



The Idaho Pediatrician

Idaho Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
E-Newsletter December 2010

Season's Greetings



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

There are exciting initial collaborative discussions between Idaho pediatricians, family practitioners, and general internal medicine with public and private payors on the patient centered medical home concept. [Read the full letter.](#)

Top Stories

Idaho Immunization Summit Meeting - The Idaho Immunization Program & The Idaho Immunization Coalition have teamed up to present the 2010 Immunization Summit. This event will be held from 8:00-3:30 on December 14, 2010 in Boise, ID. [Click here](#) to become a voting member of the Idaho Immunization Coalition before the meeting. Seating is very limited. Please RSVP to idahoap@gmail.com by December 8, 2010.

RSV Recommendations - The RSV Consensus Group issued a letter regarding their recent meeting about Synagis dosing. [Read the letter by clicking here.](#)

Idaho Food Bank Provides Food for Hungry Children - The Idaho Food Bank has created a program to help feed Idaho's children. The "Backpack Program" provides a backpack filled with enough food to feed a child for a weekend to students who may otherwise go without. The backpacks are distributed by the child's teacher each Friday, and the student returns the backpack on Monday to be refilled. It takes just \$6.20 to fill a backpack. To read more and find out how you can help end childhood hunger in Idaho [click here.](#)

Pediatric Healthcare

New Supplement to *Pediatrics* on Improving the System of Care

Mark Your Calendar

[Idaho Immunization Summit: A Cooperative Meeting with the Idaho Immunization Program & Idaho Immunization Coalition](#)

**December 14, 2010
8:00am-3:30pm**

Oxford Suites
1426 S. Entertainment
Boise, ID 83709

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[St. Luke's Children's Hospital: Ethical Issues in Pediatrics Conference](#)

**January 28-29, 2011
Boise, ID**

[Chapter Annual Winter Dinner & Business Meeting](#)

for Infants and Children with Early Hearing Loss -

National data suggest that up to half of U.S. babies that do not pass their newborn hearing screens are lost to follow-up/lost to documentation. 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.

[Read more here.](#)

Probiotics May Help Alleviate Chronic Stomach Pain in Children

- An Italian study found that the probiotic strain Lactobacillus rhamnosus GG appeared to reduce the severity and frequency of stomach pain in children ages 5 to 14, most of whom have irritable bowel syndrome, compared with placebo. Researchers recommend that children be given the probiotic for at least eight weeks to achieve the full benefits of the treatment. [Read more here.](#)

New 2nd edition -- Allergies and Asthma: What Every Parent Needs to Know

- The fully revised second edition provides the latest findings on food allergies and treatments -- along with new approaches for monitoring asthma control, with expanded recommendations for children. The book also provides new guidance on medications, patient education in settings beyond the physician's office and controlling environmental factors that can cause asthma symptoms. [Read more here.](#)

Radiation from Dental Scans Draws Concern - Not only do many dentists continue to use outmoded x-ray film requiring higher amounts of radiation, but orthodontists and other specialists are embracing a new scanning device that emits significantly more radiation than conventional methods. [Read more here.](#)

Policy & Legislative Issues

National Healthcare Reform & the AAP - The AAP, six hospital associations and more than 75 state lawmakers and others have filed or are asking to file friend-of-the court briefs in support of the health reform law in a 20-state lawsuit seeking to block implementation. Meanwhile, congressional Republicans and other groups are formalizing their opposition by filing briefs. [Read the full story here.](#)

House Could Vote Today on Child Nutrition Bill -House Democratic leaders said a vote on the Senate version of the \$4.5 billion child nutrition reauthorization bill could come today. The bill, which already passed the Senate, would expand eligibility for school-meal programs, establish nutrition standards and give schools more money to serve healthy foods. [Read more here.](#)

Best Practices & Resources

AAP Immunization Initiatives Newsletter - Get the latest research, recommendations, and resources all in one place. [Read the newsletter here.](#)

NACCHO launched a campaign, with support from Sanofi Pasteur, to increase awareness of the VFC program and

Nampa, ID
February 17, 2010

[45th Annual National Immunization Conference](#)

Washington, DC
March 28-31, 2011



"Good ideas and innovations must be driven into existence by courageous patience."

*Hyman Rickover
U.S. Navy admiral*

educate parents about how they can access no- or low-cost vaccines for their children and teens - Campaign materials include radio Public Service Announcements (PSAs) in English and Spanish and radio interviews. Posters and tear pads are available to order and share with community partners. [Read more here.](#)

Reveal 4 Real Website - Central District Health Dept. has created a new website called Reveal4Real.org. The goal of this website is to provide up-to-date, medically accurate information regarding contraception, sexually transmitted infection and pregnancy. Though the target audience is the 16-24 year olds, it is also relevant to parents and others who want to better inform themselves about these topics. Our common goals are to reduce unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections in our communities. We hope www.Reveal4Real.org can be of benefit to you and your practice.

Idaho's New Child Care Health Consultant Program -

IdahoSTARS stands for "State Training and Registry System," and is the foundation of quality child care in Idaho. Through a partnership with the University of Idaho Center on Disabilities and Human Development (CDHD) and the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC), IdahoSTARS is designed to provide training in child development, education, health, safety, and assessment of child care facilities based on national quality standards. Across all seven regions, IdahoSTARS provides quality resource and referral specialists, assessors, mentor-coaches, child care health consultants and training opportunities for teachers and child care providers enrolled in the IdahoSTARS professional development registry (PDS). IdahoSTARS also provides resource and referral specialists to any Idaho family seeking child care and/or child care subsidy. [Click here for more information.](#)

From the Chapter

Measuring Medical Homes - Tools to evaluate the pediatric patient- and family-centered medical home. [Read more here.](#)

"Building Your Medical Home and Getting Paid Appropriately" A tip sheet to help pediatricians understand routes to enhanced payment for the medical home which shows some of the work already done to help practices achieve this goal. To download this resource, [create a free user account](#) and go to Building Block 6: Payment and Finance.

CATCH Grant Proposals Due January 31, 2011 - The CATCH Implementation Funds program Call for Proposals is now open; applications are due January 31, 2011. This program supports pediatricians in the initial and/or pilot stage of developing and implementing a community-based child health initiative. Grants of up to \$12,000 are awarded to pediatricians to work collaboratively with local community partners to ensure that all children have medical homes and access to needed health care services. More details are at <http://www.aap.org/catch/implementgrants.htm>

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TODAY! Are you an Idaho Chapter AAP Member? Submit your nominations for Idaho Pediatrician of the Year, Idaho Child Advocate of the Year, and Idaho Organization of

the Year. These awards will be presented at our annual Dinner Business Meeting in February 2011. [Submit your nominations to the Idaho Chapter today!](#)



"Each child must know that he is a miracle,
that since the beginning of the world there
has not been, and until the end of the
world there will not be, another child like
him"

-Pablo Casals, Spanish cellist and conductor

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