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FCAAP NEWS

Welcome to the December 2018 FCAAP Member Newsletter! In each issue you will find important information and updates for FCAAP members!

Dear FCAAP Members,

I hope everyone had a fabulous Thanksgiving and can look forward to a holiday season full of wonderful memories. My wife and I are excited because both of our grown children will be home for the first time in at least two years, converging on Tallahassee from Dayton, OH, and Lawrence, KS.

As I am sure you know the NCE was in Orlando this year, November 2-6. It was a wonderful experience with excellent sessions and teachers. At the NCE the Florida Chapter sponsored a luncheon to which many of you came (thank you), and we were able to welcome, in a second reception, the leaders from the other chapters in the United States. It always amazes me to hear what good things the AAP does, both on a national and local level.

The Board of Directors of the Florida Chapter met at the NCE and approved the slate of Committee and Task Force Leaders for the next year. You can see them [here](#). In addition, the Board has discussed appointing a Task Force on Mental Health and one on School Health. If any of you are interested in joining any of the Committees/Task Forces above, please contact the appropriate Chairperson directly or the Chapter at info@fcaap.org.

The Medicaid Lawsuit is in the process of winding down. Watch the newsletter in upcoming months for more information about what has happened with that.

Thanks for all you continue to do for the Chapter.



Paul Robinson, M.D., F.A.A.P.
FCAAP President

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FCAAP HOSTS WELL-ATTENDED FLORIDA PROVIDER LUNCHEON AT AAP'S NCE

On Sunday, November 4, 2018 FCAAP hosted a free luncheon for all Florida Providers attending the APP NCE. Nearly 200 FCAAP Members and guests filled the Barrel Spring Room at the Hyatt Regency Orlando to enjoy networking with other Florida pediatric providers, learning about the initiatives and member benefits of the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP), and meeting chapter leaders and representatives. FCAAP President Dr. Paul Robinson shared an update on the Chapter, and Dr. Madeline Joseph, President of the Florida Pediatric Foundation & Immediate Past President of FCAAP, informed guests about the Foundation's activities.

Guests were also given an opportunity to participate in a brief survey to share their feedback on FCAAP events, initiatives and committees. Completed surveys were entered into a Grand Prize Drawing for free registration to FCAAP's annual conference: The Future of Pediatric Practice 2019. Congratulations to Dr. Thomas Fisk on winning the drawing for free conference registration, and to runner up Dr. Julie Jacobs who received free family registration to the Family Reception at the conference!

Thank you to all who attended, offered their feedback, and helped make the luncheon such a success. We appreciate your helping us to continue to support Florida's kids to be happy, safe, and healthy!

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FCAAP NAMES SURVEY RAFFLE WINNERS

If you attended FCAAP's Annual Conference, The Future of Pediatric Practice 2018, you were asked to complete a post-conference survey to provide your feedback on the event. We are pleased to share that the post-conference survey raffle results are in!

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback through the conference survey! We strive to improve your conference experience each year and cannot do so without feedback from you.

As promised, everyone who completed the post-conference survey was entered into a raffle for free registration for The Future of Pediatric Practice 2019. In the spirit of giving, a second name was pulled from the raffle to receive free family registration (2 adults plus kids) to the Family Reception at The Future of Pediatric Practice 2019.

And the winners are...

First Place: Dr. Sarah Wittstruck | Second Place: Dr. Tara Gonzales

Congratulations, Drs. Wittstruck and Gonzales!

Why attend FCAAP's Annual Conference: The Future of Pediatric Practice 2019?

- NEW Location at Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts
- Network with fellow Florida providers and FCAAP Leaders
- Earn CME credits while learning from top pediatric experts
- Cheer on Florida's top pediatric residency programs during the Brain Bowl
- Enjoy food, fun, dancing, and meet Disney characters at the Family Reception
- Special hotel rates and discounted tickets to Disney theme parks, valid for the Epcot International Food & Wine Festival

We look forward to seeing you Labor Day Weekend - August 30 - September 2, 2019!

