, consider inviting more junior, peer or senior colleagues to work with you. Not only will this expansion allow you to get to know people outside your institution and provide further networking opportunities, it will enhance the diversity and vibrancy of the program.

Announcements

APA 2011 Young Investigator Award Opportunities

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Ellen Crain Honored by Environmental SIG

GW Internal Consultant in Faculty Development Award

Julius B. Richmond AAP/FAMRI Call for Proposal

Oral History Project Highlight Video Online

Spotlight on The 2010 APA HealthCare Award by Scott Krugman

Workshop on Children's Health and the Environment

Celebrating the first 50 years of the APA leads to the need to plan for the next 50, or at least to start with, the next 5! Our organization has so much talent and vitality and the APA Board will be starting our strategic planning to guide; our vision for the next 5 years. Your input will be essential in determining the value of the APA, what aspects of the APA are important to you as members, and to build programs for the future. We want to maintain the vibrancy and relevance of our organization and continue to attract new members. So please email or call any of the Board members if you have suggestions or comments and be prepared to participate in a more formal survey in the future. The anniversary celebration caused several of us to discuss why we value the APA. Many of us had joined early in our careers at the prompting of our mentors and found a camaraderie and forum for growth. That is what we hope all our members can experience. So find an activity that matches your interests and get involved! Not only will it be fun, but your contributions will be invaluable to others and to the health of children.

Take care and have a fun summer,

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Past President's Message

The Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting of 2010 in Vancouver, Canada is concluded. The APA participated in a first ever Opening Session of the four sponsoring organizations (APA, APS, AAP, SPR), held its Membership Meeting to update the membership on the myriad of activities of the Association, and participated with good humor in the APA Debate on Health Care Reform comparing the systems in the United States and Canada. This year saw a record number of abstract and workshop submissions so attendees had a plethora of scientific sessions to choose from. The Convention Center housing the meeting overlooked the magnificent Vancouver Harbour (seen in the background in the photo below) and was the setting for the APA Presidential Plenary and the 50th Anniversary Celebration. And, what a celebration it was. (We will be posting photos and links to a video gallery of the event.) In addition to the scientific session the combination of poetry, history, and music allowed us to celebrate the past but also to envision the future of pediatrics and the ability to improve the lives of all children. In the upcoming year a 50th Anniversary Theme Issue of *Academic Pediatrics* will publish the key articles of the plenary.





Janet Serwint, Danielle Laraque and Tina Cheng
at the 50th!

In this upcoming year the issues of Health Care Reform and its implementation will predominate. Currently in press in *Academic Pediatrics* is the APA Policy Statement ***The Family Centered Medical Home (FCMH): Specific Considerations for Child Health Research and Policy.*** This statement is the product of the APA Task Force on the Family Centered Medical Home. The principles of the medical home have been incorporated into the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (HR 3570) and its companion bill the Reconciliation Act 2010 (HR 4872) which are both now law. The APA policy statement puts forth an analysis of the family-centered medical home, comparing and contrasting the elements of FCMH and the patient-centered medical home as conceptualized for an

adult population, and recommendations of action steps to lead to the implementation of the medical home principles to achieve the promise of integrated health care that is responsive to family needs and achieves improved outcomes for children. The APA calls for research that is inclusive of pediatric demonstration projects to fully implement the FCMH. Other publications from APA members are in press exemplifying the concepts of the medical home and its specific application in pediatrics. In this upcoming year vital appropriations issues will take much of the time of the APA Public Policy & Advocacy committee in concert with the efforts of other organizations such as the Federation of Pediatric Organizations and the Public Policy Council.

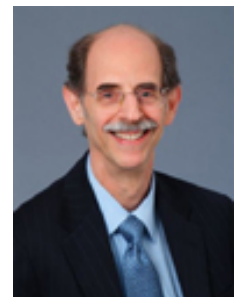
The year 2010-2011 will have many challenges. I want you to join me in full support of the efforts of our new President, **Janet Serwint**. Her grace, thoughtfulness and insightful leadership will allow us to accomplish a great deal this year. We are already planning for the PAS meeting of 2011. The call for invited science has gone out and I urge all of you to consider submitting an invited science proposal. Please go to the PAS website for instructions and let the APA leadership know of your efforts so that we might collaborate. The APA, in partnership with APPD, will hold its 4th Annual Leadership Conference on September 21-22 and will feature facilitated peer group mentoring as a means of helping educators master leadership challenges. APA Regional meetings will begin again and the leadership of the APA is committed to attending as many as possible and supporting the local efforts of our regional chairs and members. We invite your constant feedback and ideas, for there is much work ahead of us!

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President-Elect's Message

As I start the year as President-Elect, I wanted to reflect on one of the great strengths of the APA: *nurturing our young members*. Ours is an organization whose focus has always been on the next generation of leaders, and I hope to help continue that tradition over the next three years. Almost every activity of the APA is geared towards the professional growth of our members, making it hard not to talk about every aspect of what our organization does when describing our focus on young members, but let me mention a few highlights:



- **Young Investigator Awards:** The Young Investigator Award program has blossomed over the last several years. This year we gave out 16 awards, with funding from the APA and our funding partners (AHRQ, the Commonwealth Fund, and HRSA-MCHB)! This is an extraordinary number of awards, more than we have ever given out in the past. And we have also added a national mentorship component to each award to facilitate the career development of our young researchers.
- **Educational Scholars Program:** The Educational Scholars Program, under the leadership of **Connie Baldwin**, has recruited its 4th Cohort of scholars. The program, which started in 2006, has touched the lives of over 80 young educators and helped them advance their careers in educational scholarship. Connie works with an active executive committee as well as many faculty advisors for the scholars.
- **New Century Scholars Program:** The New Century Scholars Program, led by **Lee Pachter** and **Cheryl Kodjo** is now in its 6th year of operation. Its goal is to increase workforce diversity in academic pediatrics by providing mentorship and career development support to young under-represented minority pediatric residents interested in careers in academic medicine. Lee and Cheryl are aided by a very able advisory group, and many junior and senior mentors for the New Century Scholars. I am personally delighted to have become a senior mentor this year!
- **PAS Workshops:** A highlight of PAS for young members is the menu of workshops at the PAS meeting. This year's selection seemed better than ever. The workshops provide an opportunity for our young members to hone their skills in research, education, patient care, and policy as well as to enhance their career development. In Vancouver this past month, I led one workshop (on reviewing abstracts for national and regional meetings) and participated in another (on writing young investigator grants). Both these workshops, as is true for almost all the workshops, especially targeted young members, including fellows and junior faculty.
- **Regional activities:** The Regions are a perfect starting point for young members joining our organizations. Opportunities to present research and networking experiences are two of the strengths of the Regional meetings. Some Regions also give out small Young Investigator Awards to assist young researchers. Many of the present leaders of the APA started out being active members in the APA Regions and I encourage all our members, but especially the younger ones, to "check out" their APA Regional organization.

All of these wonderful activities are just a sampling of what our organization does to nurture our young members. And each of them "takes a village" of our more senior members to be a successful endeavor. And of course, none of them could happen without our wonderful APA staff under the leadership of Marge Degnon: Connie Mackay, Nui Dhepyasuwan, Jennifer Padilla, Raquel Bailey, and Usha Mishra.

It is my privilege to be part of the APA leadership that guides these efforts, and I look forward to working with all of you over the coming years.

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Secretary's Message

It is already time to begin thinking about the next PAS meeting in Denver, Colorado from April 30, -May 3, 2011. We hope members of the APA will submit proposals for the *invited science components* of the PAS meeting. These include State of the Art Plenary Sessions, Topic Symposia, Hot Topics and Mini-Courses (not Workshops, which will be solicited later this summer and due mid-August). These sessions are excellent opportunities for APA



members to get involved and have fun sharing knowledge with others at the meeting. The **deadline for submission of proposals is July 1, 2010**. The descriptions below will give you an idea of the focus for each of these scientific sessions. There is some overlap in their descriptions, so do not focus too much on how your proposal fits into one of these categories. If you have an interesting concept that would be relevant to our members, submit the proposal!!

Please propose your best ideas toward a state of the art plenary, topic symposia, hot topic, or mini-course. Proposals should be submitted electronically using the web-based 2011 Official PAS Program Submission program found on the PAS meeting website at www.pas-meeting.org. ***The submission deadline is July 1st.***

After you have formally submitted a proposal, please send me a copy at sselbst@nemours.org. **While the APA cannot guarantee acceptance of any proposal, we can offer support at the Program Committee meeting for sessions that are particularly relevant to the APA.**

Good luck!! We hope to see you in Denver.

For questions, please contact Marge or Connie at the APA office or by email at info@academicpeds.org.

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State of the Art Plenary: These sessions update and solidify understanding in interdisciplinary areas of pediatric medicine. They are commonly forums for the presentation of new developments and seminal advances in biomedical research and involve invited lectures from international leaders in the field. They are designed to be of interest to a broad range of attendees.

Topic Symposia: These sessions address issues and controversies around topics of interest to a particular audience. They are generally focused on a more specific topic than the State of the Art Plenary sessions and often allow time for active audience discussion.

