AAP: Letter from the Med-Peds Chair

Allen Friedland, MD, FACP, FAAP
AAP Chair, Section on Med-Peds

The AAP Section on Med-Peds executive committee is grateful to our section members (and soon to be members) and those from the Med-Peds Program Directors’ Association (MPPDA), the National Med-Peds Residents’ Association (NMPRA), the Society of General Internal Medicine and the Society of Hospital Medicine that participated in our combined executive committee meeting. We are also grateful to so many initiatives such as the Physician Health and Wellness booth (shout out to Himani Divatia, DO and her medical student, resident and attending army for its success), the NMPRA annual meeting (kudos to Tony Pastor, MD et. al. for a very unique hands on meeting using ultrasound), the med-peds section program (awesome sports medicine talks by Hamish Kerr, MD; Kelsey Logan, MD and Brad Bley, DO) and all the clinical abstract presenters and winners Dr. Tsien and Dr. Rodrigues (many thanks to Valerie Press, MD for spearheading that program).

At the executive committee meeting we discussed:

- efforts on influencing the pediatric hospitalist certification discussion (Russ Kolarik, MD as President of MPPDA will be representing all 3 organizations),
- a proposal to change our section bylaws to include a new Section Affiliate members (thanks to Kevin O’Callaghan, MD and if passed, this will allow medical students to be specifically listed in our section),
- transition care (kudos to Patience White, MD),
- new potential CME venues for the section that may include med-peds away CME or webinars,
- a med-peds workforce survey (thanks Michael Donnelly, MD),
- a new combined medical student sign-up sheet (when you visit students they can now be tracked by all 3 organizations at once)
- a cheat sheet to the maintenance of certification process (thanks Steven Scofield, MD),
- and a donation letter for more section funding (kudos to Sam Borden, MD).

Please consider getting involved in any of the above initiatives or write a newsletter article, review an AAP clinical report (shout out to Tommy Cross, Jr, MD) or propose content to our section website. The section is here to serve your needs and we want to be able to add value to the med-peds physician community and your membership.
**Save the Date**

FOR
UPCOMING
AAP PROGRAMS

**American College of Physicians**

April 10-12, 2014
Orlando, FL

**MED-PEDS SESSION AT IM14**

- Thursday, April 10, 2014
- 7:00-8:00 A.M.
- **Title:**
A Practical (and Philosophical) Approach to Treating Common Mental Health Problems in the Primary Care Setting.

- **Faculty:**
Elizabeth (Betsy) Toll, MD, FAAP

**MED-PEDS RECEPTION**

- April 11, 2014. 6-7 p.m.
- Location: TBD

**AAP National Conference & Exhibition**

- October 10-13, 2014
- San Diego, CA

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**RECAP**

**NMPRA Southeast Regional Conference 2013**

transitions in the southeast

**Hanaa al-Khasa Nik Rushdi, MD**

**PGY-3 Resident**

We were so thrilled to be able to host the Southeast Regional NMPRA conference this year. We had sunny skies, friendly attendees, handmade signs and the support of medical students, residents and attendings of East Carolina University.

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Our goal was to learn how to successfully transition kids with complex medical problems into a successful adulthood. We explored the nuances of congenital heart diseases, sickle cell disease and chronic kidney disease. We were even able to learn the physiological differences when it comes to treating sepsis in children and adults. We were also enlightened by Dr. Maria Ferris and the health outcomes of the Healthcare Transitions Consortium. We were grateful for our keynote speaker, Dr. S. Ray Mitchell, Dean of Georgetown Medical School. He showed us how Med Peds as a residency, like the children and adults we care for, has successfully transitioned to a healthy, professional, respected career path for thousands of physicians.

The conference was a fun (bear) to plan and exciting to execute. I encourage other programs out there to sponsor their own NMPRA regional meeting. The day was well worth all the effort!

If you would like more information or are interested hosting a regional NMPRA conference, please contact NMPRA@medpeds.org.

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**Memo**

If you attended a NMPRA conference this year, please help us improve future conferences by filling out our survey:

- **NMPRA CONFERENCE SURVEY**
CALLING ALL SUBMISSIONS!
Med-Peds Clinical Case Competition

Submissions are open to all members of the Section on Med-Peds, residents and non-residents. We will select multiple abstracts for presentation at this year’s NCE in San Diego, CA and will continue to have travel grants for the resident presenters that win the competition.

Applications for the 2014 Med-Peds Clinical Case Competition Program can be submitted started on January 17th and end in early April through the AAP’s regular NCE abstract submission process: (https://aap.confex.com/aap/2014/cfp.cgi).

Appropriate cases are any cases that have a relatively unique Med-Peds twist either from a diagnostic or a therapeutic perspective.

This year, the Med-Peds Clinical Case Competition Program is being co-chaired by Valerie Press, MD, FAAP and Anna Volerman, MD. Feel free to contact either of them directly if you have any questions regarding the Med-Peds Section Clinical Case Competition Program.

We look forward to great submissions this year!

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APPLY: ONLINE

WEB-BASED TRAINING FOR

Transitional Care

The Illinois Transition Care Project (a partnership between Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics and UIC-Specialized Care for Children) received MOC Part IV approval from all three primary care boards for its web-based trainings.

Course enrollment is now open nationally at http://icaap.knowledgedirectweb.com. The project offers two separate curricula:

- The pediatric course offers 15 CME PRA Category 1 Credits™ and 25 Maintenance of Certification Part IV points (approved by the American Board of Pediatrics).

- The adult medicine course offers 10 CME PRA Category 1 Credits™, 20 Maintenance of Certification Self-Evaluation credits (approved by the American Board of Internal Medicine) and 20 MC-FP Part IV points (approved by the American Board of Family Medicine).

E-mail Jodie Bargeron (jbargeron@illinoisaap.com) for more information


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Internal Medicine 2014

Orlando, FL

April 10-12

Orange County Convention Center, Orlando
“Serving the Underserved”
Keynote Address by: Father Greg Boyle, Founder, Homeboy Industries

Saturday, April 5th, 2014
8:00AM - 3:00PM
LAC+USC Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
Inpatient Tower, Conference Rooms A and B

FOOD: HOMEGIRL CAFÉ!!
CONFEREnCE FEE: $10.00 (online) or $20.00 (in person) for everyone.
PAYMENT: 1: go to http://www.servingunderserved.org/
2: click DONATE
3: click on the link “Add special instructions to the seller”
4: type your name and that you are ‘donating $10 to attend the Western Regional Med+Peds Meeting’ in the drop down box.


ABSTRACTS: We are currently accepting abstracts for poster presentations. Poster categories include scholarly activities, clinical case vignettes, and QI/advocacy projects.
Please submit your poster abstract to medandpeds@gmail.com by 3/15/14.

QUESTIONS? Contact us at medandpeds@gmail.com
The annual NMPRA meeting brought together med peds students, residents, and faculty from across the country, and provided practical and exciting experiences in ultrasound and technology medicine this past October in Orlando, FL.

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**Contact us:**

- For general information about NMPRA, email nmpra@medpeds.org.
- To contribute to the next Perspective, please email secretary@medpeds.org.
- More information about med-peds can be found at www.aap.org/medpeds.