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# ACADEMIC PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION

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## Communications Director's Message

This year we decided to take our kids to Europe for the first time. Rather than experience it as tourists, we chose to venture out as travelers - living in a local apartment instead of a hotel, shopping at the local grocery store rather than eating every meal at a restaurant. The folks in the neighborhood we encounter don't always speak English but they are always helpful. Okay, most of the time. Having never lived abroad, this experience has left our kids a little off kilter. As we navigate this new environment the instability of the new setting has definitely created a level of anxiety. But as each day goes by, I find they grow more confident in their surroundings and become more resilient. It is a chance to teach our kids new skills in a safe and protected way while we are there to support them. A little bit of instability for them is aimed at teaching them resilience and how to manage change. For them, this is a lesson of privilege. A first-world problem! They have a safety net - us. However, for many of the patients and families we serve, transitions can create a downward spiral of instability from which they may not recover. Recently, I had the opportunity to participate in a day-long meeting convened by the Urban Institute to explore the impact of instability on child development. This meeting brought together thought leaders from different perspectives - researchers, policymakers, practitioners and funders - to discuss "what we know, what we don't know, and what we need to learn." As a pediatrician caring for children in poverty for over two decades, I am well aware the work that I do in the exam room is a minuscule piece of the complex world that the families I serve have to navigate. What struck



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me about this meeting was the significant contribution our policies have on creating instability at just the moment when families are looking to escape poverty. When a new job increases their income just enough that they no longer qualify for child care assistance or TANF. As Mark noted in his President's article, a parent shouldn't have to choose between caring for a sick child and keeping their job. We know these experiences impact on parenting practices, but we don't fully understand the holistic impact on the child's development in the short and long term. There is more work to be done in this area. I have written more about my thoughts as part of a series of essays from meeting attendees can be found here <http://www.urban.org/publications/413184.html>.

I also invite you to read and share the key findings report here:

<http://www.urban.org/publications/413185.html>.

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## President's Message

On June 23, 2014, the White House, in partnership with the Department of Labor and the Center for American Progress, hosted the first-ever White House Summit on Working Families. The Summit's goal was to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders—businesspeople, labor leaders, economists, legislators, advocates, and citizens—to have a conversation about the many issues that face working families from all types of backgrounds. I was able to attend the Summit and found it stimulating. There were a lot of ways in which the issues being addressed can affect the health of children and families.



The Summit's agenda covered a number of policies that could affect working parents, including paid sick and family leave, affordable childcare, raising the minimum wage, and strengthening equal pay protections for women. No doubt our members have diverse views on these issues, but it seemed pretty clear that they all are relevant to child health. They also overlap with the APA's current emphasis on poverty and child health.

The compelling group of speakers included President Obama, Michelle Obama, Vice President Biden, Dr. Jill Biden, Representative Nancy Pelosi, Secretary of Labor Tom Perez, representatives from corporations like JetBlue, and working parents. Even Gloria Steinem was on a panel. It was invaluable to hear so many different perspectives on these important topics.

While all these issues have bearing on the health and well-being of families, I feel that the issue of paid sick leave is especially important to us as physicians who care for the children of working parents. For the majority of our members who are clinicians, advising parents to keep a sick child home from school or daycare can be ineffective if they don't have some form of paid sick leave. For these parents, missing work to take care of a sick child—at home, at the doctor's office, or at the hospital—can mean losing much-needed income. If they aren't covered by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, which protects some employees from being fired if they take leave to care for an immediate family member with a serious health condition, they can even lose their job.

At the Summit, we heard from and about parents who have been more, or less, successful at finding ways to balance their work and family obligations in the face of family illness. For instance, Kay from Brooklyn, NY, has a flexible scheduling arrangement with her longtime employer, Macys, that, among other things, allows her to take one of her children for asthma treatment at a clinic that is only open one day a week. Lisa from

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Martinsville, NJ, has twins who were born prematurely, but because her company has been supportive, she has been able to give her children the care they need while also staying on the regular promotion track at work. Patti from Laconia, NH, shared that because her grown children lack flexibility at work, she often needs to modify her own work schedule to help care for her grandchildren when they are sick. Finally, President Obama spoke about Shelby from Denver, CO, whose elderly father had to take a bus to get eye surgery and then come back on his own because her employer doesn't offer paid family leave. These stories illustrate how individual employer policies can make a huge difference to employees' ability to care for their families, but they also highlight the kinds of challenges that parents are facing and what impact legislation-based paid sick leave policies can have on them.

Speaking of uniform standards, President Obama used the Summit to urge lawmakers to pass certain legislative proposals that are pending in Congress. These include the FAMILY Act, which would provide up to 12 weeks of paid leave each year for an employee's illness, the serious illness of an immediate family member, or the birth or adoption of a child. And the Healthy Families Act, which would allow employees to earn up to seven days of paid sick leave, per year, that could be used to care for ill family members.

The White House Council of Economic Advisors recently released a report on the economics of paid and unpaid leave, which includes data from the 2011 American Time Use Survey and the 2012 National Compensation Survey. According to the report, only 53% of workers are able to take paid leave for their own illness and only 48% can take paid leave to care for an ill family member. For every five workers who used leave in a typical week, one additional worker reported that he/she "needed to take leave but could not do so." Low-wage workers were more likely to cite an inability to afford the loss of income as their principal reason for not taking leave. The report also found large disparities in access to paid leave across demographic groups, with access particularly low among Hispanics, less educated workers, and low wage workers.

I think most of our members would want to see parents with their children when those children are sick. If they wind up facing a choice between their child and their job, their child loses either way—the parent is either not with the child or the parent loses a job that is helping support the child. The Summit on Working Families did an excellent job of highlighting the challenges working families experience and the ways that we can and already are supporting these families in balancing their work and family responsibilities. But it also made clear that we have a long way to go and that we can contribute by supporting policies that will help employed parents provide the best possible care for their children.

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### Treasurer's Message

The APA board approved the 2013 audit which was presented and discussed at the May, 2014 board meeting. APA remains in a good fiscal position with net worth relatively stable from 2012-2013. The results of this audit will be utilized to inform the budget making process at the 2014 Fall Board Meeting. We encourage you to consider making a tax-deductible gift to the APA. Your gift will be used to support the activities of the APA including such important programs as the Young Investigators grants. Please feel free to send any fundraising ideas to me directly to help fund new programs that are aligned with the APA's mission.



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## Workshops Chair's Message

We had a great PAS meeting in May in Vancouver and part of the credit for the success goes to the participation of our members in the workshop process. APA members were involved both in workshop review and as workshop leaders. Almost 300 APA members participated in the workshop review process last fall. Ninety workshops were presented at the meeting, many of which were led or co-led by APA members. The workshops were very well received and were rated highly on their evaluations.



