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# The Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

## PNP appointed to ACIP

Stinchfield named first nurse to serve on this prestigious panel

Department of Health & Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson has appointed NAPNAP Member Patsy Stinchfield, MSN, RN, CPNP of Minnesota to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Stinchfield is the first nurse practitioner or nurse to be appointed to ACIP. She will serve a four year appointment.

NAPNAP Past President Mary Margaret Gottesman, PhD, RN, CPNP first nominated Stinchfield for an appointment to ACIP, which brings together the nation's leading experts on vaccine-preventable disease to guide U.S. policy on immunization, in September 2002. Immediate Past President Margaret Brady, PhD, RN, CPNP successfully renominated Stinchfield in August 2003.



"I offer my highest recommendation to Patsy Stinchfield," Dr. Brady said in her letter to Secretary Thompson. "She is truly an expert and a wonderful collaborator."

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## Election Results

The 2004-2005 election ballots have been tabulated and the results are:

President-elect - Jo Ann Serota, MSN, RN, CPNP  
Treasurer - W. Lawrence Daniels, MSN, CPNP  
Professional Issues Chair - Rosemary Liguori, PhD, CPNP  
Chapters' Coordinator - Kathy Watson, MS, RN, CS, CPNP  
Nominations Committee - Ann Linguiti Pron, MSN, RN, CRNP

We congratulate President Ric Ricciardi, MSN, CPNP and all our new officers whose term began July 1. Thanks again to all returning Executive Board Members, all the candidates, and everyone who took the time to return their ballots.

## Resources continued...

The kit contains practical, easy-to-use clinical information, patient information in English and Spanish, scientific literature, and a CD-ROM. To order your free tool kit, please visit [www.cdc.gov/ncipc/pub-res/tbi\\_toolkit/toolkit.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/pub-res/tbi_toolkit/toolkit.htm). You also can fax your request to 770/488-4338, Attn: TBI tool kit.

### Early detection of developmental delay

The Pathways Awareness Foundation, a non-profit organization that produces multimedia materials for both professionals and parents to raise awareness and highlight the benefit of early detection and early therapy of movement differences in children, has released "Assure the Best for your Baby's Physical Development." This brochure enables parents to track their child's speech, play and physical development from 3 to 15 months of age. For a free brochure or more information call 800,955-2445. or visit [www.pathwaysawareness.org](http://www.pathwaysawareness.org).

### Foster care

Dr. Mary Margaret Gottesman recommends an online newsletter from the Future of Children organization, which features information about Foster Care. To subscribe, send a blank email to [newsletter-join@futureofchildren.org](mailto:newsletter-join@futureofchildren.org)

### Teen depression

The KySS© listserve recently announced this article of interest:

[www.cnn.com/2004/HEALTH/parenting/01/29/depression.teens.reut/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2004/HEALTH/parenting/01/29/depression.teens.reut/index.html).

### Diabetes education

These resources can be downloaded from the National Diabetes Education Program website at

[www.ndep.nih.gov/diabetes/youth/youth.htm](http://www.ndep.nih.gov/diabetes/youth/youth.htm) or they can be ordered by calling 800/438-5383.

*Helping the Student with Diabetes Succeed: A Guide for School Personnel* provides tools and resources for implementing a team approach to diabetes management. NPs will find a sample diabetes management plan and emergency action plans to model for educating the school health team.

*Tips for Kids with Type 2 Diabetes* is a series of four (4) colorful patient education handouts that provide basic information about diabetes and how to manage it to live a long and healthy life. These reproducible tip sheets were developed to meet the need for easy-to-read handouts about type 2 diabetes tailored for children and their parents. Topics include: "What Is Diabetes?" "Be Active," "Eat Healthy," and "Stay at a Healthy Weight."

Single copies of the school guide and packets of 25 tip sheets are free. All NDEP materials may be reproduced and distributed without copyright restrictions.

### PDA preventive services tool

The Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality announced a new interactive tool, the *Preventive Services Selector*, an application for Palm Pilots and other PDAs that helps clinicians quickly and easily search for which preventive services to provide - or not provide - to patients based on their age and gender. Access <http://pda.ahrq.gov/> to download.

### Online Spanish videos

"Vaccines: Separating Fact from Fear" and "Vaccines and Your Baby" can now be viewed online in Spanish. Find them at [www.vaccine.chop.edu](http://www.vaccine.chop.edu) and clicking "multimedia" on the left margin navigation bar.

### Genetics newsletter

Agatha Gallo, PhD, CPNP reported that the spring issue of the *Genetic Family History in Practice* newsletter is now available on the NCHPEG website at [www.nchpeg.org](http://www.nchpeg.org). NCHPEG encourages you to download and distribute it freely.

### Mesquito season relief

Dr. Mary Margaret Gottesman recommended this resource for members as summer and mosquito season begin: [www.medscape.com/viewarticle/473758?src=mp](http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/473758?src=mp).