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ADOLESCENT IMMUNIZATION FLIP CHART NOW AVAILABLE IN SIMPLIFIED CHINESE

The AAP resource, *A Guide to Adolescent Immunizations: Flip Chart for Pediatric Offices and Parents*, is now available in simplified Chinese by request for [digital](#) or [physical](#) copies. The easy-to-understand flipchart is aimed at helping pediatric health care providers discuss adolescent immunizations with their patients and families.

Questions? Contact hpv@aap.org.

“SOMEONE YOU LOVE” FILM AND COMMUNITY VIEWING GUIDE

The documentary “Someone You Love: The HPV Epidemic”, showcasing the lives of five women affected by Human Papillomavirus (HPV), has been added to the [HPV Champion Toolkit](#)! Please share this [link](#) to access free downloads and a community viewing guide to help members show this lifesaving film in their practice or community. Questions? Contact [Jessica Doan](#), Program Coordinator, Immunization Practice Improvement.

AAP'S COMMITTEE ON CODING AND NOMENCLATURE UPDATE

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Chapters, Sections, and Councils can play a significant role in the development and valuation of new or revised CPT codes and the revaluation of existing CPT codes felt to be misvalued. In addition, the Committee on Coding and Nomenclature (COCN) needs your help to identify ICD-10-CM codes that are no longer applicable, incorrect, or yet to be developed for new diagnoses.

COCN wants to be sure that all AAP Chapters, Sections, and Councils have an opportunity to identify the need for a new/revised code(s), propose a new/revised code(s), and value a new/revised code(s). For more details on how you can help, [click here](#).

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FCAAP RESPONDS TO AAP CALL TO BAN CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

*By FCAAP Child Abuse and Injury Prevention Committee Chair
Randell Alexander, MD, PhD*

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recently released a statement that called for an end to corporal punishment and to encourage the use of alternatives to spanking. The statement supports the need for adults to avoid physical punishment and verbal abuse of children. Citing new evidence that it may cause harm to the child by affecting normal brain development, the AAP notes that there are other methods that teach children right from wrong and that are safer and more effective.

In their roles as child advocates, pediatricians are encouraged to assume roles at local and state levels to advance this policy as being in the best interest of children. One way in which you can help is to become a No Hit Zone in your office, hospital, and other venues. A No Hit Zone is when signs are posted declaring that you are a No Hit Zone and when the staff are educated about helping families before anger escalates. The AAP, CDC, Wolfson Children's Hospital, and others have websites to help families with means to deal with behavior. A No Hit Zone is a tangible mission statement for how adults and children should interact with each other.

As hospitals and other around the country are becoming No Hit Zones, I hope that you will join in this effort. Please contact me at 904-633-0190 or email randell.alexander@jax.ufl.edu if you are interested and we can provide additional materials.

Please [click here](#) to view the AAP statement, "Effective Discipline to Raise Healthy Children."

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FLORIDA MEDICAID WEBINAR SCHEDULE: STATEWIDE MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PROGRAM OVERVIEW & DENTAL OVERVIEW

The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) contracts with Medicaid health and dental plans to provide services to health plan enrollees in the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) program. AHCA recently entered into new contracts with health and dental plans. As part of those contracts, AHCA achieved program changes that greatly benefit enrollees and providers.

AHCA will be hosting public webinars over the course of the next few months to share information about updates to the SMMC program.

Join AHCA for webinars relating to SMMC Overview and Dental Overview every Wednesday afternoon. These webinars will consist of a pre-recorded presentation with the same information each webinar followed by a live question and answer session. To register for any of these webinars, please click the registration links below:

Wednesday, Dec 5th, 2:00 – 3:30pm EST: SMMC Overview – [Register](#)

Wednesday, Dec 12th, 2:00 – 3:00pm EST: Dental Overview – [Register](#)

Wednesday, Dec 19th, 2:00 – 3:30pm EST: SMMC Overview – [Register](#)

Wednesday, Dec 26th, 2:00 – 3:00pm EST: Dental Overview – [Register](#)

In order to accommodate as many participants as possible, please try to consolidate participation within organizations. Please note that if you are unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts or the webinar has reached the webinar capacity limit, the information will be posted on the AHCA website.