The call for workshops for the 2015 meeting in San Diego went out in early July. Workshop proposals are due September 3<sup>rd</sup>, right after Labor Day! So, you still have time to get in a proposal now! Notifications will go out in early November. We are expecting many proposals as the last few years we have seen between 250-350 proposals per year.

Thank you in advance to those who are submitting proposals and to those who have signed up to review the proposals. Your hard work and dedication to the PAS meeting and the process is appreciated and goes to making the meeting a member-driven success.

Have a great end of summer and think workshops!

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## APA New Members

Welcome to all of the new APA Members!

Kaitlyn Bailey	Amanda Montalbano
Priti Bhansali	Patricia Padlipsky
Adam Braddock	Aarti Patel
Kimberly Collins	Patrick Peebles
Judith Dexheimer	Stephen Percy
Carol Endo	Kalpna Pethe
Mobolaji Famuyide	Christian Pulcini
Suzanne Friedman	Rebecca Rose
William Golden	Christopher Russo
Shannon Hanson	Colleen Schelzig
Kari Harris	Michelle Schimelpfenig
Gretchen Homan	Sheree Schragger
Jody Huber	Siddharthan Sivamurthy
Laura Hunt	Betsy Sleath
Gregory Kenny	Robert Van Howe

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## Upcoming Conferences

### APA Regional Meetings

APA Region VI Fall Meeting  
SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center  
St. Louis, MO  
September 19, 2014

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### Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) 2015



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San Diego, CA  
April 25-28, 2015

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## Core Activities

### BORN

BORN gives BIRTH to it's First Published Manuscript!

The First Manuscript from BORN:  
Elizabeth Simpson is the lead author for the first study from BORN to be published entitled, "Prioritizing a Research Agenda: A Delphi Study of the Better Outcomes through Research for Newborns (BORN) Network." The article published in Hospital Medicine (volume 4, issue 4, pages 195-202), and was recognized with favorable editorial comments from Carl Seashore. A 2 phased Delphi study design was utilized to help collect and prioritize the research aims of the network. Of the

What's Next with BORN?

A proposal from Debra Bogen (University of Pittsburgh) and Bonny Whalen (Dartmouth) has been received and is being reviewed by the research and executive committee members. The study directly aligns with one of the top three questions of interest identified from the BORN Delphi study. The study proposal utilizes an electronic survey design of the 86 site directors. The aims of this proposal are to:

1. Describe variation in care for infants with NAS

current membership of 348 members from 60 nurseries in over 22 states, 39% responded. The top three questions of interest are:

1. At what weight-loss percentage is it medically necessary to formula supplement a breastfeeding infant?
2. What is the optimal management of infants with neonatal abstinence syndrome?
3. How and when should we initiate a workup for sepsis, and how should these newborns be managed?

in participating BORN nurseries.

2. Compare NAS management based on nursery characteristics.
3. Identify potential collaborations and areas of focus for future BORN interventions related to NAS.

The vetted proposal will be advanced to the entire membership early this fall. We welcome your feedback, comments and involvement!

Have a friend or colleague who sees newborns in a nursery? Refer them to the BORN network as we are recruiting member sites for our next project.

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CORNET



Each year in July with the influx of new residents comes our renewed enthusiasm for resident education. With medical education as a major focus of CORNET, this is the perfect time to consider new opportunities to include these housestaff in ongoing projects or the development of new ones!

#### Ongoing Projects

##### National Partnership for Adolescent Immunizations

CORNET sites are in the midst of the Learning Collaborative phase of the NPAI project sponsored through the CDC. One component of this project focuses on enhancing adolescent immunization delivery through the implementation of quality improvement activities in pediatric residency training programs. Thirteen CORNET sites are participating, and monthly conference calls are held so that participating programs can learn from each others' progress and collaborate on ways to overcome common barriers.

We are especially excited about this project due to the level of pediatric resident involvement. At each practice residents are encouraged to be an integral part of the quality improvement process, including monitoring whether changes at their practice are truly resulting in improved immunization rates. We will learn a lot from this project, from QI principles to enhancement of resident involvement in CORNET studies.

#### Projects in Development

The CORNET team is busy with several new projects in the development phase:

WE CARE: collaboration with the PROS network to address families' unmet basic social needs in pediatric practices



Mental Health: a proposal to examine co-location of mental health services and other barriers related to disparities in care for children

EMR: a study of best practices for maximizing accuracy, efficiency and patient satisfaction with the use of electronic health records

COPTER: an evaluation of resident attitudes and knowledge on the subject of childhood obesity after the implementation of a curriculum for pediatric residents

Medical Home: a collaboration with the AAP to evaluate elements of a medical home curriculum

#### Manuscripts in Development

We are preparing for submission of two additional manuscripts from the Bright Futures Oral Health study:

- How well do pediatric residents incorporate Bright Futures concepts? - *Sandy Sanguino, Sharon Dabrow, Annamaria Church, Janet Serwint, Nui Dhepyasuwan, Henry Bernstein*
- Bright Futures Oral Health concepts for pediatric residents - *Rani Gereige, Karla Garcia, Rukmani Vasan, Janet Serwint, Nui Dhepyasuwan, Henry Bernstein, Kara Connors*

We are also developing manuscripts from the Resident Health Information Technology survey:

- Pediatric residents' attitudes and experiences with electronic health records - *lead author Ben Margolis*
- Health information technology in pediatric residents' professional and personal lives - *lead author Lynn Garfunkel*

#### Regional Research Chair Recruitment

We would like to welcome Susan Heaney who is joining the CORNET Executive Committee as the Region VI Regional Research Chair. We would also like to thank Ellen Link who held that position for many years for all her contributions to CORNET.

We are seeking APA CORNET members from Region X to serve as the regional research chair and as a member of the CORNET Executive Committee. Region X represents CORNET members from Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Alberta and British Columbia.

For inquiries or to apply, please submit your name, your CV and a brief summary describing your interest in serving on the CORNET Executive Committee as a Regional Research Chair. Please submit this information to the CORNET Network Manager, Nui Dhepyasuwan at [nui@academicpeds.org](mailto:nui@academicpeds.org). We would like to identify this person soon so they can participate in our bimonthly calls and our annual meeting at PAS.

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## Educational Scholars Program



### THE APA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM:

APPLICATIONS for NEW COHORT. The APA Educational Scholars Program (ESP) is currently accepting applications for Cohort 7, which begins in Spring 2015. The ESP is a 3-year faculty development program during which scholars attend three ESP @ PAS sessions, complete six self-directed learning modules, develop an educator portfolio, and conduct a mentored scholarly educational project which culminates in publication or national presentation.

