



## INAAP Monthly News & Updates

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INAAP is pleased to present you with the first edition of its new monthly electronic newsletter. You can expect to receive a new edition of the newsletter each month with news and updates on everything going on with INAAP. If you have an idea for something to include in future editions of the newsletter, please contact INAAP Executive Director Chris Weintraut at [cw@inaap.org](mailto:cw@inaap.org).

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### Letter from the President

What an exciting time to be a member of INAAP! I am honored to be leading this amazing organization of pediatricians advocating for children in a variety of ways.

I want to begin my first newsletter with a thank you to my predecessor, Dr. Nancy Swigonski. All of the progress we have made in the last six months would not have been possible without her dedication and tireless work during her time as President. The list of advancements she has overseen for INAAP are vast, and include the hiring of our new Executive Director, a complete renovation of our committees and meeting structure, and a brand new logo and website. She has laid the groundwork for tremendous growth in our INAAP presence throughout the state as we advance our mission to improve the health and well being of Indiana children and teens. I extend a sincere thank you to her from all of us at INAAP. Dr. Swigonski continues to advocate for children and their doctors as our chair of the Pediatric Practice and Payment Committee. (continued)



[Read the Full Article Here](#)

### 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.



## INAAP Awarded \$22,500 for HPV Education

Thanks to the work of INAAP's Preventive Health Committee, INAAP has been awarded a grant of \$22,500 from the American Academy of Pediatrics to host three education seminars on the topic of the HPV vaccine.

In 2017, INAAP will host the three seminars throughout the state of Indiana to educate providers on how to raise the HPV vaccination rate in Indiana's adolescents. The seminars will offer the opportunity to earn MOC-2 credit, and will also include information on how to start an MOC-4 project related to HPV vaccination rates. Stay tuned in early 2017 for more information about the seminars.

Special thanks to Dr. Rick Reifenberg, Dr. Cynthia Robbins, Dr. Evan Kreutzer, Dr. Maria Herrera, Dr. Sarah Bosslet, and Dr. Sarah Stelzner for their hard work in securing this opportunity.

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## Indiana Approves Reimbursement for Fluoride Varnish Application in the Pediatric Setting

Thanks to the continuous advocacy efforts of INAAP and other oral health-related organizations, Indiana is finally set to join the other 49 states and begin reimbursing for fluoride varnish application in the pediatric setting. The change has been approved by both Medicaid and Indiana's Office of Management and Budget.



INAAP will be recommending training materials to the State of Indiana for this new treatment, and will help Indiana pediatricians understand the change and how to get reimbursed. More information on this topic will follow soon.

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## Update on Soil Contamination in East Chicago

Follow the link below for an update on soil contamination in East Chicago written by Dr. Susan Buchanan.

Dr. Buchanan is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Illinois and Associate Director of the Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency Program. She directs the Great Lakes Center for Children's Environmental Health, a ATSDR/EPA funded Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit, which is a referral center for physicians, parents, and concerned communities in the Midwest.



Dr. Buchanan's practice involves the evaluation of pediatric and adult patients with health problems related to their environment either in the workplace or community. Her research interests include the safety and occupational health of low income and immigrant workers as well as environmental exposures to children and women of childbearing age, areas in which she has published numerous peer reviewed studies.

[Dr. Buchanan's Article](#)



## New INAAP Member Forums and Members Only Section of Website

INAAP is pleased to announce the launch of its new Member Forums and Members Only Section of [www.inaap.org](http://www.inaap.org). The Member Forums are only available to current INAAP members, and provide an online space to share questions, information, and resources. The forums can be found through the link on INAAP's website.

With space for each of our committees, as well as space for general discussion and questions, the forums provide an ideal place for our members to quickly share new information or get quick, reliable answers. The forums also provide the benefit of keeping all information about our committees and other projects in one central location for all of our members to view.

The Members Only Section of the website allows our members to access convenient resources such as contact information, chapter bylaws, chapter history, as well as the new INAAP Member Forums.

To access the INAAP Member Forums and Members Only Section, you need a username and password. You can obtain your own username and password by emailing Chris Weintraut at [cw@inaap.org](mailto:cw@inaap.org). Chris is also happy to help you 1-on-1 with any questions you may have on how to get started.

[INAAP Website](#)

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## INAAP's New Resident-Pediatrician Partnership Program (RePP)

INAAP, in collaboration with Riley Hospital for Children, is excited to announce the launch of the Resident-Pediatrician Partnership (RePP) Program.