Hot Topics: These sessions focus on areas of rapid clinical discovery and excitement and address new or controversial issues. They seek to stimulate new areas of research or interactions for participants in targeted areas. Time should be allowed for active audience participation.

Mini Courses: These sessions address important relevant topics of interest to all attendees, including trainees, junior or senior faculty. They are usually targeted to new broad-based clinical strategies or techniques, not necessarily for any specific discipline or subset of participants. The emphasis is on practical and useful information for the practicing physician or care provider and they are designed to be highly interactive.

(Reminder- These sessions differ from the Workshops, which are designed for smaller groups and are highly interactive. Workshop proposals will be solicited later this summer.)

Annual Meeting Highlights

Annual Meeting Photo Highlights, Vancouver 2010

The PAS 2010 Meeting in Vancouver was a great success. The meeting included state of the art plenary and workshop sessions on some very hot topics. The sessions enhanced the knowledge and skills of the participants in areas of leadership, clinical medicine, education and research which specifically relate to academic medicine. Enjoy the highlight of all that took place!



Past Officer's breakfast



PAS Presidents: Sherin Devaskar, APS, Danielle Laraque, APA, Judy Palfrey, AAP and David Cornfeld, SPR



Michael Cabana presented the 2010 Health Care Delivery Award to Scott Krugman, Franklin Square Hospital



Danielle Laraque and Janet Serwint



APA 2010 Educational Scholars Program Graduates



Danielle Laraque and Mark Young who delivered the Armstrong Lecture on behalf of UNICEF



Environmental Health SIG honoring Ellen for all her work on the EH Fellowship Program



Abby Nixon -Ludwig-Seidel Award



Adelheid Soubry - Shannon Award



Sajid Soofi - APA International Health



Tao Xu - Helfer Award



Michael Weisgerber - Helfer Award



Larrie Greenberg - Miller Sarkin Award



Lisa Simpson - Public Policy and Advocacy



Dimitri Christakis – Research

[Vancouver Meeting Photo Slideshow](#)

New APA Members

New APA Members

Welcome to Our New APA Members

Barbara Bayldon
Parul Bhatt
Christine Briccetti
Brian Burghardt
Michael James Coogan
Michal Cidon
Arthur Cooper
Hetty Cunningham

Samer El-Kamary
Jill Leavens-Maurer
Tai Lockspeiser
Mary Palomaki
Anuradha Rajagopalan
Zeynep Salih
Jocelyn Schiller
Weiwen Shih

Upcoming Conferences

APA-APPD Leadership Meeting

The 4th Annual Leadership Conference

Hyatt Regency, Reston, VA
September 21-22

[Preliminary Program](#)
[Register Now!](#)



Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting



PAS Meeting 2011

April 30 - May 3, 2011

Colorado Convention Center

Denver, Colorado

Deadline for submission of proposals is July 1, 2010

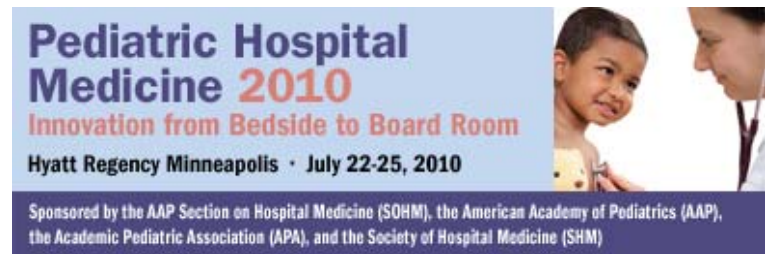
Pediatric Hospital Medicine

[Register Now!](#)

July 22-25 2010

Hyatt Regency
Minneapolis

[PHM Brochure](#)



Programs

CORNET

What a wonderful time we had in Vancouver! This year's PAS meeting was especially exciting as we celebrated the APA's 50th Anniversary. Concomitantly, we celebrated the APA Continuity Special Interest Group's 20th Anniversary. As CORNET was a direct outgrowth of the APA Continuity SIG, *CORNET* too had much to celebrate! To add the finishing touch, we watched with excitement as **Janet Serwint** accepted the APA presidential gavel (which itself had a memorable journey from **Danielle Laraque's** home in NY!) marking the beginning of Jan's term as APA President.

Many of us have already experienced Janet's incredible energy, enthusiasm and mentorship since the beginning of *CORNET* when she shepherded it through its infancy as its Network Director. With each year the network

has increased in size, stability and recognition of its commitment to its three-fold mission of studying the health care issues of minority and underserved children, health care disparities in children, and resident education in the Continuity setting.

The research network now “boasts” an enrollment of 96 pediatric residency programs and 116 clinical practice sites. This represents 44% of training programs, more than 4,500 categorical pediatric residents and care for greater than 600,000 pediatric patients. Funding to date has been provided by the APA, AHRQ, MCHB and the CDC.

The Vancouver meeting highlighted a number of *CORNET*'s achievements including the very successful Quality Improvement Workshop led by **Bill Stratbucker** and several of his *CORNET* colleagues. Out of this workshop we are hopeful that at least three potential projects take form and develop into network studies.

CORNET also was invited to co-present in **Denise Dougherty's** AHRQ Quality Improvement Workshop and describe itself and potential opportunities for future national collaborations. Sharing the agenda with other national networks including PROS was an honor.

Sande Okelo's survey of Pediatric Asthma Care Education in Residency (**SPACER**) comparing the adoption by residents of the Asthma Practice Guidelines compared to the AAP survey results of practitioners was accepted for presentation at PAS and has a manuscript in development.

Two recent studies are coming to a close including the **Bright Futures** Project on Oral Health and our collaborative project with **PROS** on pubertal development in males. We should be hearing reports soon regarding the outcomes of these studies.

And while these studies above are finishing, *CORNET* is busy with 3 current studies. **Kristina Simeonsson and John Olsson** are in the midst of data collection for their study on Health Care of Pediatric Residents and their Families assessing access to health care and the role of peer and self-prescribing.

Maya Bunik's study on Integrating Mental Health Services in Pediatric Continuity Clinics is underway. The first phase assesses resident educational opportunities and patient access to services with a follow-up phase comparing various continuity strategies for providing mental health services.

The 3rd project is **Peter Szilagyi's** project assessing Adolescent Immunization within the Medical Home, a collaborative study between the Greater Rochester Practice Based Research Network and *CORNET*. The first phase is identifying various practice strategies with a follow-up phase to help determine best practices.

CORNET is thriving but needs enthusiastic participation from continuity sites to ensure its success and stability. We hope that you will continue to suggest projects as well as participate in ongoing ones. As mentioned above our research goals are threefold, but providing faculty development and research mentorship through collaborative research projects is a fundamental and core objective.

For those of you who attended PAS, we hope you returned from Vancouver as energized as we did! For those of you who unfortunately could only vicariously experience our APA 50th and Continuity SIG 20th Anniversary and *CORNET* celebration, we look forward to and welcome your participation. May you have a healthy, safe and rewarding summer as you welcome an excited new group of interns to your Continuity Clinics.

Please stay in touch with us, participate in as many studies as you would like and know that *CORNET* values your insight, suggestions, possible projects and comments on how we can improve the network, our faculty development opportunities and your participation!

Please contact us if you have any questions about the ongoing studies, enrollment and your ongoing participation.

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New Century Scholars

The 2010 PAS meeting in Vancouver marked the sixth year of the APA New Century Scholars Program. This program was developed to increase workforce diversity in academic pediatrics. (Please see the NCScholars webpage on the APA website for background and details). This year we selected seven second year pediatric resident for our 2010 class of NCScholars. They (and their mentors) are:

First Year Scholars:



Roxanne Almas (University of Massachusetts School of Medicine)
Senior Mentor: Carol Weitzman (Yale/New Haven)
Junior Mentor: Arvin Garg (Tufts/Boston Floating)



Elaine Barfield (Cornell-New York Presbyterian)
Senior Mentor: Cheryl Kodjo (University of Rochester)
Junior Mentor: Asha Willis (Mount Sinai School of Medicine)



Marc Callender (Johns Hopkins School of Medicine)

Senior Mentor: Benard Dryer (NYU School of Medicine)

Junior Mentor: Ray Perry (UCLA)



Janice Hobbs (St. Christopher's Hospital for Children)

Senior Mentor: Debra Bogen (University of Pittsburgh/Pittsburgh Children's)

Junior Mentor: Kecia Carroll (Vanderbilt University/Vanderbilt Children's)



Brandi Kaye Freeman (Johns Hopkins School of Medicine)

Senior Mentor: Lisa Simpson (Cincinnati Children's Hospital)

Junior Mentor: Tumani Coker (UCLA/RAND)



Nicole Salazar Austin (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia)

Senior Mentor: Rhonda Graves (NYU Medical Center)

Junior Mentor: Tyler Smith (Johns Hopkins School of Medicine)



Allison Kirk (Johns Hopkins School of Medicine)

Senior Mentor: Joanne Cox (Children's Hospital of Boston)

Junior Mentor: Inyang Isong (Massachusetts General Hospital)

These seven joined, returning 3rd year NCScholars, Tarayn Fairlie (Baystate Medical Center; Glen Flores, mentor), Traci Ogbu (Baylor College of Medicine; Ivor Horn and Julia Anixt, mentors), and Ashaunta Tumblin (Baylor College of Medicine; Suzette Oyeku and Joyce Javier, mentors) at the PAS meetings.