The application includes an information sheet, a biographical sketch and personal statement, a two-page project proposal, agreements from supervisor and mentor, letters of reference, and a \$75 application fee.

## ESP APPLICATIONS

**Oct 1, 2014** Application Deadline  
**Dec 1, 2014** Acceptances announced  
**April 24, 2015** First Meeting at PAS (in San Diego)

### Fees

Application fee	\$75
Tuition fee	\$5500

The tuition fee is a one-time fee for all three years, due at time of acceptance into the program.

Applications are welcome from any faculty educator (MD or PhD) with significant responsibility for pediatric education, e.g., teaching students, residents, or fellows; evaluation design or implementation; curriculum development; mentoring and faculty development. Applicants must be, or become, members of the Academic Pediatric Association at enrollment.

### CALL FOR SELECTION TEAM & ESP ADVISORS

Former Scholars, members of the APA Education Committee or Faculty Development SIG and other persons committed to faculty development are invited to volunteer for two positions critical to the success of the ESP. Both positions add to your national educational involvement.

- **New Cohort Selection Team** will review ESP applications between Oct 1 - Nov 15, 2014.
- **ESP Faculty Advisors** serve for three years, advising two Scholars on career development and scholarship. Advisors are expected to attend the annual ESP Day on the Friday before PAS to participate in project mentoring sessions and faculty development sessions for advisors.

### SELECTION TEAM and ESP ADVISORS

If you are interested in serving on the Selection Team or as an ESP Advisor, contact Cohort 7 Leader, Virginia Niebuhr, at: [vniebuhr@utmb.edu](mailto:vniebuhr@utmb.edu)

For more information, go to:

[http://www.academicpeds.org/education/education\\_scholars\\_program.cfm](http://www.academicpeds.org/education/education_scholars_program.cfm). Questions: email Christen Brown at [christen@academicpeds.org](mailto:christen@academicpeds.org) or Connie Baldwin, Program Director, at [constance\\_baldwin@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:constance_baldwin@urmc.rochester.edu)

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## PRIS



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PHM Conference

### PHM Conference Activity Updates

PRIS was extremely active at Pediatric Hospital Medicine Conference in Florida over the weekend of July 24-27, 2014! The following were presented by PRIS Executive Council members and PRIS member hospitals:

- Featured speaker from PRIS Executive Council- Patrick Conway
- Research 101: Understanding the Research Process and Avoiding Common Pitfalls
- Research 201: Abstract Writing for Scientific Meetings
- Research 301: Writing a Manuscript for Publication



July 24-27, 2014  
Lake Buena Vista, FL

- Research 401: Strategies to Increase Group Research Productivity
- From the I-PASS study, Amy Starmer presented a plenary sessions on the main study findings (although a repeat of what was presented at PAS in Vancouver, a really fantastic attendance and response from the pediatric hospital medicine community!) and Jen O'Toole gave a great plenary on faculty development, respectively.
- And the I-PASS Executive Council and Study Group members conducted a leadership workshop which had a lot of lessons learned and ways to incorporate those into future projects for the attendees.

### PRIS Project Updates

#### Global Assessment of Pediatric Patient Safety (GAPPS): a national validation study of a comprehensive tool to identify adverse events in hospitalized children

The objective of this project is to test the validity and reliability of the Global Assessment of Pediatric Patient Safety (GAPPS) tool in identifying adverse events in the inpatient setting. In the current phase of this project we are testing a trigger tool modified based on a pilot study and expert panel results to validate its use across different hospital settings. Multiple academic and community sites from regions across the country are participating in the project, reviewing hospitalizations from their own medical records using the GAPPS methodology to gather data on the efficacy of the trigger tool. The results will be used to refine the final tool and improve the implementation of GAPPS in the future.

This project has two specific aims:

- To test a pediatric-specific global trigger tool, GAPPS, used to detect adverse events in all areas of care; and
- To test the GAPPS tool in a national setting allowing for comparison and utilization across a variety of hospitals with differing characteristics to allow improved national application across a large number of care centers.

Data collection from all participating sites is now complete, and analysis of the data is currently underway.

#### Comparative Effectiveness of Intravenous v. Oral Antibiotic Therapy for Serious Bacterial Infections

The aims of this project are 1) to compare the effectiveness of oral antibiotics vs. intravenous antibiotics delivered via a PICC and, 2) to compare patient and caregiver reported quality of life and adherence to therapy for oral antibiotics vs. IV antibiotics delivered via a PICC in children who require prolonged home antibiotic therapy after hospitalization for a serious bacterial infection.

The PIVVOT project has completed all data collection and the data analysis for one of the three disease cohorts. Writing groups are currently working on manuscripts and plan to submit for publication in the near future. The osteomyelitis manuscript is nearing submission, and work is actively underway for the pneumonia study.

### PRIMES

#### Objectives

The Pediatric Respiratory Illness Inpatient Measurement System "PRIMES" is a previously developed quality measurement tool that assesses the quality of care provided for 5 respiratory illnesses commonly encountered in the hospital setting:

- Asthma (41 PRIMES quality indicators)
- Bronchiolitis (21 PRIMES quality indicators)
- Croup (17 PRIMES quality indicators)
- Community Acquired Pneumonia (18 PRIMES quality indicators)
- Cystic Fibrosis Acute Pulmonary Exacerbation (28 PRIMES quality indicators)
- Stage 2 of this work in conjunction with the PRIS networks seeks to answer the question: Does better

performance on these quality indicators lead to better health and health care outcomes?

#### Specific Aims

- Aim 1: To assess whether higher levels of adherence to PRIMES standards of care is associated with:
  - Greater improvement in Health Related Quality of Life (HRQOL) scores 2-6 weeks after discharge
  - Shorter LOS
  - Fewer ED return visits within 30 days of discharge
  - Fewer Readmission within 30 days of discharge
- Aim 2: To assess whether higher levels of adherence to PRIMES standards of care is associated with improved economic value of the care provided
- Aim 3: To determine the key predictors of condition-specific and overall PRIMES scores and to assess the degree of variation in PRIMES scores in 5 U.S. children's hospitals belonging to the PRIS Network.

Progress to date: During this quarter, we held our first face-to-face meeting in June 2014. We have obtained IRB approval at all 5 sites and all subcontracts have been issued. As of July 2014, the study is being launched at all 5 sites (Seattle Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Monroe Carrel Jr. Hospital at Vanderbilt, Texas Children's Hospital/Baylor, and University of Colorado Children's Hospital). Our goal is to recruit 120 children/condition/hospital for a total of 600 children per hospital over 2 years.

#### New Personnel Changes

After several years, our Network Manager, Jaime Blank is moving to another position. The PRIS Executive Council wanted to recognize all that Jaime has done for research in the field of pediatric hospital medicine.

