



INAAP Monthly News & Updates

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Letter from the President

Advocate: A person who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy.

Every week I discover pediatricians throughout Indiana who advocate for children. I receive emails about medication access. I find specialists willing to have coffee and talk about barriers to care for their patients. I see my partners putting the needs of patients and their families ahead of their own. I read letters to the editor, I follow twitter feeds, and I hear pediatricians speak at medical student and resident training sessions about advocacy.



Pediatricians are everywhere, in big ways and small, publicly supporting the health and well being of children and adolescents in Indiana. This month our newsletter highlights ways INAAP plans to help pediatricians advocate in the legislative arena. I hope you will follow communications from our new lobbyist this session, and, if you are so compelled, reach out to us with a comment, a thought, or even a willingness to advocate for the causes that arise.

Our message grows stronger with every voice we add, and I invite you to join with us for the benefit of Indiana's children.



INAAP Partners with Matt Long and Bose Public Affairs for Advocacy Efforts

INAAP is pleased to announce the hiring of Bose Public Affairs to help with advocacy efforts relating to pediatric issues in the state of Indiana. INAAP will work closely with Matthew Long and his team to make sure that Indiana's elected officials understand the impact their decisions have on pediatricians and children throughout the state.

Matt will help INAAP monitor legislation that could affect pediatricians and children's health. Further, Matt will provide a legislative preview prior to the 2018 session, help with an

INAAP advocacy day at the state house, and provide written updates to our membership about activity during session.

We have already been working with Matt to map our legislative strategy for the 2018 session, and work is well underway. In addition to providing testimony on bills affecting child health issues, we are working with Indiana State Medical Association and the Indiana Academy of Dermatology to put forward legislation making it easier for children to have access to sunscreen at school. Matt's full bio is included below.

Bio

Matthew Long is a vice president with Bose Public Affairs Group. Bringing more than 10 years of legislative experience, he represents clients in achieving their goals throughout all levels of government. Long's areas of focus include technology, agriculture, finance, telecommunications, healthcare, local government, insurance, and manufacturing.

In addition to lobbying with the state government affairs group, Long also provides client service on the strategic communications team with an emphasis on public affairs campaigns, grass-roots and grass-tops advocacy, and coalition building to advance public policy.

Prior to joining Bose Public Affairs Group, Long spent four years as a legislative assistant with the Indiana House of Representatives during which time he also earned his law degree. In this capacity, he was responsible for the research and management of information related to policy issues, tracking state and federal legislation to advise legislators, and providing detailed reports on legislative action. In addition to assisting legislators, he staffed the Courts and Criminal Code Committee and the Judiciary Committee.

Matthew earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana University in 2006 and completed his juris doctor in 2011 at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Long was named the 2009 Indianapolis Bar Association Law Student of the Year and also received the Indianapolis Bar Association Taxation Section Scholarship in 2010. During law school, Long was very active within the Indianapolis Bar Association serving as the Chair of the Law Student Division and also on the Board of Directors. Long is a member of the 2012 Indiana Leadership Forum class.

Free Adolescent Immunizations Seminar and Fluoride Varnish Training - Wednesday September 27th in Bloomington, IN



RSVP Deadline September 20th

INAAP will be hosting an adolescent immunization seminar on Wednesday, September 27th at Four Winds Lakeside Inn in Bloomington, Indiana.

The seminar will address a broad range of topics relating to adolescent immunizations, with a focus on how to make a strong recommendation for the HPV vaccine. Other areas of focus will include: epidemiology, issues related to vaccine avoidance, and ways to improve compliance with vaccine schedules, discussion of vaccines in the adolescent platform, and updates on vaccines in development. Participants can earn 20 MOC part II Points and 2 hours of CME.

INAAP will also be providing an optional session on fluoride varnish. Get trained to provide fluoride varnish in your practice, and get all the information on billing and reimbursement.

A flyer for the seminar, along with the full course description, is available [HERE](#).

Registration is free, but RSVP is required. To RSVP, email Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org.

INAAP Advocacy During Summer Study Committee Meetings

In addition to a presence during the Indiana General Assembly, INAAP will also be advocating and providing testimony at several summer study committee meetings over the next few months. Below is a list of upcoming meetings, along with planned agenda

items. If you have a particular interest in any of the topics being discussed and would like to learn more about how you can be an advocate, please reach out to Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org.



Interim Study Committee on Public Health

Meetings held at the Indiana State House
200 W. Washington St., Room 431
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 23rd at 1:00 pm

Agenda

1. Potential Improvements to the INSPECT Program (prescription drug monitoring)
2. Goals, benchmarks, and plans to reduce the incidence of diabetes in Indiana, improving diabetes care, and controlling complications with diabetes.

Interim Study Committee on Government

Meetings held at the Indiana State House
200 W. Washington St., Room 431
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 6th at 10:00 am

Agenda

1. The Committee will discuss and hear testimony regarding food deserts in Indiana.

Indiana Formulary Updates

INAAP has some exciting news regarding inhaled corticosteroids on Medicaid formularies! See below for details. In addition, INAAP will be meeting the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) in mid-September to work through other issues that persist. Please send us your concerns, your prior authorization hassles, and any medications that your patients have been unable to access this summer. Your emails are working! INAAP can only speak to issues we hear about - and OMPP has been able to help get these changes made. We want to hear from you!



Inhaled Corticosteroids

Anthem

Qvar (Under age 12y) and Flovent (Under age 6y) are now covered! This has not been updated on their online formulary yet. If you receive rejections for these medications, we need to know.

MDWise

Flovent is now covered without prior authorization under age 12y.

CareSource

We understand that flovent should be covered for patients with CareSource. This is not listed on their current formulary online. Stay tuned for updates on this issue.