For additional information on the SMMC program, please visit <http://ahca.myflorida.com/SMMC>.

QUESTIONS? FLMedicaidManagedCare@ahca.myflorida.com

COMPLAINTS OR ISSUES? ONLINE:

<http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/complaints/>

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more and get connected
with the chair.**



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Please encourage your colleagues to [join](#)!

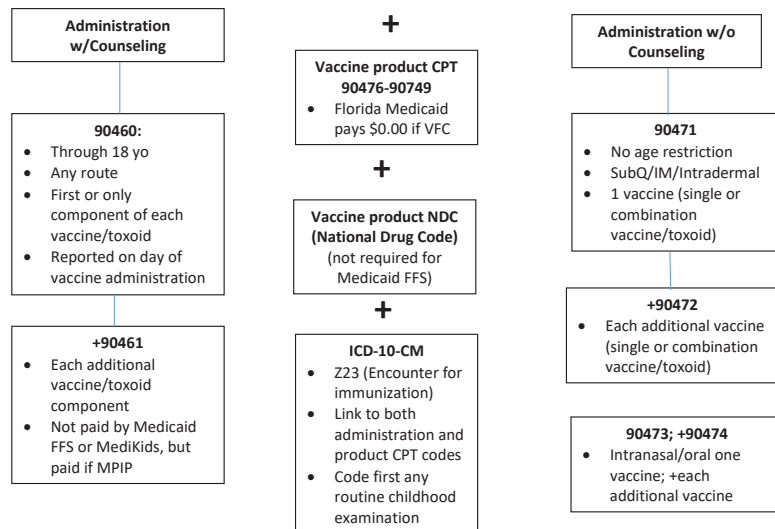
Discounts are available for academic institutions!

Contact FCAAP for more information!

AN IMMUNIZATION CODING PRIMER

David Kanter, MD, MBA, CPC

Chair, AAP Committee on Coding and Nomenclature



Element/Term	Comment/Definition
Component	All vaccine antigens that prevent disease caused by one organism.
Counseling	To bill, must be provided face-to-face by physician or Qualified Healthcare Professional (such as Advanced Practice Nurse or Physician Assistant), but clinical staff (such as RN) may administer vaccine.
Florida Medicaid	80% of physician fee when administration provided and billed by APN or PA
Modifier 25	Append to Preventive Medicine visit 99381-99395 or Office E/M visits 99201-99205, 99212-99215 when also reporting immunization administration.
NDC formatting (not required for Medicaid FFS immunization)	N4, NDC, Unit Qualifier, Number of dispensed units; no spaces or hyphens separating these elements. NDC entered as 5-4-2 eleven digit number using leading 0 to correctly format.

Immunization example	CPT code (assume counseling for each antigen)	CPT units
DTaP-HepB-IPV	90460	1
	90461	4
	(Not Medicaid FFS or MediKids; Yes for MPIP) 90723 (Vaccine product)	1
MMR and Varicella	90460	2 (Note that 90460 represents first component of each vaccine, and
		two vaccines were counseled and administered).
	90461	2
	(Not Medicaid FFS or MediKids; Yes for MPIP) 90707 (MMR product)	1
	90716 (Varicella product)	
DTaP-Hib-IPV, Pneumococcal, Rotavirus	90460	3 (Note that 90460 represents first component of each vaccine, and
		three vaccines were counseled and administered)
	90461	4
	(Not Medicaid FFS or MediKids; Yes for MPIP) 90698 (DTaP-Hib-IPV product)	1
	90670 (Pneumococcal product)	1
	90680 (Rotavirus oral product)	1

Useful Links:

[Florida Medicaid Immunization Fee Schedule](#)[AHCA Managed Medical Assistance Physician Incentive Program](#)
(along with enhanced MPIP rates)[Florida Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) Handbook](#)

FCAAP Projects

FCAAP is engaged in a variety of grant projects throughout the year with the help and leadership of its Committees, Task Forces, and members. Below is a list of recently concluded (w/in 2 months), current, and pending grant projects. For more information on how to get involved or to start a new project, please contact FCAAP at info@fcaap.org.