Under her careful scrutiny and coordination PRIS went from an organization that took the first million in funding from the 40 CEOs of the largest children's hospitals (which allowed us to hire her) and was the glue that kept the Executive Council of 8 leading clinician investigators in our field to stay focused on our goal of funding, executing and disseminating the results of our multi-center studies.

Four years later our fledgling little network of > 100 hospitals, 800 hospitalists, just over \$19 million in additional funding, and all the trials and tribulations of managing a slightly overachieving group of pretty distinct personalities later (the sites were the easy part!) is now saying goodbye to our very own first full time Network Manager!

On behalf of the other 792 hospitalists who are members of PRIS, the Executive Council and the PRIS Network will be forever grateful for her dedication, energy and commitment to these large scale efforts in trying to improve the lives of our hospitalized children and their families.

Our field and the more evidence-based care that children and their families are receiving is due to your efforts Jaime! We should all be so lucky to have that to say for one's work efforts. Good luck in your new position!

The management of PRIS is now under the direction of Betsy Holm, who works in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Utah. The PRIS Network welcomes Betsy to our group

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# Task Forces

## Global Health

### Faculty Competencies for Global Health

The APA Global Health Task Force has finalized a consensus statement on faculty competencies for global health. The statement was drafted by APA Global Health Task Force members from the Academic Pediatric Association, the Association of Pediatric Program Directors, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Canadian Paediatric Society, and the Programme for Global Pediatric Research. The Faculty Competencies for Global Health have received endorsement from the APA Board of Directors, the Section on International Child Health of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Canadian Paediatric Society Global Child and Youth Section, and the Programme for Global Pediatric Research.

The competencies are available at ([click here](#)).

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# Regions

## Region I

Greetings Region 1 members!

We hope that you are all enjoying your summer. Things have been very active here this summer.

### 1. New Region Co-Chair

We have some wonderful news. Mark X. Cicero is now our new region Co-Chair. Mark is an assistant professor of pediatric emergency medicine (PEM) at the Yale School of Medicine, the director of the pediatric disaster preparedness program, and an Attending Physician at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital. Prior to these appointments, he completed medical school at State University of New York at Buffalo, pediatrics residency and chief residency at the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, and PEM fellowship at Yale. He is a graduate of the APA's Educational Scholars Program. With guidance from the educational scholars program, he has designed experiential and didactic curricula in pediatric disaster medicine, and has published original research about disaster medicine.

He is a member of the Connecticut Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Committee, and has led drills within Connecticut and nationally. Additionally, he serves on the council of the Eastern Society for Pediatric Research.

Finally, Dr. Cicero is the principal investigator for the Pediatric Research In Disaster Education (PRIDE) network, with funding from an Emergency Medical Services for Children Targeted Issues Grant concerning pediatric disaster triage. At home, he has three young children and a disastrous cat.

2. Groups in Region 1 received two large CMS Health Care Innovation Awards in the second round of funding.

This program addresses some of the root causes of toxic stress in families.

CLIFFORD W. BEERS GUIDANCE CLINIC, INC.

Project Title: "New Haven WrapAround"

Geographic Reach: Connecticut

Estimated Funding Amount: \$9,739,427

Summary: The Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic, Inc. project will deliver evidence-based, culturally-appropriate integrated medical, behavioral health, and community-based services coordinated by a multidisciplinary Wraparound Team. Services include: 1) family engagement, recruitment, and education provided by trained community health workers in community-based settings; 2) multidisciplinary triage, screening, and assessment conducted by the Wraparound Team and including assessments of each family's physical, behavioral, and psychosocial risks, needs, and strengths; 3) family-focused care plans developed with the family, family supports, and the Wraparound Team and used to guide care and interventions; 4) care coordination provided by a Wraparound Team and focused on coordinating the provision of appropriate care across multiple care settings, managing care transitions, reconciling and managing medications, and coordinating access to crisis support and wellness and social support services; and 5) wellness and social support services provided at the hubs and at community-based organizations to address chronic and toxic stress (e.g., smoking cessation, parenting courses, diabetes prevention, meditation). The model focuses on high-need families, addresses medical and behavioral health care needs, integrates services across multiple health care institutions, and addresses the "chronic and toxic stress" experienced by the target population families. This project integrates care for families and integrates care delivery across multiple health care and community-based institutions, which will reduce the fragmentation that currently puts families at risk for poor care, poor outcomes, and excessive costs.

This program supports care coordination in children with medical complexity while keeping them connected to their local medical home.

BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER

Project Title: "Massachusetts Alliance for Complex Care (MACC)"

Geographic Reach: Massachusetts

Estimated Funding Amount: \$6,128,059

Summary: The Boston Medical Center project will test a Collaborative Care Coordination and Consultative Model for Complex Kids (the 4C, or "Foresee" Program) which pairs Complex Care Nurse Care Coordinators and Pediatricians at MACC sites in Boston and Springfield with pediatricians in the community to enhance and improve the care delivered to children with medical complexity in local medical home-like settings. Prior to enrolling in the MACC, families will undergo a comprehensive process of intake, multi-disciplinary assessment and care planning which will be used as the basis for a Comprehensive Care Plan for the child and family. All local pediatricians referring children to the MACC will also have access to consultation by a Psychiatrist, Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrics Specialist, Clinical Social Worker, and Nutritionist. Families will have access to the services of a Family Navigator to help them overcome access barriers, advocate for them, and coordinate among multiple agencies. Families will also have access to behavioral health services provided by the MACC for those in proximity to Boston Medical Center and Baystate Children's Hospital and by referral for families in outlying areas.

The complex care Pediatrician will see the patient at least once every six months and the Comprehensive Care Plan will be reviewed and revised at least once annually.

3. Summer and early fall are good times to start preparing projects for abstracts presentations at the regional APA meeting in the Spring and at the PAS meeting in San Diego in April. It's a time to meet with residents to check on the progress of their work. The spring meeting provides an opportunity to test drive presentations and build on our local networks.

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## Region V

Greetings Region V.

As summer heats up here in the Midwest, so too does planning for this year's Region V activities. But first, some introductions:

We are pleased to announce that Jawad Javed, has joined us as our third Region Co-Chair. Jawad is a Neonatologist at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois and is an Associate Residency Program Director at the University of Illinois-College of Medicine at Peoria. Please join us in welcoming Jawad.

Our first Region V activity will take place on September 22 and will feature Mike McKenna, from Riley Hospital for Children. Mike will be giving a webinar on Social Media in Pediatrics. We are hoping to have the Region's Residency Programs broadcast the webinar during their noon conference. Look for more information in the coming weeks. Our second webinar will take place in January and feature Andrew Garner, who will be leading a webinar on Toxic Stress. If you have ideas for future webinars, please let us know.