INHALER CHEAT SHEET

Epinephrine Auto-injectors

Remember that school aged children need 3 twin packs: one for them to self-carry; one for the school nurse's office, and a third one at home as a backup, should they lose or forget their self-carry epinephrine. If an insurance plan is not covering this, please let us know!

Infant Iron Supplementation

MDWise has only Wee Care liquid iron on their formulary. Most pharmacies do not stock this brand. We are working on a fix. In the meantime, request coverage for an in-stock alternative.

OMPP has provided a link to updated formularies, which is available [HERE](#). Please note that the

changes referenced in this article are not yet listed.

A special thank you to Riley Pulmonology and Eskenazi Health Primary Care on 38th street for sharing their formulary insights and data.



INAAP Awarded Chapter Excellence Award at AAP District V Meeting in Ottawa, Canada

INAAP President Sarah Bosslet, Vice President Tony GiaQuinta, and Executive Director Chris Weintraut were in Ottawa, Canada the weekend of August 11th for the AAP District V Meeting.

INAAP accepted the 2016 AAP Award for Chapter Excellence, and 3 members were recognized individually: Tony GiaQuinta for his efforts related to infant mortality, Eli Rhoads for his work on starting the Read IN fundraiser for Reach Out and Read, and Nancy Swigonski for her efforts related to Fluoride

Varnish coverage in Indiana.

Thank you to all INAAP leaders and volunteers for all of your efforts this past year!



Call for Resolutions for 2018 AAP Annual Leadership Forum

Is there a particular issue or problem you feel should be addressed by the American Academy of Pediatrics? If so, drafting a resolution could help move the debate forward among the Academy's 66,000 members nationwide.

Resolutions are the formal mechanism whereby the members of the Academy can give input concerning Academy policy and activities, and they are discussed at the Annual Leadership Forum ("ALF") every March.

If you have any idea for a resolution, INAAP would love to work with you to draft and submit your idea. Please reach out to Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org with thoughts. Detailed information about the resolution process, along with submitted resolutions for the past 3 years are available through the links below.

[Resolution Process](#)

[Past Resolutions](#)

Upcoming INAAP Meetings

There are several upcoming meetings for those who want to learn more about INAAP's efforts, or who are looking to get more involved.

Our next in-person meeting will be Wednesday, September 20th (see below for more details). Dinner is provided at our in-person meetings, so please RSVP to Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org by July 25th if you plan to attend.



If you haven't been involved in one of our child-health committees before due to distance or the timing of the meetings, now is the perfect time to

join! Information on the three committees is as follows:

INAAP General Meeting (In Person)

Held at the Joseph Maley Foundation
7128 Lakeview Pkwy W Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46268
Next Meeting: **Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00 pm**
RSVP to cw@inaap.org by September 19th

Early Brain & Childhood Development (teleconference)

Chair: Katie Swec, MD, FAAP, kathleenswec@gmail.com (chair)
Next Meeting: Tuesday, **October 10th at 12:10 pm**

Preventive Health (teleconference)

Rick Reifenberg, MD, FAAP, rreifeb@IUHealth.org (co-chair)
Cynthia Robbins, MD, MS, FAAP cyrobbin@iu.edu (co-chair)
Next Meeting: **Wednesday, October 18th at 6:00 pm**

Perinatal and Infant Mortality (teleconference)

Tony GiaQuinta, MD, FAAP, indypedsdoc@gmail.com (co-chair)
Emily Scott, MD, FAAP, escott1@IUHealth.org (co-chair)
Next Meeting: **Thursday, October 19th at 12:00 pm**

Teleconference Information for all committees will be the same, and is included below. If you want to learn more about the work being done by each committee, feel free to call and listen in! You can use either your computer (with mic and speakers) or your phone.

Teleconference Information:

Using a computer: <https://www.uberconference.com/inaap>
Using a phone: Dial-in number: 857-216-4676, PIN: 52460

Take a Stand Conference Hosted by the Indiana Immunization Coalition



The Indiana Immunization Coalition is hosting a Take a Stand conference on Thursday, October 5th at the Indianapolis Zoo.

Take A Stand is a national initiative from the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) to assist medical practices with implementation of standing orders protocols for vaccines. The morning session will feature nationally renowned experts: William Atkinson, MD, MPH and LJ Tan, MS, PhD. They will present the national initiative "Take A Stand" which provides guidance to assist medical practices with implementing standing orders for vaccines. The afternoon session will feature best practice strategies and a Q&A session. CME will be offered for the event, and has been approved for 6.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ (see link for full details).

A box lunch will be provided with time allowed to attend a dolphin show or visit your favorite zoo exhibits on your own! In addition, a zoo-keeper will provide a "hands-on" presentation with one of their favorite animals during our afternoon break! You will have time after the meeting to visit more of the zoo since it is open until 7:00 pm. Registration is \$50.

Use the link below to register and for more information.

[Conference Information and Registration](#)

Join Us on Workplace - A Place for INAAP Members to Collaborate

INAAP recently implemented "Workplace," a communication and collaboration platform produced by Facebook. The platform allows members to share thoughts, questions, documents, and other information quickly and

easily.

Only INAAP members are permitted to join, so Workplace is the perfect place to bounce ideas off of other pediatricians and nurse practitioners throughout the state. Having those questions and collaborations stored in a central place will also serve as a resource to new members.

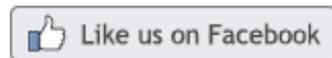
We highly encourage INAAP members to join. The platform will be more effective the more members we have involved. If you are interested in joining Workplace, contact Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org. He will send you an invitation and get you set up!



Reminder on the Importance of Social Media

Over the past year, 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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