



INAAP Monthly News & Updates

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Letter from the President

What a month it has been! Locally and nationally, we will have new leadership in 2017, and new officials to collaborate with on important child health issues. Change often brings opportunity, and I look forward to working with each of you over the coming months towards the goal of furthering children's health in Indiana. Join us in 2017, and help us make a positive impact on this state in one of many ways:



1. Join one of our committees, where ongoing work continues to address our infant mortality rates, our smoking rates, payment for fluoride varnish to prevent dental caries, access to Reach out and Read throughout the state, and training and adequate payment for screening for Autism Spectrum Disorders (among many others!).
2. Attend the National AAP Legislative Conference this spring where you will be able to visit the offices of your Senators and Representatives on Capital Hill. A link with more information on the conference is available below. National AAP will need many voices to continue to push for CHIP coverage for children, as well as public health funding to address concerns like Zika. Your presence on the Hill makes a significant difference, and I would love for INAAP to be well represented this spring.
3. Follow INAAP on Facebook (www.facebook.com/IndianaAAP) and Twitter (@IND_AAP) and repost links that inform our communities about child health issues.

We anticipate a very busy 2 years. As always, it is crucial that for every issue raised, we as pediatricians and advocates ask how these decisions will affect children. We must then speak with a unified voice on the importance of child health and well being. National AAP has set out a Blueprint for Children that is accessible at the bottom of this letter. The Blueprint is a rich resource to reference as you consider discussions with elected officials, hospitals, community organizations, and families regarding child health.

Election Day is over. Our work - the work of more than 800 pediatricians in this state as advocates for Indiana's Children - is just getting started.

Join us.

Sarah Bosslet MD, FAAP

[AAP Legislative Conference](#)

Upcoming Meetings



The best way to get involved as an INAAP member is to attend one of our monthly in-person meetings. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. Meetings take place at the Joseph Maley Foundation, 7128 Lakeview Parkway West Drive, Indianapolis, IN, 46268.

Meetings during odd-numbered months focus on business and updates for the organization, and meetings during even-numbered months focus on the work being done by our committees. Meetings are a perfect way to get to know fellow INAAP members and get involved in an area that interests you.

[Full Upcoming Meeting Schedule](#)



Dr. Mary Ciccarelli Writes on the Pediatrician's Role in the Youth to Adult Healthcare Transition

The goal of the teen to adult healthcare transition is to provide continuous care that meets each young adult's needs and maximizes their future potential. The process has three phases: to prepare youth and families while they are still in pediatric care, to provide a safe transfer of care, and to assist in the acclimitization into adult care.

Over eighty percent of youth in Indiana between ages 12-17 receive primary care in the format of annual well-adolescent visits and episodic care for acute illness, as they have no additional needs related to specific chronic health conditions. They must

experience the health care transition process in which they move from a pediatric to an adult model of health care, as they age.

Pediatricians, medicine-pediatric physicians and family medicine physicians all serve the teen population. Systems of care can help steer and facilitate youth and their families so that they experience an organized transition process. Got Transition/ the national Center for Health Care Transition Improvement at www.gottransition.org provides health care professionals with toolkits to support the transitioning needs of their patients.

The specific toolkit for professionals who care for teens as they prepare for adulthood is located at <http://www.gottransition.org/providers/leaving.cfm>. It highlights six core elements which include using a practice-based transition policy, a tracking and monitoring system, a method to assess transition readiness, a written transition plan, a safe and formal transfer of care method to adult providers and a wrap up to verify completion of all tasks. **(continued)**

[Full Article Here](#)

Sign Up to be "Physician of the Day" during the 2017 Legislative Session

The Indiana State Medical Association Sponsors the "Physician of the Day" program each year during Indiana's Legislative Session. The program allows Indiana physicians to treat minor ailments of state legislators and their staff, while at the same time gaining an insider's view of the legislative process.



This is a fun opportunity that is open to INAAP members. If you are interested, please see the flyer linked at the bottom of this article for more information. If you decide to sign up, please also let us know by sending an email to Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org.

[Physician of the Day Form](#)



Dr. Nerissa Bauer Featured in WFYI Documentary on High Quality Early Education

INAAP member Dr. Nerissa Bauer is featured in WFYI's new documentary "The Building Blocks of Our Future." The documentary takes a look at how to balance increasing demands of school readiness with developmentally appropriate practices.

The documentary is available on WFYI's website, and can be accessed through the link below.

[Building Blocks of Our Future](#)

SAVE THE DATE: 2017 Riley Pediatric Conference and INAAP Annual Luncheon



INAAP will once again be hosting its Annual Luncheon as part of the Riley Pediatric Conference. The dates for next year's conference are May 17-18, 2017. The INAAP Luncheon will take place on the second day of the conference, Thursday, May 18th. Please mark your calendars now to join us and hear from our annual award winners, as well as exciting INAAP news and updates.

Registration for the conference will open shortly, and a registration link will be shared in future editions of our newsletter. Please use the link below to see additional information on the conference.

[Conference Information](#)



HPV MOC Part IV Opportunity - December 15 Deadline

The Child Health Improvement Partnership Indiana (CHIP IN for Quality) is excited to offer practices in our state the opportunity to take part in a national adolescent immunization initiative, "National Immunization Partnership with the APA" (NIPA). This multi-state quality improvement (QI) research project, which is funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is a collaboration between the National Improvement Partnership Network (NIPN) and the Academic Pediatric Association (APA) and is led by our colleagues at the Vermont Child Health Improvement Program (VCHIP). Indiana is among the states to enroll in the second cohort of NIPA and engage in this project to improve HPV immunization coverage rates in primary care settings.