The other big activity this year is the Annual Region V Meeting. This year's meeting will take place in Cincinnati, Ohio in March 2015. In the coming months we will be sending out a call for trainee abstracts, as well as volunteers to review the abstracts. We are again excited to offer complimentary registration to all trainees whose abstract is accepted, as well as cash prizes for the top abstracts. Please let us know if you would be interested in presenting, or if you know of topics and speakers that you think would be good for the region meeting.

Finally, we would like to highlight Region Members who have won awards or have been recognized for significant career events. This month we would like to acknowledge Maryellen Gusic, who is currently the Executive Associate Dean for Education Affairs at the Indiana University School of Medicine, as well as President-Elect of the APA. Last month, Maryellen was named as Chief Medical Education Officer at the AAMC, where she will examine critical issues in medical education and lead new initiatives to transform current models of education and workforce preparation across the full continuum. Congratulations to Maryellen! Please let us know if you or one of your colleagues has recently been honored, as we would love to publicize our Region member's achievements.

Please contact us with any questions about the region or upcoming activities (including any suggestions for future topics at our events).

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## Region VI

Region VI Fall Meeting on Friday September 19, 2014

Saint Louis University and SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center will be hosting the 2014 Region VI Fall Meeting on Friday, September 19, 2014. The meeting will run from 8AM- 4PM. The goal of the meeting is a focus on networking and collaboration: building our region.

Please remember to register below (41 registrants so far!)

Program, registration and hotel information is available at:

<https://www.academicpeds.org/secure/meeting/region6meeting/>

We have an outstanding program planned, including the following:

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| 8-9 AM      | Special Grand Rounds Presentation<br>"Patient and Family Centered Medical Homes, Children and the Affordable Care Act"<br>David Keller<br>Vice Chair of Clinical Affairs and Clinical Transformation at Children's Hospital Colorado<br>Immediate Past-President at the Academic Pediatric Association |
| 9-9:15      | Break  |
| 9:15-9:30   | Welcome/Business Meeting-Region VI Co-Chairs   |
| 9:30-10:30  | Workshop<br>"Collaborations to Promote Faculty, Programs, and the Region"<br>Timothy J. Fete<br>Chair and Children's Miracle Network Professor in Pediatrics-Medical Director of MU<br>Children's Hospital   |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break  |
| 10:45-11:45 | Workshop<br>"Keys to Successful Manuscript Writing"<br>Robert W. Wilmott<br>IMMUNO Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Saint Louis University and<br>Pediatrician-in-Chief, Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center  |



11:45-1:00	Poster Session and Lunch
1-2:00	Leadership Panel Discussion David Keller, Timothy Fete, Robert Wilmott and M. Susan Heaney
2:00-2:15	Break
2:15-3:15	Presentation "Integrating e-Learning Practices in Medical Education" Kadriye Lewis Director of Evaluation and Program Development UMKC School of Medicine at Children's Mercy Hospitals
3:15-4:00	Short Presentations "CORNET, Academic Pediatrics, and You" M. Susan Heaney Division Director, General Academic Pediatrics Department of Pediatrics, Saint Louis University School of Medicine CORNET Research Chair, Region VI  "The APA's National News" David Keller
4:00	Wrap Up

A pre-meeting networking event is being coordinated for Thursday evening, September 18<sup>th</sup>. A trainee poster session is also planned with awards being available for the top posters.

St. Louis has excellent museums, restaurants and there are numerous events that weekend including:

- Taste of St. Louis (<http://tastestl.com>)
- Great Forest Park Balloon Race (<http://greatforestparkballoonrace.com>)
- The St. Louis Cardinals ([http://stlouis.cardinals.mlb.com/index.jsp?c\\_id=stl](http://stlouis.cardinals.mlb.com/index.jsp?c_id=stl)).

If you have questions about or suggestions for the program please send them directly to one of the Region Co-Chairs.

Reminder about New Initiatives this Year:

1. Institutional Liaisons - To increase information exchange and member involvement, institutional liaisons will be re-instituted this year. These are individuals who would agree to represent their institution through regular interactions with the Region VI co-chairs. Liaisons are self-nominated or institution-determined and serve for 3 years.

Duties would include:

- a. Representing their academic institution as the "Go To" person, that the Region VI co-chairs could approach, to ask for member help with projects or requests from the national APA office.
- b. Providing information about member activities/achievements at their institution such as awards and projects. This would
- c. Assist with promotion of regional and national activities including membership, identifying volunteers for committees, projects, etc.

If you are interested in this position, please contact the co-chairs.

2. Trainee poster mentoring at the PAS - volunteers will be sought year round, and we will coordinate the effort in March to match mentors with Region VI trainees presenting posters at the PAS. Instructions and a handout on how to help mentor the trainees will be provided from the national office. Please let the co-chairs know if you are interested.

## Upcoming Important Dates

1. PAS Workshop Submission Deadline - Wednesday, September 3
2. Region VI Fall Meeting in St. Louis - Friday, September 19
3. Original science submission deadline for PAS - usually mid-November
4. PAS in San Diego - April 25-28, 2015

## The Region Spotlight

You'll remember that we have reinstated a section for highlighting more regional or institutional news. You'll see below some of the great work our members have been doing in the last few months. So don't be shy to contribute your own information or look around and see who else at your institution you can shine the spotlight on. Information can be submitted at any time for inclusion in the next newsletter.

## Welcome New Region VI Members!

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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

University of South Dakota Sandord School of Medicine

Amanda Montalbano

Children's Mercy Hospital

Research: Evidence-Based Practice, Clinical Practice Guidelines, and Quality Improvement.

## News

Dr. Matt Broom co-led a workshop on maternal depression screening with Dr. Amy Ladley entitled "Developing screening, treatment, and support in pediatric primary care" at the Postpartum Support International Annual Meeting (Chapel Hill, NC) on 6/20/14.

## Abstracts

Rhyne E, Borawski A, Ladley A, Broom M. Texting as an Adjunct Treatment for Urban Mothers with Postpartum Depression. Postpartum Support International Annual Meeting (Chapel Hill, NC), June 2014: Poster presentation.

## Other Important Information

1. Newsletter items can be submitted to the national office or the regional co-chairs at anytime.
2. Nominations for regional co-chair - nominate yourself or someone else at anytime by contacting the region co-chairs.
3. Nominations for awards - please look at the nominations as they come out later this summer and fall and nomination yourself or a colleague or program.

