



NE Chapter, AAP Newsletter



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From the Chapter President

Our Fall Conference on October 20th was a great success. We had a wonderful program covering a variety of important subjects. Our panel of speakers included generalists and specialists, and they tailored their presentations to be pertinent for general practice.

Dr. Ali Khan, Dean of the College of Public Health gave an inspiring keynote address about the role of pediatricians in promoting the health of children and adults in the state of Nebraska. Drs. Amy Lacroix and Jean Amoura addressed the topic of transgender youth from both primary care and specialty perspectives. Subspecialty updates in cardiology (Dr. Rob Spicer), Hem/Onc, (Dr. Don Coulter), allergy/immunology (Dr. Hana Nieber), and infectious diseases (Dr. Jessica Snowden) were informative and well received.

Dr. Andria Powers gave a radiology workshop and discussed primary care related imaging concepts.

The program also included a business meeting and update from chapter leaders on the state of affairs of the Chapter, as well as a social hour at Cedar for fun and networking.

We plan to finalize the program for the 2018 Fall Conference to allow members plenty of time to arrange their schedules and plan to attend.

We hope to see you all next year at the Fall Conference!

Best Regards,

Arwa Nasir, MD
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Social Media

Keep up to date with Chapter happenings, as well as hot-off-the-press pediatric news.



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Interested in helping with the social media subcommittee or have an idea you want to share?

Contact:

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

Updated NE AAP Bylaws Available Online for Review

The NE AAP Executive Committee approved changes to the organizations bylaws at its September meeting.

The new bylaws are available for review online.

(Click link then scroll to bottom of page under "Resources")

Legislative Update

Nov 1: AAP Day of Action to Extend CHIP funding

The House is planning to vote this week on federal legislation extending funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Helping Ensure Access for Little Ones, Toddlers, and Hopeful Youth by Keeping Insurance Delivery Stable (HEALTHY KIDS) Act of 2017. Although House Republicans and Democrats agree on the bill to extend CHIP funding for five years, they have not reached a bipartisan agreement on how to fund the legislation. CHIP reauthorization is critical for millions of children to retain their health coverage. By now you should have received an email from AAP regarding the AAP Day of Action containing the information and resources you need to participate. We urge you to use your voice on behalf of Nebraska's children.

EHDI Reauthorization

On October 18, the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Act was signed by President Trump. This reauthorization of the federal program that provides hearing screenings for newborns, infants and young children includes improved access to appropriate follow-up and intervention services and recognizes the 'medical home' as central to hearing screening. The [Academy issued a statement](#) applauding the bipartisan efforts to advance this critical bill for children's health.



Registration for the 2018 AAP Legislative Conference is officially open!

Each year, the conference brings together pediatricians, residents and medical students from across the country who share a passion for child health advocacy. Participants attend skills-building workshops, hear from guest speakers, learn about policy priorities impacting children and pediatricians and go to Capitol Hill to urge Congress to support strong child health policies.

Visit aap.org/legcon for more information and registration.

Scholarships available!

There are a limited number of scholarships available. More information and the application form can be found [here](#).

We hope to see you in April!

For information outlining the changes that were made, please contact director@nebraska-aap.org.

Did You Know?

Percent of Emerging Adults Reporting Risk Behaviors

17.9%
Currently Smoking

46.2%
Obese

33.4%
Binge Drinking

19.3%
Illicit Drug or Alcohol Abuse or Addiction in the past year

Statistics according to the 2016 Kids Count in Nebraska report.

Attn: Douglas County Pediatricians

You are invited to participate in the following IRB approved research study: Exploring Infant Safe Sleep Practices to Prevent Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths. This study is sponsored by the UNMC College of Public Health and the Douglas County Health Department.

The research team would like to obtain a pediatrician's perspective on safe sleep practices for infants. Participation in the study will involve participating in focus group interviews to be scheduled at the convenience of the physicians.

Interested? Contact Carol Isaac @ 402-444-7219 or Dr. Drissa Toure @ 402- 559-9661.

Tackle Childhood Obesity Cases with National Experts via TeleECHO Clinics

Children's Hospital & Medical Center, in collaboration with the Nebraska Chapter AAP, is recruiting Nebraska providers to participate in Project ECHO. Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is initially focused on improving capacity of primary care teams (the SPOKES) to provide quality care for the obese child.

- Registration is FREE for individuals and teams
- Each 1.25-hour virtual session includes a 15-20 minute presentation by regional and/or national experts on a specific topic concerning childhood obesity, followed by case review and discussions.

**November 9th:
Motivational Interviewing &
Primary Care Prevention**
(Presenting Specialist Dr. Christopher Bolling)

**December 7th:
Early Assessment & Identification - Early Childhood**
(Presenting Specialist Dr. Sandra Hassink)

**December 14th:
Management of the Severely Obese Child**
(Presenting Specialist Dr. Christy Turer)

For more information and to register, please contact [Dr. Karla Lester, Medical Director](#) or [Jen Mertens, ECHO Coordinator](#).