Third Year Scholars:



Tarayn Fairlie (Baystate Medical Center/Tufts University School of Medicine)

Senior Mentor: Glenn Flores (UT Southwestern Medical Center)

Junior Mentor: Cori Green (NYU School of Medicine)



Maya Jones (University of Pennsylvania)

Senior Mentor: Denice Cora-Bramble (Children's National Medical Center)

Junior Mentor: Vicki Wilkins (University of Washington)



Traci Ogbu (Baylor College of Medicine)

Senior Mentor: Ivor Horn (Children's National Medical Center)

Junior Mentor: Julia Anixt (University of Maryland)



Jenny Smokey (University of Washington School of Medicine)

Senior Mentor: Matilde Irigoyen (Albert Einstein Medical Center)

Junior Mentor: Kathy Angkustsiri (UC-Davis School of Medicine)

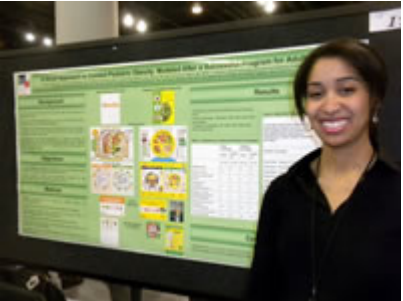


Ashaunta Tumblin (Baylor College of Medicine)
Senior Mentor: Suzette Oyeku (Albert Einstein Coll. Of Medicine/Montefiore)
Junior Mentor: Joyce Javier (Children's Hospital of LA/USC)



Natalie Woods (University of Chicago)
Senior Mentor: Cheryl Kodjo (University of Rochester School of Medicine)
Junior Mentor: Amanda Bennett (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia)

The NCScholars attended a conference on Friday April 30th, where they heard from mentors and guest speakers about academic fellowships and careers in pediatric academic medicine. A dinner banquet was held that evening, attended by NCScholars, past NCScholars, mentors, and APA leadership. During the PAS meetings, NCScholars had the opportunity to meet with their mentors and program directors, and attend PAS sessions.



We'd like to thank everyone who has supported this program including the mentors who volunteer their time, as well as the office of Minority Health which generously provides funding for the program. If you're interested in being a mentor in future years, or have questions about the program, feel free to contact Lee Pachter (Lpachter@drexelmed.edu) or Cheryl Kodjo (Cheryl_Kodjo@urmc.rochester.edu).

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PRIS

PRIS is an open pediatric hospitalist network that was formed in 2001 with joint sponsorship of the Academic Pediatric Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Society for Hospital Medicine. Over the past several years, momentum to develop a PRIS network to collaboratively study key questions in inpatient pediatrics has steadily mounted. We now have over 200 hospitalists from 80 centers participating in the network, representing centers from the United States and Canada.

In 2009, the Strategic Roundtable of Pediatric Hospitalist Medicine was convened with 22 national leaders from across the U.S. and Canada. From that meeting, it was determined that PRIS undergo a redesign (which is ongoing) and involves several critical steps. Individual pediatric hospitalist medicine investigators with a proven track record of publications and funding have formed a new Executive Council within PRIS. Their charge is to lead PRIS into a new arena of stable infrastructure funding, growing the membership and helping sites establish their capacity to conduct high quality studies, oversee the conduct of the next series of studies that are transformative to the field of inpatient pediatrics, and mentor the next generation of hospitalist investigators to continue the work of PRIS.

During this redesign, in addition to developing ongoing support from the three national organizations, PRIS has partnered with the Child Health Corporation of America (CHCA) and received funding for both infrastructure and specific projects. CHCA is a business alliance of 42 children's hospitals. The initial study is a prioritization project that will help guide PRIS on prioritizing future studies in the field of pediatric hospital medicine. This project seeks to identify conditions that are prevalent, costly to the healthcare system, and demonstrate high inter-hospital variation in resource utilization, which signals either lack of high quality data upon which to base medical decisions, and/or an opportunity to standardize care across hospitals. This project will establish a priority list, focus on the highest ranking conditions that demonstrate the most variation of care, at a high cost/frequency, and that has actionable evidence that if followed in the inpatient setting, would lead to a decrease in unnecessary variation with no adverse or even superior patient outcomes. This project is being conducted within both academic and community settings, in order to have broad reaching effects, as most children are hospitalized in community hospitals.

In addition to securing funding for PRIS, the Executive Council met in February (in Salt Lake City) and March (in Philadelphia) to work on the following Network related issues: governance, strategic planning, mechanism for new projects and new members among many other things.

PRIS will present details on how the redesign is progressing and next steps for the Network at the summer Pediatric Hospitalist Medicine meeting in Minneapolis where the APA, AAP and SHM will attend, as well as several hundred practicing pediatric hospitalists across the U.S. and Canada.

Members of the Executive Council include **Rajendu Srivastava**, Chair, **Christopher P. Landrigan**, Past Chair, **Patrick Conway**, **Ron Keren**, **Sanjay Mahant**, **Samir Shah**, **Tamara Simon**, **Joel Tieder**, **Karen Wilson**,

If you are interested in being a part of this network, please email **Raj Srivastava** at raj.srivastava@hsc.utah.edu and **Nui Dhepyasuwan** at nui@academicpeds.org

Region Reports

Region I

Looking for a way to contribute to the APA and gain regional leadership experience? Then now is the time to step forward for the open position of co-chair for Region I. In an attempt to add continuity and expand the outreach, we have created this third seat and have extended the term of co-chair to 3 years. So we need to ask for nominations for (or for a person to step into) the now open 3rd co-chair position. We will be sending out a separate email soliciting participation. Please feel free to step up or to nominate any candidate you feel will bring energy to the role and serve the region well.

The PAS in Vancouver was a great event in a beautiful city, wish all could have been there. But in case you missed any of the research presentations at the PAS, we wanted to spotlight the “Best of the Best (aka APA Region 1)”!

The following are projects presented by trainees as submitted by our Region 1 members:

1) **Perceptions of Transition among Low Income Adolescents with and without Asthma**

Deepa R. Camenga (Fellow in Training), Peter G. Szilagyi, Jonathan D. Klein. Yale University, New Haven, CT; Pediatrics, University of Rochester School of Medicine, Rochester, NY; American Academy of Pediatrics, Elk Grove Village, IL.

2) **Mothers' Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices Regarding Breast Milk Expression: An Analysis of Data from the Infant Feeding Practices Survey II'**

Peggy G. Chen (Fellow in Training), Lara W. Johnson, Marjorie S. Rosenthal. Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT; Department of Pediatrics, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT.

3) **Infant and Maternal Factors Associated with Postpartum Depressive Symptoms: Insight from PRAMS 2004-2007**

Laura H. Dawson (Medical Student), Ana C. Garnecho, Hanna Kim, Samara Viner-Brown, Pamela C. High. Warren Alpert School of Medicine @ Brown University, Providence, RI; Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence, RI; Rhode Island Department of Health, Providence, RI.

4) **Traditional Alternative Healing Practices for Sick Children in Cambodia**

Tep Navy (MPH, Research Trainee), Varun Kumar, Anthony Alario, Randal Rockney. Pediatrics, Angkor Hospital for Children, Siem Reap, Cambodia; Pediatrics, Rhode Island/Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence, RI.

5) **Association of Breast Pump Use with Breastfeeding Success: Analysis of the Infant Feeding Practices Survey II**

Lara W. Johnson (Fellow in Training), Peggy G. Chen, Marjorie S. Rosenthal. Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT; Department of Pediatrics, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT.

Additionally region members highlighted the work on depression by Carol Weitzman which included:

A) **Treatment for Maternal Depression: An RCT of Brief On-Site Cognitive Behavioral Therapy vs. Case Management**

B) **Rates of Maternal Depression and Associated Factors in an Underserved Population**

Carol Weitzman, Diana Edmonds, Judith Davagnino, Heather Howell, Nathan Gotman, Kimberly Yonkers. Department of Pediatrics, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT; Department of Psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT.

Region 1 members also gathered on Monday morning for the Region 1 Breakfast, where we enjoyed time together overlooking the beautiful Vancouver's "Strait of Georgia" with the mountains in the distance. Perhaps those from Vermont were not as impressed by the sights as the rest of us "flat landers". But all actively enjoyed the discussion which was framed by the question, "How can we re-energize the Region?" or "What can or do we do that adds value to APA membership?"

We welcome your suggestions on the previous questions and hope that you will strongly consider the opportunity of serving as co-chair. Looking forward towards a great 50th Year!

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Region III

It was great to see all of the Region 3 members at the breakfast meeting held in Vancouver. We had a nice meeting with participation from a wide variety of institutions.

Maryellen Gusic presented a summary of the plans for the Educational Scholars program and **Lynn Garfunkel** presented a summary of CORNET activities.

We sadly said goodbye to **Bob Hilliard** who will no longer be region co-chair. We would like to thank him for being such an enthusiastic leader and advocate for our region, and are happy he will still be an active member of Region III. **Cynthia Rand** from Rochester will be joining **Carrin Schottler-Thal** as the new region co-chair.