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## Region VII

Region VII is excited to introduce our newest regional co-chair, Dr. Adam Wolfe. Dr. Wolfe joined us in May as we said farewell to our outgoing co-chair, Dr. Paul Cooper. Dr. Wolfe completed his MD/PhD at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He then moved to Madison, Wisconsin for residency in Pediatrics and fellowship in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology. In July, Dr. Wolfe joined the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology team at The Children's Hospital of San Antonio. He also serves as the Assistant Program Director for Resident Scholarship in the newly-accredited pediatric residency program. He has been active in teaching and curricular development since 1998, including teaching coursework in developmental biology, medical embryology, epidemiology and histology. Most recently, he helped to develop hospital guidelines and teaching materials in Sharing Life-Altering Information (aka, "breaking bad news") specific to pediatric practice. He has worked to integrate these materials into training for pediatric residents, fellows, faculty and multidisciplinary team members. We are happy to welcome Dr. Wolfe to Region VII.

We have also begun preparing for the 2015 Southern Regional Meeting in New Orleans. This year's meeting will be February 26-28th. The APA Call for Workshop Proposals was sent out in July. The Call for Abstracts will be coming out soon. We are looking forward to hearing back from you! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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## Special Interest Groups

### Advocacy Training

We had a great Advocacy Training SIG in PAS at Vancouver this year. We have 2 new incoming SIG Chairs- Nancy Kelly and Sara Bode who will be joining Marny Dunlap. A special thank you to our outgoing SIG Chair, Jennifer Walthall. Our SIG was packed full of information. We had a wonderful presentation on Community-based Projects: New Video Modules for Educators from the AAP. The modules on How to Plan Community-based Projects are located at [http://www2.aap.org/commpeds/resources/howto\\_series.html](http://www2.aap.org/commpeds/resources/howto_series.html). We also had a presentation on Community Based Participatory Research by Jennifer Walthall. Ben Hoffman wrapped up our presentations with Mapping the Milestones: Connecting Advocacy Training with Assessment. We ended the session with 3 platform presentations from trainees and a poster session.

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## Complex Care

The Complex Care SIG had a well-attended meeting in Vancouver. Topics discussed included Models of Care for High Resource Utilizers, Education in Complex Care, Identification of children with disabilities from administrative data, Development of a Complex Care Program registry and the Children's Hospital Association National Proposal for Children with Medical Complexity. If you are interested in learning more about the SIG, please contact Rishi Agrawal.

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## E-Learning in Medical Education



Welcome to the 2014-15 academic year in medical education! Our e-learning SIG in Medical Education would like to support your development and use of online e-learning tools this coming year. We are highlighting 1) e-learning projects and resources that have been recently developed by fellow members and medical educators, 2) upcoming events (webinars, workshops, and conferences) and tidbits of information related to venues that teach about e-Learning, and 3) opportunities in e-learning scholarship.

A Closer Look at great resources about e-learning in medical education:  
For a collection of articles about e-learning and medical education, visit the Journal of Medical Internet Research at <http://www.jmir.org/themes/57>.

There is also a growing list of e-Portfolio-related tools and technologies. The Electronic Portfolio Action and Communication (EPAC) provides a rich wiki site with a wealth of information about e-portfolio related tools, webinars, and events. Check it out at <http://epac.pbworks.com>.

For additional information about e-portfolios, visit the new issue of the International Journal of ePortfolio (IJeP), a double-blind, peer-reviewed, open access journal, at <http://www.theijep.com/current.cfm>.

Opportunities for ePortfolio scholarship include *Assessment Update*, a bimonthly newsletter on trends in higher education assessment. Author guidelines are online at <http://www.planning.iupui.edu/59.html>.

#### New Publications in E-Learning:

We just wanted to share the following peer-reviewed scholarly articles relating to various aspects of e-learning in medical education. We hope you will find these articles of interest, and that you will take the time to share them with colleagues who might also be interested in e-learning.

- Lewis, K.O., Cidon, M.J., Seto, T.L., Chen, H., Mahan, J.D. (2014). Leveraging e-learning in medical education. *Current Problems in Pediatric and Adolescent Health Care*, 44 (6), pp. 150-163.
- Ellaway, R.H., Pusic, M., Yavner, S., Kalet, A.L.(2014). Context matters: Emergent variability in an effectiveness trial of online teaching modules. *Medical Education*, 48(4), 386-396.

#### Upcoming Conferences and Workshops - 2014

- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Sloan Consortium International Consortium International Conferences on Online Learning at Lake Buena Vista, FL  
*Date:* October 29-31, 2014  
*Website:* <http://onlinelearningconsortium.org/conference/2014/aln/welcome>
- 13<sup>th</sup> conference on e-Learning ECEL-2014 at Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Date:* October 30-31, 2014  
*Website:* <http://academic-conferences.org/ecel/ecel2014/ecel14-home.htm>
- 2014 AAMC Medical Education Meeting at Chicago, Illinois  
*Date:* November 5-7, 2014  
*Website:* <http://www.cvent.com/events/the-2014-aamc-medical-education-meeting-accelerating-learning-fostering-connections-/agenda-b2b7cba1e103407c8c033a2930ac15e9.aspx>
- 7<sup>th</sup> world congress on social media, Mobile Apps and Internet/Web 2.0 in medicine and Public Health in Maui, Hawaii  
*Date:* November 13-14, 2014  
*Website:* <http://www.medicine20congress.com/ocs/index.php/med/med2014/schedConf/cfp>
- eLearning 2015 at Las Vegas, Nevada  
*Date:* February 18-21, 2015  
*Website:* <http://www.itcnetwork.org/elearning-conference/schedule-at-a-glance.html>

#### Invitation for Contribution to e-Learning SIG Newsletters and Webinar Proposals

We sincerely invite all of the APA members to contribute to our newsletters with topics that might be of interest to our e-Learning SIG members. Also, if you are looking for opportunities to present or deliver your e-learning initiatives, please send a brief outline and summary of your presentation topic. Feel free to contact Drs. Kadriye Lewis, Erik Black or Michal J. Cidon via the information below to discuss your ideas.

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Dear Ethics SIG members,

We hope your summer is going fabulous!!

We are happy to announce the fourth annual APA Ethics SIG Essay Contest. Please find the info below.

As we have already started to plan for next year, we would love to hear any ideas/topics that you would like to be presented. In this way we can plan our next session according to your needs/wishes.

We will keep in touch via our newsletter and we will continue to be a platform sharing our views and concerns about the impacts of ethics in our clinical work, research and teaching.