The goal of the program is to connect residents from Riley Hospital with pediatricians working in regional practices throughout Indiana. Residents gain experience in a community pediatric setting, and also have the ability to work on a quality improvement project. Pediatricians taking part in the program have a chance to complete MOC credit, and also have the opportunity to show new residents the benefits of working in the community setting.



The program is currently in the pilot stage, and INAAP hopes to expand the program to include residents from Peyton Manning Children's Hospital. If you are interested in learning more about hosting a resident as part of this program, please contact Chris Weintraut, and [cw@inaap.org](mailto:cw@inaap.org).



## INAAP Participates in the Out of the Darkness Walk

INAAP was proud to participate in the Out of the Darkness Walk on September 10, 2016 to raise money for suicide prevention, education, and treatment.

Suicide is currently the 10th leading cause of death in the United States, and every day approximately 117 people in our country take their own life. In Indiana, from 2006-2010 (the most recent data available), suicide was the

second leading cause of death in the 15-34 age group, the third leading cause of death among

those 10-14 years of age, and fourth among those 35-54 years of age.

INAAP had 16 individuals come out to walk in the event, and our team raised \$1,325 for the cause!

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## **Member Spotlight: Dr. Cynthia Nassim**

Each month, INAAP will be conducting an interview with a pediatrician from around the state. This month, Dr. Cynthia Nassim sat down to talk more about her experiences as a private practice pediatrician in Southern Indiana.

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



[Cynthia Nassim Interview](#)

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## **Free Online CME Opportunity Updates in Meningococcal B December 9, 2016**

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](#)

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## **Dr. Fan Tait talks with INAAP about AAP's New Blueprint for Children**

INAAP members had the chance to gather at Dr. Marilyn Bull's house on Wednesday, October 12th, to hear Dr. Fan Tait speak about the AAP's new Blueprint for Children.

Dr. Tait currently serves as AAP's Chief Medical Officer and Sr. Vice President of Child Health and Wellness. Dr. Tait has oversight of many of the Academy's strategic priorities including Bright Futures and the Institute for Healthy Childhood Weight. She leads the National Center for Medical Home Implementation and the National Center



on Early Childhood Health and Wellness which addresses health and wellness in Head Start, Child Care, and Home Visiting. She also leads the Academy's initiatives on early brain and child development; prevention of toxic stress; and the development of an Academy Center on Healthy, Resilient Children.

The Blueprint is an outline for how our leaders can invest in the next generation of Americans. The document is a great primer for November's election, and is available at the link below.

INAAP encourages you to "Vote Kids" this November.

[Blueprint for Children](#)

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## **Preventive Health Committee Chair Rick Reifenberg Co-Authors Letter on Importance of HPV Vaccine.**

The letter was originally published in the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel on September 14, 2016. Please use the following link to read the letter in its entirety.

[A Threat to Progress Against Cancer](#)

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## **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.

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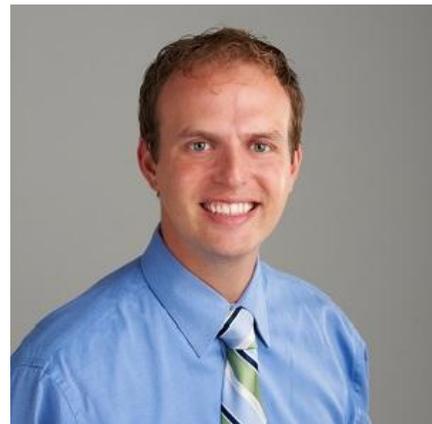


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## **Dr. Tony GiaQuinta leads the charge against Crib Bumpers**

INAAP Vice President Tony GiaQuinta spoke at the Labor of Love Conference on October 17th about 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. You can learn more about crib bumpers and their risk using the link below.



[Ban the Bumper Article](#)

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## **Free Waiting Room Materials**

# Available from the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The following is a message from the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

FREE materials for patient waiting rooms. The Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence believes domestic abuse is not inevitable. We are working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to promote safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments. We believe that is one of the most effective strategies available for eliminating intimate partner violence. Small moments in a family create caring children and prevent future violence. Please consider sharing this message by ordering free brochures and posters for your waiting rooms.

[Link to Free Waiting Room Materials](#)

Don't miss the small moments.

One day you'll look back and realize they were the biggest.



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