We will also be saying good bye to **Maryellen Gusic**, who has always been a very important and active member of our region. She will be starting an exciting new position as Dean of Education at the University of Indiana.

Once again, our regional members were very active in the PAS National Meeting. Of particular note is **Sara Eleoff**, from Rochester, who was the winner of the young investigators award. Her special interest, kinship care, has opened up a new and interesting area of research.

We again decided that Region III will be doing a combined regional meeting with Region II. This regional meeting is always very interesting, and is being planned for sometime in March 2011.

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Region V

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Region V breakfast at PAS. We had a tremendous turnout and got to see **Carolyn Holland** and Clara Filice present their research as well as view the posters of some of the other winners of our annual Trainee Abstract Competition. We also had a nice discussion about future topics for the Quarterly Regional Teleconferences. Most recent teleconference was on **June 8th at Noon EST** where Region V Co-chair **Michael McKenna** presented "Social Networking Sites and Medical Education".

Participate in future Teleconferences online at <http://perfectmeetings.clarian.org>. If you would like to participate by phone, video conferencing equipment or other means, contact Mike or follow the directions in [this link](#). Remember to test out your connection before the Teleconference so that we can help you troubleshoot any problems.

Future Teleconference dates will be coming out soon and we are reenergizing for a Regional Meeting. We are still working out whether to make this an in person meeting or a virtual meeting. If you have thoughts or directions for future meetings, please let us know. Finally, time is quickly approaching to find the next Region V co-chair. If you are interested, or if you know of someone who would be a good fit, please let us know.

Remember to stay in touch with the news of the region as well as interact with other members by becoming a member of the Region V group on Facebook.

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Region VII & VIII

PAS brought a crowd of over 6500 physicians to the lovely city of Vancouver during its annual meeting May 1st --May 4th 2010. With the PAS meeting, the APA had a celebration of its own as APA just celebrated its 50th Anniversary demonstrating continued leadership and excellence in education, research, patient care, and advocacy. **Danielle Laraque** delivered an outstanding and challenging Presidential Address regarding Global Child Health: Reaching the Tipping Point for All Children. Her address was followed by poetry readings and an oral history project video that captured the thoughts and memories from the early founders and presidents. All present enjoyed a lovely 50th Anniversary Reception following the APA Presidential Plenary.

On Monday, May 3rd, 2010, Regions VII and VIII enjoyed their traditional regional breakfast meeting and had an opportunity to hear from members who had attended the various committee meetings on Education, Health Care Delivery, Public Policy and Advocacy, and Research. **Region VII** introduced their newest Co-Chair during the breakfast meeting: **Nancy Kelly from Southwestern.** We are also pleased to introduce **Annamaria Church** as the new **Region VIII Co-Chair.**

PAS has determined its next meeting to be from **April 30th through May 3rd in Denver, Colorado in 2011** so please plan now to make every effort to attend as this meeting is a wonderful opportunity to prepare and present posters, abstracts, and workshops as well as visit with colleagues and friends while making new ones as well.

Finally, remember that our next regional meeting has already been scheduled for **February 24th- 26th at the Hotel InterContinental in New Orleans for 2011.** Please get ready to participate in this opportunity to prepare, mentor, moderate and review abstracts and posters or better yet---present a workshop!! The proposed **abstract deadline is October 16, 2010.** More information will be available in future newsletters. In the interim, we should continue every effort to recruit new members to our organization. We have much for which we should be both proud and thankful, and we should make a decided effort to invite others to share in our experience as we continue to fulfill our mission statement and facilitate our professional development.

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Special Interest Group Reports

Advocacy

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Advocacy Training Special Interest Group meeting in Vancouver. Special thanks to the members of the Serving the Underserved Special Interest Group for working with us this year on our combined SIG meeting. The attendees had lots of opportunities for networking and collaboration.

This year, our combined SIG featured a panel of pediatricians successfully navigating career paths as advocates and serving the underserved. Jeff Kaczorowski, the Principal Investigator of the Community Pediatrics Training Initiative served as moderator. **Elisa Nicholas**, (CEO, The Children's Clinic), **Ben Hoffman**, (Director, UNM Pediatric Residency Program), and **Steve Berman**, (Section Head, Division of General Pediatrics, University of Colorado in Denver) participated as panelists. Each is nationally recognized for their advocacy work. They described their inspiring and unique career paths and shared key lessons learned along the way.

The spotlight and highlight of the SIG - the Resident Community Health and Advocacy Presentations and Poster session - was a huge success! Three residents gave oral presentations: Lisa Meneses, MD (UCSF), Autumn Kiefer, MD (Mayo Clinic), and Eden Kahle, MD (CHOP). Twenty-two residents presented posters. We continue to be awed and inspired by their work!

We appreciate all of the suggestions for future SIG meetings. Many of our attendees are interested in ways to combine research and advocacy. We look forward to incorporating this topic into our SIG meeting next year.

Finally, we have really enjoyed our tenure as Co-Chairs of the Advocacy Training SIG! We will be transitioning the leadership of our SIG to those nominated as the new co-chairs: **Barbara Bayldon**, (Children's Memorial Hospital), **Jennifer Walthall**, (Indiana University), and **Elizabeth Miller**, (UC Davis). We look forward to seeing you all in 2011 in Denver!

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Child Abuse

The Child Abuse SIG meeting was held at the Pediatric Academic Societies' Meeting in Vancouver, Canada on Sunday, May 2nd, 2010. With over 30 members in attendance, an active and engaged group discussed the content presented by the various speakers.

The first part of our SIG meeting was focused on child maltreatment prevention, with three speakers offering different perspectives. First, Heather Keenan, from Salt Lake City, Utah spoke about her evaluation of Utah's

nursery-based abusive head trauma prevention program. While her careful analysis showed that the program had no effect on the incidence of abusive head trauma in the state, Heather eloquently communicated some of the epidemiologic challenges such as confounding variables, and she was particularly effective in her presentation.

Ron Barr, from Vancouver, discussed the Period of Purple Crying Prevention Program. Included in his talk was a review of his data on parent knowledge and behavior change as a result of the program. He also discussed some of his future plans for program expansion and ongoing evaluation.

Megan Bair-Merritt, from Baltimore, Maryland, our third prevention speaker, provided an overview of the current research on child maltreatment in the context of intimate partner violence. She reviewed some of the challenges and successes in addressing violence prevention in these families.

The meeting then shifted gears to a focus on the future of Child Abuse Pediatrics, which was led by Robert Block from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Chair of the Child Abuse Pediatrics sub-board. Child Abuse Pediatrics is now an official pediatric subspecialty, and held its first board exam in November, 2009. More than 180 pediatricians are now board certified in Child Abuse Pediatrics. However, subspecialty status leads to new challenges, including establishing fellowship programs, finding funding for training and research, and the role of pediatricians and other physicians who evaluate children with suspected maltreatment, but do not meet criteria for board certification. Dr. Block identified and discussed these challenges and offered a roadmap to begin addressing them.

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E-Learning in Medical Education

Completed Activities

The second annual e-Learning SIG meeting was a great success this year at the PAS on Monday, May 3, 2010. High attendance and enthusiastic responses to each of the presentations were the hallmarks of success of this considerably new SIG. All the attendees seemed very engaged in the meeting and showed great interest in all six presentations.

After welcoming and a brief introduction, **Kadriye O. Lewis** presented the e-Learning SIG Wiki via live demonstration that covered all the unique features of this Wiki including how to collaborate and share resources with the rest of the e-Learning SIG members. The mini presentations occurred in the following order:

First, Dr. Nader Shaikh presented information about a self-instructional e-learning tool, called ePROM (Enhancing Proficiency in Otitis Media). As one of the authors of this tool, he discussed the challenges to the diagnosis of otitis media including the evaluation of the efficacy of the program.

Second, **Virginia Niebuhr's** presentation was on the use of Wimba Create and Adobe Presenter to transform Word documents or PowerPoint Presentations into navigable online learning objects. This presentation provided

an overview of learning object with a live demonstration of the use of these tools to create navigable online learning objects.

Third, **Maggie Moon** presented an interactive, internet-based curriculum for continuity clinic/general ambulatory pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Medicine Internet Learning Center. She shared the information about 30 modules including all the hyperlinks to relevant articles and video material. She also discussed the pre/post test comparison data for each module.

Fourth, **Martha Wright** presented a three-year, longitudinal, integrated, multi-method curriculum on Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM) skills that includes completion of an online tutorial on EBM skills designed specifically for pediatric residents, that provides the content knowledge and skills practice. She shared the results of this study.

Finally, **Erik Black** and **Heidi Saliba** from the University of Florida presented an outstanding workshop titled "Online Identities and Their Role in Shaping a Professional Image: Demystifying Web 2.0." The presenters introduced several online networking applications and addressed how health care professionals have increased concerns about online identities in respect to issues of patient care, reputation and interpersonal connections which may challenge their overall medical professionalism. The workshop discussed the relationships among a person's online (virtual) profile, his or her real-life experiences, and the image that is shaped as a result of this interplay.