Please use the link at the bottom of this article for more detailed information on the program and how to enroll.

[More Information](#)

Member Spotlight: Evan Kreutzer, MD

Each month, INAAP conducts an interview with a pediatrician from around the state. This month, Dr. Evan Kreutzer joined us to talk about his experiences getting started in the world of pediatrics.

If you would like to nominate someone to be included in our member spotlight, please contact Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org.



Dr. Katie Swec Talks with the Junior League of Indianapolis on Early Brain Development



On October 13th, Dr. Katie Swec had an opportunity to speak at a general meeting of the Junior League of Indianapolis. The Junior League of Indianapolis (JLI) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

JLI also has a specific focus on helping to prepare children for academic success. Dr. Swec's talk focused on early brain development and the crucial relationship it has to a child's academic success later in life. Dr. Swec's talk was a wonderful way to introduce these two organizations, and INAAP's Early Brain and Childhood Development Committee hopes to work with JLI in the future on issues related to this very important topic.



Free Online CME Opportunity Updates in Meningococcal B December 9, 2016 - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Join INAAP, in collaboration with Boston University School of Medicine, for a free CME webinar entitled "Adolescent Vaccination: Why Aren't We Preventing the Preventable? Updates in Meningococcal B and Other Vaccine Hot Topics." The free live online webinar will take place on December 9, 2016 from 12-1 pm.

Learn how you can initiate practice changes so as to improve immunization rates for your patients who are currently scheduled for the MenB vaccination. We will also touch on information specific to maternal health and retail clinic vaccination.

Meningococcal disease, specifically serotype B (MenB), is an ongoing problem in this country, particularly in light of recent university outbreaks. The disease can develop from initial symptoms to death within 24 hours, and as many as 20% of survivors have permanent sequelae. Notably, incidence rates are often a misconception due to under-detection and under-reporting. Given how disabling diseases can be that could have been prevented with vaccination, it is essential that healthcare workers delivering vaccinations enhance their standards of care in practice in order to deliver the highest rates of preventative care.

Registration for the event will be opening soon. Please use the link for a flyer with more information on this opportunity.

[CME Information](#)

AAP Releases Updates to Safe

Sleep Policy - INAAP Writes Letter to Help Parents Digest Information

In October, the American Academy of Pediatrics released an update to its safe sleep policy that included many significant changes. INAAP's Perinatal & Infant Mortality Committee wrote a letter to help parents understand and digest the new policies. INAAP encourages you to share this letter with parents if they have questions regarding the updates. The letter also includes a link to the full list of new recommendations.

[INAAP Safe Sleep Letter](#)



Dr. Emily Scott Represents INAAP at Indiana's Zika Advisory Group Meeting

The Indiana State Department of Health has invited INAAP to participate as part of its Zika Advisory Group. The group includes representatives from state agencies and statewide organizations, and is intended as a way to share Zika news and updates, as well as to engage in discussion among partners.

The most recent meeting was on October 28th, and Emily Scott, MD, FAAP attended the meeting on behalf of INAAP.

If you have questions about Indiana's efforts to combat the Zika virus, or if there is something you feel needs to be shared with the advisory group, please reach out to Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org.



AAP Legislative Conference and Advocacy Project - Call for Proposals

The AAP is now accepting proposals for its 2017 Advocacy Training Grants.

The AAP Community Pediatrics Training Initiative (CPTI) will support four pediatric faculty-resident pairs to attend the AAP Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., and then implement an educational advocacy project locally in collaboration with their AAP chapter.

The legislative conference is a fun and informative event, and these grants offer a wonderful opportunity for residents to work one-on-one with pediatric faculty. Additional information, as well as descriptions of previous projects are available through the link at the bottom of this article.

If you are interested in pursuing this grant opportunity, please reach out to Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org. INAAP is happy to assist you in formulating and writing a grant proposal. Proposals are due Thursday, December 15, at 2 p.m. CST.

[More Information](#)

Dr. Tony GiaQuinta's #BanTheBumper Campaign has Wide-reaching Results

INAAP Vice President Tony GiaQuinta participated in

the Labor of Love Conference on October 17th where he presented a poster on the unnecessary risk of crib bumpers. From 2006-2012, 23 infants died because of crib bumpers, and Dr. GiaQuinta now heads the effort to have Indiana follow the lead of Maryland and Chicago and ban crib bumpers.



Dr. GiaQuinta coordinated a social media campaign to align with the Labor of Love Conference called #BanTheBumper. The Campaign asked pediatricians and advocates to write a social media post about the dangers of crib bumpers on the day of the conference, and to then include #BanTheBumper in the message. Dr. GiaQuinta's campaign had tremendous results, reaching over 44,000 people. A full breakdown of the campaign is included in the link below.

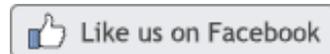
[#BantheBumper Campaign](#)



Reminder on the Importance of Social Media

Over the past six months, INAAP has made a concerted effort to increase the quality and scope of its social media messaging. We are now posting a variety of information for both practitioners and families on a daily basis. INAAP currently utilizes both facebook and twitter, but needs your help to spread our message. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to use the links at the bottom of this article to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. The more followers we have, the more effective we can be at spreading our message.

STAY CONNECTED:



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