Zika 101*Status: Current*

Primary Leader: Mobeen Rathore, MD
Associated Committee: Emerging Infections

Focus: Provide updated information related to the Zika Virus in pediatrics

Patient Centered Medical Home Transition*Status: Current*

Primary Leaders: Shannon Fox-Levine, MD, & Tommy Schechtman, MD
Associated Committee: Pediatric Council

Focus: Providing resources to FCAAP members to achieve PCMH recognition

2018 HPV*Status: Current*

Primary Leaders: Nizar Maraqa, MD & Madeline Joseph, MD

Associated Committee: Immunization
Focus: Educating pediatric residents on how to make a clear recommendation for the HPV vaccine and effectively communicate with vaccine-hesitant parents and youth

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR PATIENTS' SHOTS WITH REMINDER/RECALL

With flu season in full swing, take every opportunity to vaccinate against the flu by using Reminder/Recall to be proactive and protect your patients. Reminder/Recall is one of the many tools in Florida SHOTS that helps you boost immunization levels in your practice. Your office can use it to create lists of patients who are due or overdue for immunizations and even create and print mailing labels. These reports can include childhood and adolescent vaccines – and even flu!

For step-by-step instructions on how to run a Reminder/Recall report in your office, check out the guide [HERE](#). Also available in [Spanish](#). There is also a recorded webinar that you can view in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Florida SHOTS Blog: Sign Up to Get Important Updates!

Did you know Florida SHOTS has a blog? Every week we post important announcements, training tips, and other resources to help you get the most out of the registry. By [subscribing to the blog](#), you will get our posts sent straight to your email so you'll never miss an update!

Additional training resources from Florida SHOTS include [recorded webinars](#), [training guides](#), and a [training system](#).



FCAAP Projects (cont)

Safety & Injury Prevention

Status: Current

Primary Leader: Jennifer Takagishi, MD

Association: Early Childhood Champion

Focus: Training early childhood educators on safety and injury prevention techniques.

Healthy People 2020

Status: Current

Associated Task Force: Community Pediatrics & Health Equity

Focus: Reducing adolescent suicide by promoting screening for bullying and depression in pediatric offices.

Identifying Depression

Post Gun Violence

Status: Current

Primary Leaders: Madeline Joseph, MD; Mikah Owen, MD; Rita

Nathawad, MD; Elise Fallucco, MD
Associated Task Force: Gun Violence Prevention

Focus: Increasing the proportion of PCP office visits where youth are screened for depression and increasing the proportion of youth with mental health problems who receive treatment.



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 NEW On Demand Course – [more info](#)
- **The Risks of Distracted Practice in the Perioperative Area**
 NEW On Demand Course – [more info](#)
- **Making the Case: Championing for HPV Cancer Prevention in Your Practice**
 CDC Medscape CME – [more info](#)
- **Meningococcal Serogroup B Disease Education and Vaccine Information Webinar Series**
Multiple Dates in December 2018
 Webinar Series – [more info](#)
- **USF Pediatric Grand Rounds**
Multiple Dates in December 2018
 St. Petersburg, FL – [more info](#)
- **Ask Me About HPV! - HPV Cancer Education and Ambassador Training**
December 5, 2018
 St. Petersburg, FL – [more info](#)
- **Ask Me About HPV! - HPV Cancer Education and Ambassador Training**
January 8, 2019
 St. Petersburg, FL – [more info](#)
- **Celebration of Pediatric Pulmonology and Sleep**
February 15-17, 2019
 Orlando, Florida – [more info](#)

HPV CANCER PREVENTION



Ask Me About HPV!

HPV Cancer Education and
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PRESENTATION

Understanding the Burden of HPV Disease,
the Importance of the HPV Vaccine Recommendation,
and Communicating about HPV Vaccination

LOCATION

Wed, December 5, 2018

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Florida Department of Health St. Petersburg
205 Dr. MLK Street No
St. Pete, FL 33701
2nd Floor Rm. 109 - A

Target Audience:

Community Health Professionals, Nurses, Nurses Practitioners, Physicians, Medical Students (Nurse, Doctor, Pharm, Dental, Public Health), as well as other members of a practice team that has contact with clients.