Announcements and Ongoing Activities

Raymond C. Baker, who has co-chaired the e-Learning SIG for a year, is retiring as of July 1, 2010 after a long successful career in teaching and research at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

Now the e-Learning SIG is **looking** for a new **co-chair** who is active and enthusiastic about technology-based learning. We have decided to make this announcement in order to ensure that all the potential candidates are aware of this position. Either you can nominate yourself or other people that you think would fit well in this role. The nominations can be sent to **Kadriye O. Lewis** by email at kadriye.lewis@cchmc.org.

We are also looking for individuals who would like to serve actively in our four eTeams (e.g., Workshop Planning, Newsletter, Website, and Research). All the roles and responsibilities of these teams are available on our Wiki site (<http://elearningsig.pbworks.com/>).

As you recall, in December 2009 we surveyed our group regarding eLearning SIG Webinars to garner the group members' interest and consensus. Most of the group members thought quarterly Webinars would be useful for our e-Learning initiatives and their future projects. We will launch these Webinars as soon as possible (most likely in the fall). These Webinars will deliver a variety of presentations based on the topics identified by the survey respondents.

Remember that academic collaboration and networking are increasingly important to one's success in the 21st century. At this point, e-Learning can offer unprecedented learning opportunities to the APA members. Let's start our group communications to create new avenues for networking and producing collaborative projects as well as to create new venues for residents' and fellows' education by implementing e-Learning methods of instruction.

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Ethics

The Ethics SIG held their meeting at PAS this year on May 1, 2010 in Vancouver, BC. We had two very interesting discussions. The first panel presented, “The Ethics of Withdrawing/Withholding Nutrition in the Newborn.” The AAP Committee on Bioethics (COB) published its clinical report on this issue in August 2009 *Pediatrics*. Two of the members of that committee, Douglas Diekema presented the position of the COB and Stephen Leuthner illustrated the application of its principles in specific neonatal cases. Kevin Donovan presented a dissenting view about withdrawing/withholding nutrition.

The second half of the SIG meeting was led by Douglas Diekema. He presented strategies for the effective teaching of ethics to pediatric residents and fellows. He discussed the case-based curriculum he developed at Seattle Children’s Hospital.

At the end of the meeting **Ernest Krug** stepped down as co-chair. **Zeynep Salih** a neonatologist from Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis will join **Diane Plantz** as co-chair.

Suggestions for next years meeting include: continuing to divide the session into two parts; first, a panel discussion of an ethical topic and second, a discussion on educating staff, residents and medical students in ethics.

Both Diane and Zeynep would like to encourage members to email them with suggestions for next year’s meeting or topics for future Ethics SIG contributions to the APA Newsletter.

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Faculty Development

The APA Faculty Development SIG had a joint meeting with the Division Directors’ SIG in Vancouver. The meeting was quite successful and we appreciate all who turned out. The focus of the meeting was a discussion on tools that are available for faculty to develop individual faculty development plans (IFDPs).

IFDPs are documents that faculty create and share with supervisors to help them plan and direct their activities during the academic year. Such documents benefit both staff and division heads as they try to navigate the academic environment. This is particularly important for junior faculty.

The Faculty Development SIG is working with the Division Directors’ SIG to post some helpful guidance and forms for faculty and division heads to use. Look for materials soon at both our websites on the APA webpage.

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Fellowship Training

The Fellowship Training SIG met at the 2010 PAS meeting in Vancouver on Monday, May 3, 2010. Three different fellowships presented on their longstanding and successful training programs. Each of these programs has unique elements and both faculty and fellows presented.

Johns Hopkins: General Pediatrics Fellowships; **Megan Bair-Merritt** and two fellows, **Christine Briccetti** and **Sara Lindstrom-Johnson**, this presented and illustrated an interesting trend, including PhD's as fellows in academic general pediatrics training programs.

Primary Care Research Fellowship at the University of Colorado, Denver: **Ally Kempe** and a fellow, **David Fox** presented on a fellowship that combines three different primary care specialties. The Denver program includes Family Medicine, Internal Medicine as well as Pediatrics.

Millennial Fellowship Program in General Pediatrics at the University of Rochester: **Peter Szilagyi** and a fellow **Sara Eleoff** discussed the program in Rochester. As with many programs, they are facing difficulties with recruitment.

For a listing of fellowships and links to these programs go to Resident/Fellows Corner on the APA website at http://www.ambpeds.org/education/education_resident_corner.cfm

There were many faculty and fellows in attendance at the SIG. An interesting point was brought up that most fellows want a master's degree, while most faculty feel like the course work is excessive and interfering with learning research. A special concern is the cost of course work as most fellowships have trouble affording tuition and fees.

There was also a discussion of the APA work on accrediting fellowship programs. **Ally Kempe** brought up the problems associated with pursuing accreditation in combined fellowships. There are now six accredited programs (http://www.ambpeds.org/education/education_AGP_AccreditedPrograms.cfm):

- The Baylor College of Medicine's Academic General Pediatric Fellowship Training Program
- The Cleveland Clinic Pediatric Hospitalist Fellowship Program
- New York University Academic Pediatric Fellowship Program
- The State University of New York at Stony Brook's Academic General Pediatrics Fellowship Program
- UC Davis Primary Care Outcomes Research Fellowship
- University of Rochester Academic General Pediatric Fellowship Program



Tina Cheng leading a discussion of Title VII funding

The next cycle of accreditation starts July, 2010 with applications due September 1, 2010. Application forms and other information can be found at http://www.ambpeds.org/education/education_accreditation_AGP.cfm.

As many of you may know, Title VII was reauthorized as part of health care reform. This reauthorization resulted in many interesting twists and turns for fellowships that applying for funding through Title VII faculty development. First, this meant that the original grant due date was postponed for over a month. The good news about the authorization was that research was explicitly added in as part of the reauthorization and so research fellowships could be funded.

There was also a lengthening of the grant cycle so now Title VII grants are 5 years long. There was substantially more money authorized. The bad news; while there was more money authorized, more money was not appropriated.

Tina Cheng led a discussion of Title VII, its reauthorization and the need for the APA to lead advocacy for Title VII. Key points were to fully fund Title VII and to end explicit set asides for specific specialties (which traditionally have been part of the authorization language). **Ally Kempe** and **Tina Cheng** will be leading an effort to organize more effective advocacy from the APA.

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Health Literacy

The Health Literacy SIG, now in its second year, met in Vancouver on Monday, May 5. The meeting was well attended by a diverse group of researchers, educators, policy advocates, and newly interested faculty from around the country. We reviewed HL research being presented at the PAS meeting, and featured two NIH-funded researchers, **Laura Shone** and **Susmita Pati**, who presented and discussed their work.

Teri Turner reviewed the newly available Health Literacy learning module at the AAP's PediaLink site (free for residents), and next steps for dissemination and evaluation.

Shonna Yin and **Lee Sanders** discussed recent policy-related meetings, including those with the FDA, CDC, and IOM focused on improving OTC liquid medication labeling. To close the session, all SIG attendees participated in a Delphi-like process to identify priority issues for pediatric advocacy in health literacy.

Based on discussion with SIG members, activities planned for the upcoming year will include: 1) development of a webpage to allow for posting of SIG agendas/minutes, PAS abstracts, and other resources, 2) submission of a health literacy-focused platform session / workshop for PAS 2011 / other national meetings (e.g. APPD), and 3) exploring the feasibility of developing an APA policy statement on health literacy.

Please contact us if you are interested in becoming involved in the activities of the HL SIG!

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Hospital Medicine

We had a terrific SIG meeting on Monday, May 3, 2010 at the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) meeting in Vancouver, BC! **Dan Rauch** received a plaque for his years of dedicated service to the APA Hospitalist SIG.

We provided a brief update on the Pediatric Hospital Medicine Roundtable activities including updates on governance from **Jeff Sperring**, education from **Rebecca Blankenburg**, QI from **Shawn Ralston**, and the PRIS network from **Raj Srivastava**.

Dan Rauch provided an update on discussions with the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) about development of a Pediatric Hospital Medicine subspecialty. **Tamara Simon** and **Doug Thompson** provided an overview of Academic Pediatric Association (APA) resources for academic hospitalists, as well as some resources from American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Hospital Medicine (AAP SOHM) and Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM).

Arpi Bekmezian updated the group on results of the AAP SOHM Research Subcommittee survey. Finally, **Lisa Moscoso**, aided by the able **Doug Carlson** and Angela Sharkey, led a fantastic interactive session on their experience with a peer mentoring program in St. Louis called "It Takes a Village: How to develop a sustainable peer mentoring program". Posters were also presented by **Shawn Ralston**, **Evan Fieldston**, and **Arpi Bekmezian**. It was a great chance to see old friends and make new connections!

PAS was also abuzz with hospitalist activity. Once again we had two terrific platform sessions and a vibrant poster session where some excellent ongoing research was presented. As usual, there were many other sessions geared to the academic generalists we all are. Congratulations to the following hospitalists for their selection in the fourth cohort of Educational Scholars!