*Dear Pediatric Residents and Fellows of all Subspecialties in Pediatrics,*

*We are pleased to announce the fourth APA Ethics Special Interest Group (SIG) Essay Contest.*

*The contest is open to all pediatric residents and pediatric subspecialty fellows (including pediatric surgical fellows). Essays should focus on the ethical issues that residents and fellows face while caring for patients. Topics may include but not limited to personal narratives of ethical dilemmas faced in training or practice or scholarly presentations of issues related to organizational, interprofessional or global health ethics.*

*Essays should be between 800 to 1600 words. Essays longer than 1700 words will be disqualified without review. Essays must be original and unpublished works. If there are multiple authors, the award will be shared. All co-authors should provide demographic information (training status) and role in manuscript preparation.*

*Two awards will be offered:*

*1st Place - \$200*

*2nd Place - \$100*

*The winning essays will be read at the PAS meeting in San Diego, CA and will be published on the APA website as part of the Ethics SIG newsletter in June 2015. If the resident or fellow will be attending PAS in San Diego, they may present their paper themselves.*

*Deadline: February 10, 2015*

*Submit essays to: [zsalih@iupui.edu](mailto:zsalih@iupui.edu)*

We wish you all the best in your writings in ethics!

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## Evidence-Based Pediatrics

We received our evaluations from our annual SIG meeting and were pleased with both the good response rate and the high marks.

Of the 28 attending our program at PAS in Vancouver on Monday morning, May 5, 2014, 22 completed the evaluations.

The program received an overall rating of 3.91 on a 1 through 4 point scale and the same rating for relevance and utility. For the four other categories-meeting the objectives and description, time for discussion, use of AV materials, and use of session time-the program earned ratings of 3.81 each. 21 of 22 found the program free of commercial bias and expressed plans to attend future programs.

The comments were all positive. Respondents singled out and praised our guest speaker, Vancouverite James McCormack-famed for his educational YouTube parodies of pop songs. Regarding the program as a whole, one wrote, "One of the most valuable sessions I attend each year." While respondents encouraged us to continue the current style of programming that we have adopted in recent years, several pointed out how much they appreciated both the videos as well as the interactive table-top demonstrations.

We will post materials from the SIG on our web pages at [http://www.academicpeds.org/specialInterestGroups/sig\\_evidence\\_based\\_medicine.cfm](http://www.academicpeds.org/specialInterestGroups/sig_evidence_based_medicine.cfm) for members to view. Meanwhile, please consider both topics and speakers for our program in 2015 April 25 to 28 in San Diego, California.

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## Fellowship Training

The Fellowship Training SIG met on Saturday May 3rd at the 2014 PAS Annual Meeting in Vancouver. There were several excellent speakers and valuable discussions. We started with a Gift Circle led by Iris Borowsky from the University of Minnesota, where participants shared their needs/challenges as well as "gifts"/ideas for others. Arthur Fierman from the New York University School of Medicine presented on the development of a course on writing and communicating about research for fellows. Bill Basco from the Medical University of South Carolina presented his experience working with Pediatric Hospital Medicine Fellowships in a unified match process this year, including lessons learned and implications for Academic General Pediatric (AGP) Fellowships moving forward. Lou Bell from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia followed with an update on the APA's AGP Fellowship Accreditation Program and the first pre-PAS Meeting programming offered for fellows in accredited programs this year. Paul Darden from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center led a discussion on Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) and milestones and their

appropriateness for AGP Fellowship Programs. We ended with a terrific idea for next year's session so stay tuned!

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## Hospital Medicine

We are happy to announce our newly elected co-SIG Chair, Kathy Bradford. Kathy is a pediatric hospitalist and internist at Chapel Hill, NC.

The annual Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM) conference was held in Orlando, FL, July 24-27. It started with a dynamic theme of *Keep Moving Forward*. Over the years the number of attendees has grown and this year's conference was attended by 813 pediatric hospitalists that included hospitalists from Australia and New Zealand. As the number of attendees and the field has grown so have the education tracks. This year's feature was the Community Hospitalist track. Hospitalists practicing in the community setting have a unique role varying from being the in-hospital provider in the emergency rooms, in labor and delivery rooms, on floors, in the ICUs, consulting and co-managing surgical patients and consulting with community physicians. To continue advancing on the role of community hospitalists in improving care of hospitalized children and transitioning them to their medical home, the leaders of community hospitalists brainstormed through education tracks and group meetings. The meeting kicked off with a spectacular talk by Dr. Patrick Conway discussing the *The Next Phase of Delivery Systems Reform* which was followed by a panel discussion with CEO's. Dr. Mark Shen, President of Dell Children's Hospital and a very well known pediatric hospitalist moderated a lively session on *Hospitals and Health Systems: What's on the Mind of your CEO?* The panelists included Dr. Jeff Sperring, a pediatric hospitalist and current CEO of Riley Children's hospital, Dr. Steve Narang, a pediatric hospitalist and CEO of Banner Health Systems in Phoenix, and Dr. David Bailey, President and CEO of the Nemours foundation.

The inaugural session set the tone for the rest of the PHM conference in the Disney Yacht Club in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Steve Muething's keynote on "*Children's Hospitals with No Serious Harm. We can Do This.*" was followed by a commitment from hospitalists to collaborate within their institution and nationally to "get their hospitals to zero harm." This was followed by multiple abstracts, posters, workshops and focused group meetings over the next 3 days. For the first time, a fellows reception was held during the PHM conference and was bustling with enthusiasm and youth from 27 fellowship programs across the country, their fellowship directors, mentors, and over 50 fellows in training. While many challenges to improving care were discussed, the PHM community discussed *gender* and how leaders and faculty can work towards improving career advancement of women and work together towards gender equality. The PHM Certification Group presented their updates in an open forum discussion on the current updates on the PHM Certification Petition. The annual meeting is attended by the three Society President's from the AAP, APA, and the SHM and a town hall meeting between PHM members and the three Presidents has now become a tradition. The AAP Section of Hospital Medicine celebrated its 15 years with a lively reception. Dr. Alberto Puig's closing remarks on history of medicine reminded us all about the passion we share in improving care of hospitalized children and resident education. Over the past 11 years, the field and the annual conference has grown in breadth and depth. Looking back, at the Disney Resort, the 2014 PHM conference was truly *magical!*

Upcoming Deadlines

Workshop submission for Pediatric Academic Societies meetings in 2015: Deadline September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014

PHM 2015 will be held in San Antonio in July 23-26, 2015. Please look out for the call for reviewers for abstracts and workshops.

APA Leadership Pre Course will be held on July 22-23 in San Antonio in 2015.

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## Integrative Pediatrics

The Integrative Pediatric SIG welcomed attendees from North America and Europe at Vancouver this May. Dr. Elena Ladas who heads the Integrative Therapies Program for Children with Cancer at Columbia University Medical Center in New York City, gave the key note address. She introduced the audience to the many differing modalities used for her patients in the oncology group, and around the hospital including the PICU and NICU. In particular, nutrition was the focus of Dr. Ladas presentation where she also shared lessons learned from her research. The second half of our SIG meeting was devoted to two research posters: the first one was on the utilization of acupuncture in a headache clinic, and the second study was on the integration of complementary and alternative medicine education in a pediatric residency program. Overall feedback from participants positive, with particularly lively interactive discourse over the posters.

