



The Idaho Pediatrician

Idaho Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
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[Letter from Idaho Chapter AAP President Creighton Hardin, MD](#)

Top Stories

Kids Die in Hot Cars - A record number of children have died this summer after being locked in hot cars. This article from Safe Kids USA provides important information to share with parents to help prevent this tragedy. [Read this article by clicking here.](#)

Don't Throw Away Your H1N1 Vaccine Yet - Lessons learned from the 2009 Influenza Pandemic by Tom Rand, Md, Ph.D. [Read this article by clicking here.](#)

Idaho Immunization Coalition: It's Official! - We are please to announce that the Idaho Immunization Coalition is officially up and running as a 501(c)3. The IIC held it's first meeting on September 28, 2010 in Nampa, Idaho. About 30 vaccination champions attended the meeting, sharing ideas and gathering information to take back to their communities. During the meeting, the IIC elected officers and approved the by-laws. The next IIC meeting will be held in Nampa in mid-October. To receive your invitation to the meeting, please join the IIC by visiting the website. [Click here to sign-up today!](#)

Pediatric Health Care

AimEarlyIdaho: Idaho Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health is a non-profit organization whose vision is to support a system of care which helps families ensure the social and emotional well-being of their infants and young children (birth to five years). [Read more here.](#)

Wear Your Helmet to Work Day was a huge success! [Read more here.](#)

St. Luke's Children's Hospital welcomes Gregory Janos, MD, as its new Executive Medical Director. You can contact Dr. Janos here:

Mark Your Calendar!

2010 Booster Shots Dates and Locations

- **September 22** Nampa - Holiday Inn Express
- **September 23** McCall - Hunt Lodge
- **October 5** Twin Falls - AmeriTel Inn
- **October 6** Pocatello - AmeriTel Inn
- **October 18** Sandpoint - TBA
- **October 19** Post Falls - Red Lion Templin's Hotel
- **October 20** Lewiston - Red Lion
- **October 21** Grangeville - Super 8

National Child Passenger Safety Week
September 19-25, 2010

Montana AAP Round Up
October 1-3, 2010
Pray, Montana
[More information](#)

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Policy & Legislative Issues

Midwifery Complications/Complaints - The Idaho State Board of Midwifery has begun licensing midwives as described in the Midwifery Licensing Law, Idaho Code 54-5501-5513. To file a complaint with the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licensing [click here](#) or complete a Midwife Complications Report by visiting <http://www.idahoperinatal.org/>

Idaho Kids Count April Report - These monthly updates are intended to help advocates and professionals working with children, youth and young adults both monitor and impact Idaho's uses of ARRA funds. [Read the full report here.](#)

Best Practices & Resources

West Nile Virus in Idaho - Please visit the state website detailing West Nile information for the state of Idaho. Includes data, resources, and precaution tips. [Click here to visit the State West Nile Site](#)

New Online Continuing Ed 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).

From the Chapter

Idaho Immunization Program recognizes Immunization Champions - Tom Patterson, MD, Pat Herman, LPN, and Cynthia Charlesworth, LPN, of Saltzer Medical Group were recently recognized by the Idaho Immunization Program for their part in getting kids immunized. Herman, immunization coordinator, was recognized as the IRIS Champion for her role in getting children's vaccine information entered in the Idaho Immunization Reminder System. Patterson and Charlesworth were awarded the Immunization Champion award given to those who go out of their way to promote childhood immunizations. Patterson, a pediatrician, was instrumental in the development of the Idaho Immunization Coalition and is active in many other child advocate organizations.



"If I had my child to raise
over again
I'd build self-esteem first and
the house later
I'd finger paint more and point
the finger less
I would do less correcting and
more connecting
I'd take my eyes off my watch
and watch with my eyes
I would care to know less and
know to care more
I'd take more hikes and fly
more kites
I'd stop playing serious and
seriously play
I would run through more
fields and gaze at more stars
I'd do more hugging and less
tugging
I'd see the oak tree in the
acorn more often
I would be firm less often and
affirm much more
I'd model less about the love
of power
And more about the power of
love."

Diane Loomans

He was recently recognized by the Idaho Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics as Pediatrician of the Year.

The Protect Tomorrow Campaign serves to remind parents that, if left unvaccinated, infants and children are at risk for contracting infectious diseases that can lead to hospitalization and even death. The PSA contains a powerful message - one that can have a real impact on our children and their future. It reminds parents about the devastation of diseases of the not-so-distant past and urges them to talk with their pediatricians about immunizing their children so that history does not repeat itself.

The PSA features several real people who themselves experienced or watched as relatives struggled with, and even succumbed to, diseases that can now be prevented by vaccines: Cile, who watched her Aunt Sweetie die of diphtheria; Jack, who survived a severe case of polio; and Ann, who witnessed the impact of chicken pox on a young family. What Cile, Jack and Ann want to tell parents today is to take advantage of one of the greatest advances in modern medicine - immunizations.

Through these voices of wisdom and experience, the AAP wants to remind parents to vaccinate their children according to the recommended schedule of the CDC and its Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), and the American Academy of Pediatrics. This message needs to be heard through the voices of the parents and grandparents who felt the pain and heartbreak of diseases that could come back in an unvaccinated population. Sanofi Pasteur is proud to support the AAP in this campaign, as it demonstrates our commitment to support health-care providers in their conversations about the importance of immunizations. For more information on the campaign, and to view the Public Service Announcement, please go to <http://www.aap.org/protecttomorrow/>



"Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is never wasted." -Garrison Keillor

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