- **Marta Kamburowski**: "Pediatric hospitalist curriculum for residents: development, implementation, and evaluation"
- **Ursula Kneissel**: "Addressing the performance gap: a simulation-based curriculum focused on pediatric emergencies for family medicine residents"
- **Michele Long**: "Exploration of critical incidents and other triggers that prompt creation of learning goals during a 4th year sub-internship rotation"
- **Michael McKenna**: "Social networking sites and medical education"
- Hai Jung Helen Rhim: "Pocket tool to evaluate professionalism"
- **Neha Shah**: "Creation and evaluation of a web-based, educational curriculum for pediatric hospital medicine fellows"
- **Jennifer Stancil**: "Development and evaluation of and intensive resuscitation curriculum for pediatric residents"

Also, congratulations to the following recipients of the APA Young Investigator Awards whose projects focus on hospitalized patients:

- **Todd Florin**: "Nebulized hypertonic saline solution for acute bronchiolitis in the ED"
- **Derek Williams**: "Environmental tobacco smoke exposure among children"

Finally, congratulations to **Evan Fieldston** for receiving the Society of Hospital Medicine Junior Faculty Development Award!

The upcoming Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM) meeting in Minneapolis will feature several items of interest to academic hospitalists.

- **Jeff Simmons** and **Jeff Sperring** have spearheaded efforts on the PHM planning committee to ensure and promote strong academic content in workshops offered. You will note that, in addition to Clinical and Practice Management/Leadership tracks, there are tracks in Quality/Safety, Education, and Research. We are excited by the change in meeting format and look forward to vibrant sessions!
- **Ron Teufel** and **Karen Wilson**, as leaders of the AAP SOHM Research Subcommittee, spearheaded the abstract selection process in its inaugural year for the Pediatric Hospital Medicine meeting with help from **Jeff Simmons**. This was a very competitive year with over triple the number of submissions from previous years, and abstracts underwent blinded review by an expert panel. The meeting will feature several dynamic presentations in a dynamic Plenary Platform session on Friday. Breakout Platforms on Saturday will feature Health Service, Quality Improvement, Clinical Research, and Education and Practice. Finally, posters will be presented on Friday and Saturday.
- A formal update on the Pediatric Hospital Medicine Roundtable activities will be provided. The PHM Roundtable group has been working on several items. First, the Governance group, led by **Erin Stucky**, has drafted documents which outline ongoing work with each of the three societies that contribute to Pediatric Hospital Medicine: APA, AAP, and SHM. Second, the Workforce group, led by **Doug Carlson** and Jen Daru, is developing a dashboard. Third, the Education group, led by **Mary Ottolini** and **Jennifer Maniscalco**, are pleased to report the PHM Core Competencies are now available at the Journal of Hospital medicine website and a paper version for purchase at PHM. In addition, a central repository of materials for curriculum development is being developed, and includes a night float curriculum. The QI group, led by Steve Narang, has three collaboratives underway including the VIP network. Finally, the Research group, led by **Raj Srivastava**, will report on PRIS network activities, including recent funding support.
- In addition, an update on discussions with the ABP about how to petition the American Board of Medical Specialties and ABP for development of a Pediatric Hospital Medicine subspecialty will be provided.

Once again, we are looking forward to the chance to see old friends and make new connections!

Since it's never too soon to be thinking of the next opportunity to promote our emerging academic field, please think about submissions you'd be interested in seeing for the 2011 Pediatric Academic Societies meeting in Denver, Colorado. Invited science topics are being solicited with a deadline of July 1, 2010. The Planning Committee is soliciting suggestions for state of the art plenary, topic symposia, hot topics, mini-course, or meet the professor breakfast sessions.

Topic symposia address issues and controversies around topics of interest to a particular audience. As such, they are usually focused on a more specific topic than the State of the Art Plenary and often allow time for active audience discussion. Topic symposia run concurrently with original science platforms, poster symposia and workshops. Hot topics focus on areas of rapid clinical discovery and excitement. We have received feedback from hospitalists interested in developing QI material at PAS, and this is a great forum to do so. Proposals should be submitted electronically using the web-based 2011 Official PAS Program Submission program found on our website at www.pas-meeting.org. Questions about proposals can be directed to Debbie Anagnostelis at debbiea@aps-spr.org. A separate call for PAS workshops will be issued later, and the deadline is August 13, 2010. The PAS abstract deadline will be November 17, 2010 this year.

Finally, we are very sad to announce that **Jeff Sperring** will be vacating his SIG co-chair. We are interested in hearing from people who'd be interested in filling his spot. We are also looking ahead and considering ways to standardize selection and terms of SIG chairs. We are leaning toward instituting term limits for the SIG chair,

probably in three year increments, to coordinate with the three other organizations as PHM restructures. We are also considering ways to institute a nomination and election process, probably through a dormant APA Hospitalist SIG Listserve. If you have ideas or suggestions about this process, please contact any of the three of us. So keep your ears out for more information in the near future.

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Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Meetings!

- **Pediatric Hospital Medicine, July 22-25, 2010, Minneapolis, Minnesota**
- **APA-APPD Combined Leadership and Peer Mentoring (4th annual National Leadership Conference) , September 21-22, 2010, Reston, Virginia**
- **American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition, October 2-5, 2010, San Francisco, California**
- **Pediatric Academic Societies, April 30- May 3, 2011, Denver, Colorado**
- **Society of Hospital Medicine, May 10-13, 2011, Dallas, Texas**

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Medical Informatics

Our "**Meaningful Use in Medical Informatics**" was a big success this year. Nationally recognized informatician and newly appointed Director of the AAP's Child Health Informatics Center, Christoph Lehmann, M.D. lead an enthusiastic discussion among the participants. Dr. Lehmann also spoke about the efforts of the American Medical Informatics Association in seeking approval to **recognize Medical Informatics as its own medical specialty**. The "Medical Informatics Round Robin" featured three talks about telemedicine in rheumatology, seasonal influenza and H1N1 prevention efforts in the United States and Mexico.

According to the American Medical Informatics Association, "Biomedical and health informatics is an emerging, interdisciplinary and diverse field that:

- Combines health sciences (such as medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy and allied health) with computer science, management and decision science, biostatistics, engineering and information technology.
- Solves problems in health care delivery, pharmaceutical, biomedical and health sciences research, health education and clinical/medical decision making.
- Is essential in all aspects of health care and biomedicine."

The APA Medical Informatics SIG goals are to:

- Provide a forum for APA members to discuss all aspects of pediatric medicine and present their scholarly work in the field
- Offer opportunity to network with other pediatric professionals interested in pediatric medical informatics
- Introduce other pediatric professionals to the field of medical informatics

We encourage anyone who is interested in using computers in medicine in any form to join the SIG. You don't have to be a technical person to be a member; many of us aren't! If you have ideas, suggestions, comments or questions, please contact the SIG Leader: **Emily Chui Webber** (emwebber@iupui.edu).

We are also looking for one or two people for **new leadership of the SIG** beginning next spring. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact the SIG Leader: **Emily Chui Webber** (emwebber@iupui.edu).

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Quality Improvement

The APA QI SIG held a successful meeting at PAS in 2010. Several people participated in a lively discussion to plan a one-day conference at the 2011 PAS focused on QI. Numerous possible foci for such a conference were considered.

Ultimately, the decision came down to a focus on research and evaluation methods for studying whether, why and how healthcare quality improvement interventions work versus a conference focused on the actual doing of healthcare quality improvement.

On the premise that a stronger research base would actually help APA members to design and implement effective QI interventions, the group decided that the first full-day meeting should focus on methods to build the science of QI, to be followed by other events addressing other critical needs of APA members.

Three meeting participants (Larry Kleinman, **Michael Cabana**, **Rita Mangione-Smith**) agreed to take the lead on developing a proposal to get funding, with the input of many other eager participants. Immediate next steps include seeking APA Board approval so that APA will be the official applicant for support. Our plan is to hold the one-day conference the day before the official start of PAS 2011.

The SIG co-chairs also encouraged meeting participants to participate in the QI Research and Methods workshop held the day following the SIG meeting, and many did.

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Serving the Underserved

The Serving the Underserved SIG had a wonderful joint meeting with the Advocacy SIG in beautiful Vancouver. It started off with an inspirational panel led by moderator Jeff Kaczoroski centered on developing a successful career by serving and advocating for the underserved. We thank the panelists-**Stephen Berman, Ben Hoffman, and Elisa Nicholas**-for sharing, with us, their insights and lessons learned along their diverse paths. We then had resident presentations and poster sessions. It was amazing to see the breadth of advocacy projects focused on serving the underserved that is taking place across the country at pediatric residency programs!

We hope that all of you have returned home still energized from PAS! A primary goal for the SIG is to keep the energy and momentum going throughout the year by developing stronger academic collaborations within the SIG.

To accomplish this goal, we are hoping to develop small workgroups focused on specific topics related to serving the underserved. Potential topics identified by the SIG Chairs include: 1) ensuring healthcare access for uninsured children who fall through the system; 2) creating linkages and partnerships between pediatric primary care and community partners to assist families with their social needs; and 3) enhancing the practice of serving the underserved by identifying challenges and innovative solutions for delivery of care and career advancement. We hope that the SUS SIG members, based on their shared interests, can work within these workgroups, throughout the year, to come up with innovative strategies and solutions that can be shared within our SIG and the APA.

We will be sending an email out to everyone who attended the meeting along with the members of the listserv. We'd like to have a conference call in the late summer; open to individuals who want to take an active role in moving these workgroups forward!