Register at:

<https://askmeaboutpv18.eventbrite.com>



FCAAP NEWS INTRODUCES MEDICAL STUDENT COMMITTEE SECTION

This month's "Mentor Spotlight" on the following pages is the first in a series of several medical student-authored articles that will be featured in the *FCAAP News* throughout the year.

Additional topics will highlight the work of medical students, Pediatric Interest Groups, and student advocacy as it relates to pediatrics.

We hope you enjoy this new section. Stay tuned for more great articles written by members of FCAAP's Medical Student Committee in future editions!



Educational Opportunities

- **54th Annual Pediatric Postgraduate Course**
February 28 – March 3, 2019
Hollywood, FL – [more info](#)
- **2019 AAP Legislative Conference**
April 7-9, 2019
Washington, DC – [more info](#)
- **Zika 101**
Recorded Course – [more info](#)
- **Reducing Complications of Therapeutic Blood Transfusion in Sickle Cell Disease**
Recorded Course – [more info](#)
- **Hurricanes and Storms: From Preparedness to Recovery, Strategies for a Brighter Future**
Recorded Webinar – [more info](#)

For up-to-date information on continuing education opportunities for pediatricians, visit the [Member page of FCAAP's website](#).

MENTOR SPOTLIGHT: DR. MARY NORTON

By FCAAP Medical Student Committee Chair Scott Nelson



Scott Nelson, Author



Mary Norton, MD, FAAP

This month, I had the privilege of interviewing Mary Norton, MD, FAAP, Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinic Sciences at the Florida State University College of Medicine, about her role as a mentor to medical students and her perspectives on the field of pediatrics.

Scott Nelson: Please tell me about your current role as a faculty member at FSU and your involvement with the Pediatric Interest Group there.

Dr. Mary Norton: I have the privilege of serving as the faculty advisor for FSU College of Medicine's Pediatric Interest Group. I am also the Assistant Director of the M2 Clinical Skills Course and am a frequent pediatric lecturer for second year physician assistant students. In regards to my clinical duties, I am the lead pediatrician at the newly established FSU PrimaryHealth Clinic at Sabal Palm Elementary School, and am actively involved with the Leon County Community Partnership School Cabinet.

SN: What was your "path to pediatrics?" Did you always know this was the specialty for you?

MN: The short answer is no. As a medical student at FSU COM, I was a Family Medical Scholar and involved with our global health student interest group (SIGH). I liked everything I was learning and wanted to know how to best serve families at home and abroad, but didn't know how to narrow my interests beyond that. It wasn't until I was more than half-way through my 3rd year of medical school that I lost my fear of interacting with "angry" or "worried" parents. Pediatricians inspire changes that have a multigenerational impact on the wellbeing children and their parents. Once I realized that power, I switched to pediatrics and never looked back!

SN: Are there any areas of advocacy that you are passionate about and/or participate in? Why is advocacy important to you?

MN: As pediatricians, our voices have a powerful impact on children, families, and our communities. I completely agree with the AAP Advocacy & Policy's stance that "many of the major threats to children's health today cannot be addressed adequately in the clinical setting alone." My passion is community advocacy, because it gives me the opportunity



Do you have a story you'd like to share or a FCAAP member you'd like to recognize in the FCAAP News?

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to work with local advocates for children and families from multiple fields, like education and social services. We work together to address common goals like reducing exposure to toxic stress, building resiliency skills, and improving access to primary and behavioral health services.

SN: Do you think it is important to be a mentor for medical students?

MN: Absolutely! Building a relationship with a trusted mentor gives students the opportunity to learn from their mentor's experiences and gain insight they may not otherwise have about their journey into pediatrics. It also provides a safe space for constructive feedback, advice, and nurturing. I have benefited greatly from the wisdom and guidance I have received from my upper levels, faculty, and colleagues. Sometimes, a mentor you bond well with may not be easy to find at first, but don't give up! If you're having trouble finding one near you, check out the mentorship program offered by the AAP's Section on Pediatric Trainees.

