



AzAAP Pediatric Update

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Pediatric Council Update- Pevnar13

There has been a lot of discussion on the AzAAP's Best Pediatric Practices (BP²) ListServ lately about appropriate payment for vaccines – especially the new Pevnar13 vaccine. Participation in this practice management ListServ is free for AzAAP members. Read directions on how to sign up for the ListServ [here](#). Email rebecca@azaap.org after you register so that we can add you to our private group.

The AzAAP Pediatric Council continues to advocate for appropriate payment for vaccine acquisition and administration. They are busy educating health plans and collaborating with national AAP and the Arizona Partnership for Immunizations (TAPI). For an update on activities related to Pevnar13 advocacy [click here](#).

Practice Management and Vaccines CME Conference

Brought to you by a collaboration between The Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AzAAP) and the Arizona Partnership for Immunizations (TAPI)

Open to pediatricians, family physicians, obstetricians and other clinicians who provide immunizations. Also open to practice managers who work in offices where immunizations are provided.

Saturday, November 13, 2010

8:00am – 3:00pm

Phoenix Country Club

2901 N 7th Street

Phoenix, AZ 85014-5402

Registration is FREE for AzAAP MEMBERS and will be available shortly – stay tuned!

For CME information contact rebecca@azaap.org.

New Online CME Opportunity FREE

Pathways Awareness, in conjunction with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), are proud to announce the availability of a new online continuing medical education (CME) course: *Recognizing Early Motor Delays at the 2-month Pediatric Well Visit*.

The program, available at <http://www.pedialink.org/cme/htemd> is being offered FREE for all by entering the code PATHWAYS at check out. The 20 minute course provides 0.5 AAP, NANAP, and AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s). The curriculum uses side-by-side video comparisons of infant observation to help health care professionals, students, and caregivers recognize the signs of an early motor delay in children as early as 2 months of age and determine the most appropriate intervention if an early motor delay is observed. Early detection and early intervention are key to ensuring the best for all children's physical development. For more information on early motor delays and the help available, visit www.pathwaysawareness.org or call our toll free parent answered hotline at 1-800-955-CHILD (2445). More information is attached.

Survey: Obesity is considered the top health problem for youths

A national poll by Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan found nearly 40% of adults considered obesity to be the biggest threat to children and teens' health in 2010, followed by drug abuse and smoking. While obesity ranked highest among white respondents, blacks and Hispanics listed smoking and drug abuse as their top concerns, respectively. [The Vancouver Sun \(British Columbia\)](#)

Hearing loss cases among U.S. children are up 31%

The number of U.S. youth, ages 12 to 19, who suffer hearing loss increased from nearly 15% during the 1988 to 1994 period to 19.5% between 2005 and 2006, a study revealed. Researchers found that hearing loss was more common in boys and

Improving care for infants and children with hearing loss

A supplement to the August 2010 issue of Pediatrics entitled, "Improving the System of Care for Infants and Children with Early Hearing Loss," features a series of articles highlighting the challenges that remain to be addressed to ensure early diagnosis and intervention for all children with early hearing loss. In a foreword to the supplement, Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop reflects on how far we have come in implementing the newborn hearing screening program and expresses optimism that remaining problems can be solved through collaborative efforts, data-driven quality improvement activities and creative uses of new technology. To access the full supplement, visit the [Pediatrics website](#).

Study: Acetaminophen is tied to increased risk of asthma in teens

An international study found that teens who frequently took acetaminophen had a greater risk of having asthma, rhinoconjunctivitis or eczema compared with nonusers. Regular users of acetaminophen were also more likely to experience severe wheezing, the study revealed. [HealthDay News](#)

CDC report highlights need to improve teen vaccination efforts

A CDC report shows overall improvement in vaccination rates for U.S. teens, but rates of vaccination against tetanus, pertussis and meningitis still did not exceed 60% as of last year. "There is clear room for improvement in our system's ability to reach this age group," a CDC official said. [The Seattle Times/Scrrips Howard News Service](#)

Pertussis is making a comeback despite vaccinations

Children are getting vaccinations on schedule, but highly contagious pertussis is making a comeback across the U.S. anyway, experts say. Some suggest that waning immunity after vaccination may be one cause, along with delayed diagnosis and treatment for patients with pertussis. [The New York Times \(free registration\)](#)

AzHEC Seminars: Meaningful Use Final Rule & Electronic Health Records Facts for Providers & Practice Managers
Yuma - Aug. 10, Tucson - Aug. 11, Flagstaff - Aug. 24, Phoenix - Aug. 25 Arizona Health-e Connection (AzHEC) is hosting free seminars across the state for providers and practice managers. Each seminar will provide the facts about the final electronic health record incentive program; information about assistance resources including the Arizona Regional Extension Center and federal financial incentives; and perspective on how meaningful use will impact the local community. These seminars are being hosted by the Arizona Regional Extension Center (REC), which is one of 60 RECs around the country federally designated to provide healthcare providers a local resource for technical assistance guidance and information on best practices to support and accelerate EHRs adoption and meaningful use. **To register or for more information about locations and times, visit <http://guest.cvent.com/d/hdqfbx>.** When prompted, enter code mu2010 to receive the complimentary rate. Questions? Call AzHEC at 602-288-5130 or email ehr@azhec.org
AAP staff have reviewed the Final Rule and developed several resources to guide pediatricians and their practices in achieving Meaningful Use. <http://www.aap.org/ehr/>

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, September 16, 2010

From 6-8 PM

Come celebrate the opening of **Diamond Children's Medical Center** at University Medical Center and see the special place created for patients! In honor of the care you provide, this special preview is exclusive to physicians, other healthcare providers and their guests. For questions, please call Marilyn Kolp, assistant to Adaline Klemmedson at (520) 694-7561 or email: mkolp@umcaz

State of the State: A Symposium of Breastfeeding Research in Arizona

October 7, 2010

Arizona State University College of Nursing and Health Innovation

[For a flyer and list of faculty and topics click here](#)

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RESOURCES

Birth to Five Helpline

1-877-705-KIDS

The Birth to Five Helpline is open to all families with young children looking for the latest child development information from experts in the field. Professionals may also take advantage of this free service. Learn more or send families to:

http://www.swhd.org/az_inst_early_child_dev/child_abuse_prevention.php

FREE Web-Based CME on www.azpedialearning.org

Partnering with Pediatricians for **Healthy Living and Drug-Free Kids** is a one hour post-graduate course, jointly sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Pediatrics, Arizona Chapter in collaboration with The Partnership for a Drug-Free America, Arizona Affiliate. You should take Partnering with Pediatricians for Healthy Living and Drug-Free Kids if you are a primary care pediatrician, pediatric subspecialist, hospital and/or university faculty, resident, medical student, or nurse practitioner. The online course will be delivered in a web-based lecture format with special focus on education, case presentation and clinical issues. You can access the course at:

https://www.azpedialearning.org/SubstanceAbuseCME_1.asp

At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Discuss New Scientific Research on Prescription Drug Abuse
 - Apply Targeted communication strategies that effectively address this problem
 - Use the CRAFFT questionnaire as a brief, accurate tool for screening and intervention efforts
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[Check AzAAP Calendar webpage: for grand rounds, webinars and other monthly meetings](#)