This is an exciting time for our SIG. We look forward to continue advancing the Serving the Underserved SIG forward with your help. Please email us anytime with your thoughts and suggestions.

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Women in Medicine

The meeting of the Women in Medicine SIG occurred on Sunday morning May 2, 2010. The session opened with an appreciative exercise where participants formed dyads seeking a partner who was about 10 years older or younger than themselves. In addition to introducing themselves, each was to mention where they were 10

years ago, where they would like to be 10 years hence, and what the potential barriers were. Dyads then introduced their partner to the entire group.

The next portion of the SIG involved a very enlightening panel discussion on: “Stepping Aside or Clogging the Pipeline: The Methuselah Principle”. SIG chair, **Carol Berkowitz** served as a moderator for the panel, and highlighted some of the key questions for senior-most faculty, including presenting challenging vignettes.

Marianne Felice, Professor and Chair in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts, spoke on “Will Baby Boomers STAY Forever or Bail out Early?” **Bruder Stapleton**, Professor and Chair in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Washington School of Medicine, specifically addressed his approach to the challenging scenarios and then focused on the challenges that chairs face in an academic department.

The last panelist was Judith Hall OC, MD, Professor Emerita of Pediatrics and Medical Genetics UBC & Children’s and Women’s Health Centre of BC. Dr. Hall presented data from a 2002 survey by the American Pediatric Society and discussed her own personal experience with mandatory retirement, which had been a policy in British Columbia.

All presentations are available on the APA website. As expected there was an animated discussion following the formal presentations. The discussion then heralded a session where topics for next year’s SIG were proposed. Below is a list of suggestions, with an opportunity for all interested parties to email Carol Berkowitz at carolb@pol.net.

1. Navigating generational differences: Different for men and for women?
2. Personal crisis management (death, divorce, illness and loss): resources available; how to ask for help; how to be helpful as a boss.
3. Career planning: forks in the road; speed mentoring
4. Gender blinded mentoring
5. Impact of part-time faculty on the entire department/institution. What if everyone is part-time??
6. How to handle the new level of activity and intensity of medical care with old patterns of care and service.
7. Debate: Faculty members are working harder and longer than residents.

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Announcements

APA 2011 Young Investigator Award Opportunities

The APA Board of Directors will announce this summer the 2011 award cycle of the Academic Pediatric Association Young Investigator Award (YIA) Program. The Program provides awards of up to \$10,000 or \$15,000 (depending upon the specific program) for research by fellows or junior faculty related to child health promotion, health services research, teaching, or patient care. Projects must be consistent with the goals of the APA; preference is given to projects that have the potential to lead to further studies.

Projects supported by the YIA Program, as well as the start dates, numbers of awards available, and funding amounts, vary according to the specific program. The four award categories are:

- The APA YIA Program broadly funds projects in health services research, medical education, adolescent medicine, public health, epidemiology, emergency medicine, child maltreatment, hospitalist medicine, developmental/behavioral pediatrics, and other general pediatric clinical research domains.

- The APA YIA Program supported by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) funds either (a) studies that involve quality improvement, or (b) analysis of existing datasets (e.g., the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, HCUP KID, SED and related products, or CAHPS) without collection of new data.
- The APA YIA Program supported by The Commonwealth Fund supports studies focused on improving preventive and developmental services for young children 0-5 years old.
- The APA Bright Futures YIA Program supported by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics funds projects aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of and research base for health supervision in primary care.

The YIA Program involves a two-step selection process. A two-page initial proposal will be due in October 2011, and a select group will be invited to submit full proposals. Exact dates will be available in the summer of 2010.

Information about the YIA 2011 cycle will be posted on the APA website at www.academicped.org by July 2010. Please share this information with your fellows and junior faculty. It isn't too soon to get them thinking about possible proposals!

Award Winners

Congratulations to all of the Award Winners

George Armstrong Lecture
UNICEF- Mark Chopra

Health Care Delivery Award
Scott Krugman

International Health Award 2010
Sajid Bashir Soofi

Ludwig-Seidel Award
Abigail F Nixon

Michael Shannon Award
Adelheid Sourbry

Miller-Sarkin Mentoring Award
Larrie W. Greenberg

Public Policy and Advocacy Award
Lisa Simpson

Ray E. Helfer Award
Michael Weisgerber
Tao Xu

Research Award
Dimitri A. Christakis

Call For Abstracts

In anticipation of PAS 2011 in Denver April 30-May 3, the Evidence-Based Pediatrics SIG of the APA is calling for abstracts for two types of presentations:

- 1) Presentations describing successful programs of teaching EBM to medical students, pediatric trainees, or faculty
- 2) Presentations of studies of EBM teaching methodologies

To respond, please email to both jacobson.robert@mayo.edu and hans.kersten@drexelmed.edu , in 250 words or less, a descriptive summary. Please include in your 250 words the title of your presentation, the submitters' names, the submitters' departments and institutions. Please indicate to which call you are submitting. Submitters may submit an abstract to each. All submissions will be considered solely on their merit. Submissions are due October 1, and submitters will be notified November 1, 2010. Presentations will take place during the Evidence-Based Pediatrics SIG Session at PAS 2011. The date, time, and location are not yet available. Submission to this session does not preclude its submission to the general scientific sessions of the PAS 2011 meeting.

Ellen Crain honored by Environmental Health SIG

On May 2, **Ellen Crain** was honored by the Environmental Health SIG for her leadership in launching the Fellowship Program in Pediatric Environmental Health at the APA. Dr. Crain, who served as APA President in 1999-2000, chose environmental health as the focus of her presidency project. In the attached photo, she is shown with John Balbus (L) of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, and **Ruth Etzel** (R) of the World Health Organization.

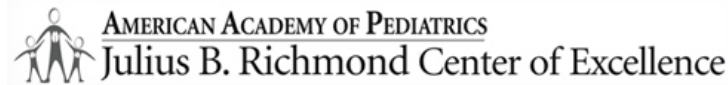


GW Internal Consultant in Faculty Development Award

Larrie Greenberg, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Internal Consultant in Faculty Development, was presented the George Washington Award at commencement, the highest award to faculty based on outstanding contributions to the university.

Julius B. Richmond AAP/FAMRI Call for proposals

The Julius B. Richmond AAP/FAMRI Visiting Lectureships Program 2010/2011 Call for Proposals



The AAP Julius B. Richmond Center is dedicated to eliminating children's exposure to tobacco and secondhand smoke (SHS). The Richmond Center, supported by a grant from the Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute (FAMRI), provides child health clinicians with education, training, and tools needed to effectively intervene to protect children from the harmful effects of tobacco/secondhand smoke.

The Richmond Center's Visiting Lectureships Program provides pediatric trainees, child advocates, and academic or community pediatricians the opportunity to interact with leading academic pediatricians on topics related to children and SHS.

These visits have resulted in the development of tobacco control curricula, research program development, collaborations, increased awareness of careers in tobacco control, and have increased tobacco control interventions. Four awards of up to \$3,000 each fund 2-day programs.

2010 proposal deadline is Friday, September 3, 2010 at 5:00pm EST. Visit <http://www.aap.org/richmondcenter/fundingOpportunities.html> for applications/guidelines. Technical assistance is available to applicants; contact Tracy Sesselberg at richmondcenter@aap.org.

Oral History Project Highlight Video Online

Oral History Project Highlight Video is Online!

It was a wonderful celebration of APA's 50th birthday in Vancouver! The setting was gorgeous and I can still feel the beat from Kunaka, the children's marimba band. The reflections on APA's past and future were inspiring. It was fun to catch up with old and new members.

The APA Oral History Project highlight video was played featuring interviews from ten APA founders and first presidents. The 16 minute video produced by **Ken Roberts** is now on the APA website www.academicped.org under "What's New." It takes a minute to download but please take a look! It stars Barbara Korsch, Richard W. Olmsted, **Robert J. Haggerty**, **Joel J. Alpert**, John H. Kennell, **Katherine S. Lobach**, Evan Charney, **Frederick North, Jr.**, I. Barry Pless, and Barbara Starfield. I interviewed four more early APA Presidents in Vancouver and hope to continue to archive APA's history.

APA is on Facebook!

43 friends and counting. Don't miss out on announcements, discussions and photos of Vancouver. Go to Academic Pediatric Association on facebook.

Spotlight on the 2010 APA Health Care Delivery Award

*In the 2006 Armstrong Lecture, **Kenneth Roberts**, asked, “Who’s Worrying About the Children—And What Are They Doing About It?” Across the United States, community hospitals play a key role in the care of children. Each year, health care professionals (other than pediatricians) provide care for 75% of the children admitted to non-children’s hospitals.*

*In May 2010, the Franklin Square Hospital Center Department of Pediatrics received the APA Health Care Delivery Award for their approach to ensuring high quality care for children, as well as their innovative work in pediatric education, quality improvement and community engagement. At Franklin Square Hospital Center, community-based pediatricians are delivering high quality care and community education from an “adult” oriented community hospital. This article, by **Scott Krugman**, highlights this program and its impact.*



Background:

Community hospitals care for 75% of pediatric inpatients and over 90% of emergency department (ED) visits across the county. Many of these hospitals struggle to deliver quality care. Frequently, inpatient children are



cared for on the same floor as adults with cross-trained staff. Only 6% of community hospital EDs have equipment for children. In outpatient practice, almost 20% of children are cared for by family physicians, who may have received as little as 3 months of training in pediatric medicine. Similar to children in an adult world, pediatric departments in “adult” community hospitals often struggle to obtain the resources they need to care for children.