SN: What challenges do you think pediatrics as a specialty faces going forward? What about the future of pediatrics is exciting to you?

MN: One of the biggest challenges I think we face is keeping up with the rapidly changing environment our patients currently live in. Much of what my patients are exposed to now (the prevalence of cyber bullying, Juuling, significant mental health burdens, increasingly toxic political environment, etc.) seem so much more intense than what I remember growing up with (and I'm a Millennial!). The same goes for parents, as parents now face more criticism and pressure to live an "Instagram perfect" life than previous generations did. It is critical for pediatricians to keep tabs on what our young people face so that we can appropriately support them. Working with children and families is a tremendous privilege and gives me such joy. I am proud to be able to face these challenges with them. This pediatrician-child-family partnership is what gives me hope for the future.

SN: What advice do you have for medical students who are interested in a career in pediatrics?

MN: Pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists as a group are warm, friendly, and encouraging. If you're interested in any aspect of pediatrics, don't be afraid to reach out to a pediatrician and ask how you can learn more. You never know what you may discover!

Questions about FCAAP's Medical Student Committee or interested in applying for a position on next year's committee? Contact Scott at spn16@med.fsu.edu.

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WHAT IS THE FLU?

Influenza, or the flu, is a contagious respiratory disease that can lead to serious illness. Each year, thousands of healthy adults and children need to visit a doctor or are hospitalized from flu complications. Flu is unpredictable and can be severe. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone six months of age and older should get an annual flu vaccine. Being protected by a flu vaccine can reduce doctor's visits, hospitalizations, missed work and school, as well as helping to prevent the spread of flu. Vaccination helps protect women during and after pregnancy and can protect the baby for several months after birth.

PERIOD OF CONTAGIOUSNESS:

You may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Although people with the flu are most contagious in the first 3-4 days after their illness begins, some otherwise healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick. Some people, especially young children and people with weakened immune systems, might be able to infect others with flu viruses for an even longer time.

IF YOU ARE SICK, STAY HOME!

Anyone who is sick with the flu should stay home from work, school, and other public places except to seek medical care or for other necessities. Staying home and resting can help people with flu feel better and will lessen the chance of spreading flu to others.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR:

Some people can become extremely ill with the flu and need emergency medical care. If you or a child in your household becomes sick and exhibits any of these warning signs, seek emergency medical care immediately.

FOR CHILDREN:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids (for example, if you notice fewer wet diapers or fewer trips to urinate than normal)
- Not waking up or interacting normally
- Being so irritable they do not want to be held
- Fever with a rash

FOR ADULTS:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting

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**TIPS FOR STAYING HEALTHY:**

- ✓ Get vaccinated every year.
- ✓ Know the signs and symptoms of the flu.
- ✓ Wash your hands properly and often.
- ✓ Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose, and mouth
- ✓ Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- ✓ Eat a healthy diet, get plenty of rest, and exercise regularly.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that could be contaminated with germs

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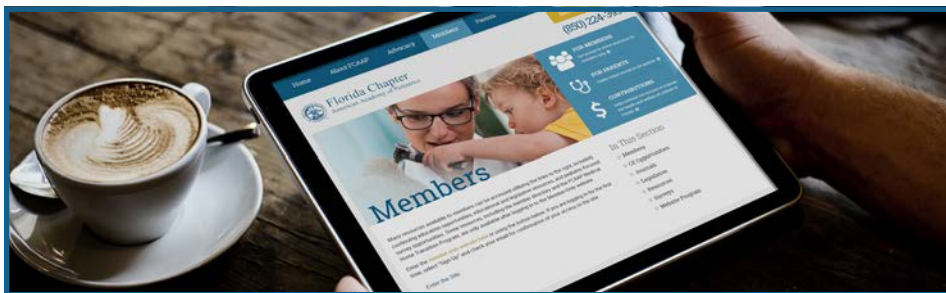
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SURGEON GENERAL DISCUSSES OPIOID EPIDEMIC

The Doctors Company's 2018 Executive Advisory Board meeting—a gathering of some of the leading figures in medicine in the United States—featured a virtual conversation between The Doctors Company Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Richard E. Anderson, MD, FACP, and the United States Surgeon General, Vice Admiral Jerome M. Adams, MD, MPH.