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## Literacy Development Programs in Primary Care

At our SIG meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver, Tom Boyce, professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco, was our keynote speaker. He is a world-renowned expert on stress and its effects on child development and health, and he gave us a review of the psychobiology of adversity, covering 25 years of discovery, and culminating in 5 hypotheses relating ANS reactivity and stress vulnerability to the possible protective effects of reading aloud. One participant commented that Dr. Boyce's talk "blew my mind." I think we all felt that way.

We also heard from past and present Reach Out and Read Young Investigator awardees, as well as one additional study in progress. This year's YIA awardees are: John Hutton (fellow, University of Cincinnati): Neuroimaging of Children Exposed to ROR; and Jayna Schumacher (fellow, Boston University): "Use of E-

Books to Support Emerging Readers from Families with Low Socioeconomic Status." Both are worthy, challenging, limit-stretching topics.

Attending were 29 colleagues, 8 of whom were repeaters from 2013. The SIG wrapped up with an open discussion which (for several of us) continued through lunchtime. For the coming year, we'll work on organizing our research "roadmap," supporting new Young Investigators and those whose projects are ongoing, and refreshing our SIG leadership. Thanks, everyone, for making 2014 such a success!

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## Medical Informatics and Electronic Health Records (EHR)

In our first year as SIG Chairs, we had a great turn out to our Medical Informatics and EHR PAS SIG meeting in Vancouver, BC, reaching standing room only capacity. Our invited speakers, Dr. Feliciano 'Pele' Yu and Dr. Marvin Harper, gave talks about pediatric health information technology standards and future trends in informatics. Dr. Emily Webber, our SIG's former co-Chair, also gave information about opportunities for pediatricians to become involved in the AAP's Council on Clinical Information Technology (COCIT). In the next year, we hope to continue to educate our members about how medical informatics will continue to shape how we care for patients, the development of new informatics training programs and the continued challenges of meeting the Meaningful Use program's goals for our EHRs.

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## Medical Student Education

The Medical Student Education SIG is a dedicated home for all interested in medical student education. The SIG disseminates information to members for faculty and career development, and it partners with other

organizations to enhance approaches to education and training. At our 2014 SIG Session, we combined with the Pediatric Residents SIG to cover 3 "hot topics" relevant to educators, residents and medical students: Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs) for medical school and residency, Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) for entering residency, and Resident-as Teacher (RAT) curricula. Michele Long and Lavjay Butani are completing their terms as SIG co-Chairs. We are excited to announce our two new co-Chairs: Elizabeth Goodman from Rutgers and Mary Rocha from Baylor. In the fall we will begin planning for PAS 2015 in San Diego, and as always will remain open to ideas for topics and session content.

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## Qualitative Research

Remember that as you submit abstracts to PAS you can now choose to submit under the qualitative research theme. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for the SIG agenda for PAS in May 2015. We look forward to hearing from you via email or the Academic Pediatric Association Wiki where you can find and post additional information:

Info about the Qualitative Research SIG

[www.academicpediatrics.org/specialInterestGroups/sig\\_Qualitative\\_Research.cfm](http://www.academicpediatrics.org/specialInterestGroups/sig_Qualitative_Research.cfm)

View/use the Qualitative Research SIG wiki

<http://www.academicpediatrics.org/sigworkrooms/index.cfm?page=logininc.cfm&bid=92&ic=QR>

You might find this recent article quite useful, by O'Brien BC, Harris IB, Beckman TJ, Reed DA, Cook DA. Standards for Reporting Qualitative Research: A Synthesis of Recommendations. Acad Med. 2014 Jun 20. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 24979285 <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24979285>

We thank Dorene Balmer for her service as a QR SIG co-chair and note that she was instrumental in starting this interest group. We welcome Terry Kind who joins Eve Colson and Jan Hanson as co-chairs of the SIG. Contact information below or on the APA Wiki.

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## Simulation-based Medical Education

The Simulation Based Medical Education SIG had a fantastic meeting in Vancouver at PAS with over fifty attendees! Congratulations to the 2014 Academic Pediatric Association Simulation-Based Medical Education Special Interest Group top abstract award winners!

1st place

TITLE: Evaluation of a Pediatric, in Silu, Tale-Simulation Program for Critical Access Hospital Emergency Department Staff

AUTHORS: J Katznelson, B Joyner, S Ghazarian, W Mills

2nd place

TITLE: How good are simulation model lungs?

AUTHORS: S Zern, S Pearlman, T Blackson, J Ciarlo, R Locke

3rd place

TITLE: Embedding Patient Simulation in a Pediatric Cardiology Rotation: A Unique Opportunity for Improving Resident Education

AUTHORS: S Mohan, C Follansbee, U Nwankwo, D Holkosh, F Shermarf, M Hamillon

During our meeting we decided that the theme for the 2015 SIG will be: Simulation Research: Getting Time and Getting Funding. Please send us [marc.auerbach@yale.edu](mailto:marc.auerbach@yale.edu) your ideas for topics/speakers to help shape and mold the 2015 agenda.

There is a lot going on across the globe in pediatric simulation. Get involved in other pediatric simulation groups by going to the following sites: Society for Simulation in Healthcare: Pediatric Section <http://www.ssih.org/Interest-Groups/Pediatric-Section>, International Pediatric Simulation Society- <http://www.ipssglobal.org/>, NSPIRE- International Network for Simulation Innovations Pediatric Research Education <http://inspiresim.com/>, Association of Pediatric Program Directors Healthcare Simulation Pediatric Education Group <https://www.appd.org/activities/PEGs.cfm>.

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# Announcements

## Journal Call for Systematic Reviews

The APA journal, *Academic Pediatrics*, now regularly publishes systematic reviews and is calling for submissions of systematic reviews concerning health care delivery, public policy, education & professional development, and research methodology. We expect submissions to be highly structured investigations that follow the latest methodology for systematic reviews, and of course such submissions will undergo the same level of rigorous peer-review as do other submissions to the journal. Nonetheless, junior investigators can master the methods of systematic review and use such an investigation to launch their efforts in a direction of inquiry.

Those interested in pursuing such an investigation with the intention to publish in *Academic Pediatrics* may contact the section editor, Robert M Jacobson, Mayo Clinic, ph: 507-538-1642, fax: 507-284-9744, and email: [jacobson.robert@mayo.edu](mailto:jacobson.robert@mayo.edu).

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