The Department of Pediatrics at Franklin Square Hospital Center in Baltimore, Maryland has created innovative systems to deliver the highest quality pediatric care in the community setting. Franklin Square transformed hospital based pediatric care by creating a combined Pediatric Emergency Department/Inpatient Unit (PED/Inpatient unit) from a traditional care system of an inpatient unit and a single ED. The combined unit has created improved outcomes in all facets of care.

The department exemplifies an academically-oriented community pediatric department by providing an array of outreach programs to the local community while teaching pediatrics to medical students and residents.

Health care goals of the program

The mission of Franklin Square's Department of Pediatrics is to serve the health care needs of infants, children, and families in our community by providing the highest quality pediatric care and education.

Providing high quality care and education drives all aspects of the department and the mission guides our goals:

1. To provide high quality care to children throughout the continuum of life (birth through adolescence) in all settings – nursery/NICU, primary care, emergency department, and inpatient
2. To provide community programs that enhance pediatric well being
3. To train family medicine residents and medical students to competently care for children

Description of the kinds of services provided

PED/Inpatient unit: The most innovative care delivery system we implemented was the combined pediatric emergency department/inpatient unit. As mentioned above, from 1999-2003, the inpatient census declined from an average of 7/day to 3.5/day, which limited hospitalist productivity and inpatient nursing staffing. A decision was made to consolidate all pediatric care on one unit – the combined Pediatric Emergency Department (PED) /Inpatient unit. At the time, 19,000 children were being seen in the ED and 600 were admitted. A space adjacent to the single ED at the



The Staff of the Pediatric ED/Inpatient Unit

time was converted from 12 inpatient rooms to six semi-private Pediatric Emergency Department (PED) rooms. Three rooms were converted into flexible space that could be used as either three more semi-private PED rooms or three inpatient rooms. Finally, the last three rooms remained dedicated for inpatients. Overall, the unit houses 12-16 PED beds and 3-6 inpatient beds.

The new unit opened early January 2004 and is staffed 24/7 by 1 pediatrician who provides emergency care to all children and coverage for the inpatients while the service attending is away from the hospital. A service attending rounds on the inpatients in the morning with the family medicine resident team. An emergency medicine trained physician provides double coverage for the PED patients during evening hours.

Three to six pediatric nurses, one secretary, and one or two techs are split between the PED and inpatient unit depending on census, allowing for consistent staffing despite a variable inpatient census.

The PED/Inpatient Unit offers the full range of pediatric services including medical, mental health crisis, and pediatric surgical care. The most critically ill children are transferred to one of three local Pediatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs). Our staff of highly trained pediatricians and nurses allows us to manage up to an intermediate level of care, enabling us to keep more children in their community rather than sending them to a PICU downtown.

Nursery/NICU: The other hospital based service provided by the department of pediatrics includes care for 2800 newborn infants born each year in either the well baby nursery or the level 3+ NICU staffed by 3 neonatologists and 5 neonatal nurse practitioners (NNPs). For almost 20 years, the NICU has provided family centered care to over 300 newborns, annually. The March of Dimes awarded our NICU the first Family Support Program in Maryland.

Outpatient: In the outpatient arena, the department operates a growing faculty practice that expects to see over 11,000 children this year. In addition to primary care, this site offers specialty care with developmental/behavioral pediatricians, pediatric surgeons from the University of Maryland, and the hospital's NICU follow up clinic. As part of a collaborative arrangement with the family medicine department, four pediatricians provide patient care and teaching time in the FHC, the family medicine resident's continuity site. The FHC provides 15,000 pediatric visits/year to almost 7,000 mostly low-income children in our community. The FHC serves as a safety net clinic for the underserved population in the area with over 70% of children having Medicaid or no insurance and a large immigrant population.

Community outreach: Since 1998, the department has exemplified the meaning of "community pediatrics." A few examples of our community programs will be highlighted.

- **Child Protection Team:** In 2000 the department of pediatrics founded one of the few community hospital based child protection teams (CPT) in the country. The CPT provides 24/7 social work coverage for child abuse cases in the PED or inpatient unit. The hospital evaluates all victims of acute (<72 hours) child sexual abuse in Baltimore County and provides diagnostic and evaluative services for the local department of social services for children who have been suspected of being physically abused or neglected. Annually, the program serves over 300 children and conducts multidisciplinary, collaborative team meetings with local agencies to improve systems-based responses to abused children.
- **Child abuse prevention:** In addition to the child abuse evaluation, in 2003 the department began to also focus on child abuse prevention. A newborn nursery abusive head trauma (AHT) prevention program

was implemented to teach all parents of newborns how to cope with crying infants. All parents who deliver at Franklin Square receive a brochure and counseling about shaking infants, strategies to cope with crying infants, and the opportunity to watch a prevention video. Additionally, each parent signs a commitment statement to educate all caregivers of their child about the dangers of shaking infants. Our implementation effort has led to an increase in signed statements from 70% in 2004 to 98% this past year. Our department has hosted five AHT prevention symposiums with national leaders and helped lead the county prevention coalition since 2004.

- **Infant sleep safety:** In collaboration with the Office of Injury Prevention of the Baltimore County Health Department and local child fatality review team, Franklin Square has led the way in preventing sleep related deaths. Up to 80% of non-neonatal deaths of infants in our county, are a result of unsafe sleep positions. Our department premiered prevention efforts in 2006 and have now implemented a parallel program to the AHT prevention efforts. In 2007 we cut the rate of infants dying from a sleep related cause, in half.
- **Fit Families at Franklin Square:** In 2006, we began our pediatric weight management program. This program utilizes a team approach between a pediatrician, dietician, and an exercise specialist to emphasize healthy nutrition and physical fitness to families. Overweight children in our community now have a local resource. Community physicians can refer overweight children to our nutritionist for a comprehensive evaluation in an office setting. If interested, these families can join the fit families evening program, which is a four week course on nutrition and physical exercise. Since its inception over 200 children have participated.
- **Reach Out and Read (ROR):** Our department launched the first ROR program in Baltimore County in 2000. Initially, one site, the FHC, participated in the program. Now, the program has expanded to include Franklin Square Pediatrics at Perry Hall and the Healthcare for the Homeless sites. The FSH ROR program gives out 4,000 books each year and is the largest in the county.

Education

Franklin Square Hospital pediatricians provide education to medical students from the University of Maryland and 24 (8/8/8) family medicine residents based at the hospital. The Family Medicine (FM) Residency Program began in 1971 and is the only community hospital based program in Maryland. Since 1998, pediatricians have collaborated with the family medicine department and have been considered “core faculty” (a FM RRC designation).

The impact of our department on the success of the FM residency pediatric education is demonstrated by their success on the pediatric section of the in-service training exam. Each PGY-1 class for the past 8 years has entered with a mean pediatric score well below the national average. By the PGY-3 exam, the class’s mean

pediatric scores are well above the national average and the highest average of any section of the test. Additionally, from 1999-2006 the FM department has awarded several pediatricians, the teacher of the year at graduation; they created a separate pediatric teaching award.

Outcomes:

Overall, there has been increased inpatient and outpatient volume with strong patient satisfaction scores. The average length of stay has decreased from 2.5 to 1.5 days with rare readmissions. The program continues to maintain a strong safety record with no E-I medication errors since 2006, as well as improved quality of care indicators for asthma.

Dissemination:

We believe that this program can serve as a model for community hospital pediatric care in any facility. The combined unit can serve as an ideal care model for community hospitals across the country. The program offers a structure for delivering quality care in a child friendly setting that improves patient satisfaction, staff satisfaction, and financial outcomes. While each hospital will have unique challenges (e.g. emergency medicine groups that do not want to give up profits, family medicine physicians who do not want to collaborate, etc.), creating a profitable community-oriented pediatrics department with a teaching mission is a feat that can be replicated anywhere.

by Scott Krugman

Workshop on Children's Health and the Environment

Johannesburg, South Africa
August 4, 2010

The International Pediatric Association (IPA), in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), is sponsoring a 1-day workshop on Children's Health and the Environment on **August 4, 2010** in Johannesburg. The workshop is designed for pediatricians who plan to teach other providers about children's health and the environment.

Learning Objectives

After this workshop, pediatricians will:

1. Identify risks to children from environmental tobacco smoke, chemicals (e.g. lead, mercury, pesticides), air, water and food contaminants, emerging issues (e.g. climate change), and other environmental hazards;
2. Describe how to recognize, diagnose, prevent and manage adverse effects linked to these environmental risk factors;
3. Describe why children may be at increased risk of adverse health outcomes and developmental consequences from environmental exposures to chemical, physical and biological agents;
4. Describe when and how the fetus, the child and the adolescent may be exposed to environmental hazards in different rural and urban settings;

We hope that you will consider attending. Please visit the IPA website <http://www.ipa-world.org> (click on “Key Program Areas”) or contact **Ruth Etzel** if you would like to place your name on a list to receive additional information and a registration form for this workshop.

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