In this first of two articles highlighting key excerpts from the virtual conversation, Dr. Anderson and Dr. Adams discuss the opioid epidemic's huge impact on communities and health services in the United States. Read the full conversation [here](#).



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Over 50% of teen suicides are committed with a gun from home

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Tell your child if he finds a gun, don't touch it; go tell an adult

...

Lock up ammunition in a separate location

24-Hour Crisis Hotline:
Dial 211 from anywhere in the US or
Text HOME to 741741



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF BROWARD COUNTY, FL



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Division of Community Care


DISTRICT X SURVEY

A research study is being planned to evaluate interventions that reduce firearm injuries among children who reside in AAP District X (which includes Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and Puerto Rico). This survey will take less than 2 minutes of your time and will inform the principal investigators of (1) practice patterns among District X pediatricians to include questions on firearm ownership and safe storage when counseling families about injury prevention and (2) the willingness of pediatricians to partner with the research team to understand firearm ownership and storage methods. Please take a couple minutes to add your experience as a Florida pediatrician to [this survey](#).

CORNELL STUDENT'S SURVEY SEEKS PEDIATRICIANS PERSPECTIVES ON NATURE AND HEALTH

FCAAP members are encouraged to participate in an online survey about pediatricians' perspectives on nature and health. The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and in appreciation of your feedback, you will be entered into a lottery for one of two \$25 Amazon gift cards.

This study protocol has been deemed exempt by the Cornell University Institutional Review Board for Human Participants, and you must be a pediatrician practicing in the United States or Canada to participate. To participate, [click here](#). Please contact Briana Lui via email at bl459@cornell.edu or at (646) 270-1466 for more information or with questions.



Florida AAP has partnered with **Practis** offering a mobile-friendly website program to members.

Introducing the
Florida AAP PediSite Program

\$200 OFF
the \$2,500 set-up

Bright Futures Toolkit
Collect data from AAP's Bright Futures Pre-visit Questionnaires securely before parents arrive to the office.

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\$300 OFF*
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INCREASE YOUR VISIBILITY ONLINE

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Call 800-238-0095 or
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*Set-up

MANDATORY PRESCRIBING COURSE DEADLINE – JAN. 31, 2019

Each prescribing practitioner who is licensed in Florida and registered with the United States Drug Enforcement Agency is required to take a Board-approved continuing education course, unless the practitioner is already required to complete such a course under his or her practice act. The course applying to the first renewal date must be completed by **January 31, 2019**. The **ONLY** approved CE providers are: (1) The Florida Medical Association, (2) Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, (3) Florida Academy of Family Physicians, (4) Florida College of Emergency Physicians and (5) InforMed. Click here for the “[Physician CE Course](#)” and “[Physician Assistant CE Course](#).” For more information go to: <http://www.flhealthsource.gov/FloridaTakeControl>



ZIKA 101

AN EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES PRESENTED BY FCAAP

- **Zika Virus Update: Counseling & Testing**
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FCAAP'S MEDICAL HOME PROGRAM

BECOME A PATIENT CENTERED MEDICAL HOME

FCAAP is proud to partner with Patient Centered Solutions in a joint effort to get your practice recognized as a Patient Centered Medical Home ("PCMH"). We've created an exclusive website full of PCMH resources for FCAAP members. Resources include background information on PCMH 2017, policy and procedure templates and documentation examples. In addition, FCAAP members receive five hours with a PCMH consultant to assist with their project. Here is what you need to know about [PCMH 2017](#).

Please visit the exclusive [FCAAP PCMH website](#) to take the baseline assessment. The assessment will provide you with an understanding of the work needed to become a PCMH. After you complete the assessment a member of our team will reach out to you.

The FCAAP Patient Centered Medical Home Transition Program is funded by a grant from UnitedHealthcare.



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Medical Home
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Visit the [Member's Page](#) of FCAAP's website for resources and continuing education opportunities and direct your patients and their parents to [FCAAP's Parents Page](#) for helpful information and resources!



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