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We are excited to announce the launch of our new website: [www.nysafp.org](http://www.nysafp.org). Please take a moment to view the site. We would appreciate any feedback you might have.

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We are also introducing a new communications tool - Avectra/netFORUM! We are now using this software for our newsletters, alerts, event notices, and other communications. You may [log in](#) to change your preferences and update your profile. You will need to use the primary email address on record with the AAFP, and you will be asked to update your password.

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Author: James L. Greenwald, MD  
NYSAFP President

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Do we have anything to learn from foreign models of health care? Anecdotes of Canadians traveling to Detroit were used by the opponents of Health Care Reform to illustrate the perils of "socialized medicine". When you look at independent appraisals of our outcomes as a nation, our health care outcomes in comparison to other industrialized nations place us at number 37. TR Reid in his book "The Healing of America" says we can learn a lot from the experiences of our friends abroad. Most industrialized countries had systems similar to what we have in the US, which were redesigned to provide health care to all. These countries have been able to provide this care at lower cost than the

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US, and according to the World Health Association, most provide higher quality care than we have in the US.

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**62nd Annual Congress of Delegates**

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The 62nd Annual Congress of Delegates of the NYSAFP was held on June 19–20, 2010 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, NY. All members were invited and encouraged to attend the Congress, to participate in discussions of current issues and to debate Academy policy. Attendees included delegates elected by county chapters, members of the board of directors, past presidents, delegates selected by resident and student members, and delegates selected from counties that do not have a component chapter.

[AVAILABLE SURVEYS](#)

Please click here for the [Summary of Actions of the 2010](#) Congress of Delegates.

**JULY 1, 2010 MEMBERSHIP SNAPSHOT**

**2010 Pisacano Leadership Foundation Awards**

- TOTAL - 4038
- ACTIVE - 2380
- INACTIVE - 79
- LIFE - 239
- RESIDENTS - 559
- STUDENTS - 765
- SUPPORTING - 16

The Board of Directors of the Pisacano Leadership Foundation, Inc. has selected the recipients of their 2010 scholarships. **Allana Krolikowski**, a 4th-year medical student at the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, and **Matthew Malek**, a 4th-year medical student at the University of Rochester, are two of five scholars selected as a 2010 Pisacano Scholars.

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**2010-2011 Tar Wars**

It only takes one hour of your time to teach one TAR WARS class in your local 4th or 5th grade elementary schools. TAR WARS is the AAFP's National pro-health tobacco-free education program and poster contest for 4th and 5th graders to discourage tobacco use among youths.

### **2010 Tar Wars Winner - Emily Shea, Kenmore**

The program uses a community-based approach and provides an opportunity for health care professionals including students and residents, school personnel and community members to work toward a common goal of discouraging youth tobacco usage.

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### **Diabetes Campaign Update**

Campaign priorities during the second year focus on providing Academy members with practical information through webinars and clinician-written articles for our monthly newsletter.

Potential topics for webinars include:

- A “how to” on instituting practice improvement – how to standardize and communicate changes, the use of physician extenders to take over tasks that cannot all be completed by the physician, and roadblocks to success in proceeding from the METRIC to NCQA to PCMH.
- Information on the latest medications and technologies for diabetes care.
- Practical information that can be implemented regardless of practice size, such as strategies for medication adherence.

Websites for the Campaign have been updated. The social marketing site is [www.fulldiabetescare.org](http://www.fulldiabetescare.org) and more information on the Campaign is available at [www.NYSdiabetescampaign.org](http://www.NYSdiabetescampaign.org).

**We are seeking presenters and authors. A stipend is available** for your participation. Please contact Janet Lindner at [janet@nysafp.org](mailto:janet@nysafp.org) if you are interested in presenting or in writing an article about some aspect of diabetes care for our newsletter.

### NIH Consensus: Lactose Intolerance

NIH Consensus: In Most Cases Lactose Intolerance Shouldn't Limit Dairy Consumption When Managed Appropriately

In February 2010, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) convened an independent expert panel for a Consensus Development Conference on Lactose Intolerance and Health. The NIH panel reviewed the latest research on lactose intolerance, strategies to manage the condition and health outcomes of diets that exclude dairy foods. After a thorough review of the scientific evidence, the panel created a consensus statement that addresses some of the common misperceptions about lactose intolerance, including the belief that dairy foods need to be excluded from the diet.

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### **NYS DOH Advisory re: Herpes Risk From Ritual Circumcision**

The New York State Department of Health is undertaking an educational effort on the risks of neonatal herpes transmission from certain forms of ritual circumcision. DOH is sending letters to maternity hospitals, doctors (pediatricians, family practitioners, OBs) as well as to leaders in the Hasidic community and mohels who perform circumcisions.

DOH has developed two brochures, available in English and Yiddish. The letter to hospitals and doctors asks them to share the patient brochure (Before the Bris) with their patients considering circumcision. It recommends against ritual circumcision where the mohel uses oral suction to remove blood from the circumcised penis, and recommends parents discuss

this with the mohel. The letter to Rabbis asks for their help in educating their communities.

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### **NYS DOH Medical Update Over the Counter Chelation Products**

The NYS Department of Health is requesting the assistance of the NYSAFP in distributing information to members on unproven, illegally marketed over-the-counter chelation therapy agents. Information is included in a Medicaid Update article on page 11 in PDF form. [Please click here for the DOH information.](#)

This notice contains important information for parents and health care providers who are managing children with lead poisoning and autism spectrum disorders.

### **NYS DOH Peer Review Opportunity**

The State's medical conduct program is a peer review system with physicians and physician assistants playing vital roles in every step of the process. They are seeking only the most experienced and highly trained members of the medical profession to serve as consultants. Without the medical expert, the process cannot work. The Academy strongly encourages you to participate in this essential activity. [Click here for informational brochure.](#)

Please contact Maria Izquierdo, R.N., directly, including your CV, if you are interested in participating. Expertise in addictions would be particularly helpful. Any questions, please call.

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### **Physician Tobacco Intervention**

We family doctors will be experiencing an unprecedented opportunity to help our patients quit their use of tobacco. As you know, an increase in the tobacco tax took effect July 1, 2010. The tax increased by \$1.60, going from \$2.75/pack to \$4.35. NYC has an additional tax of \$1.50, bringing their total tax to \$5.85/pack. As a result, estimates floating about say that as many as 120,000 people will want to quit over the next year. We should be ready to support our patients who want to quit.

Several resources are available to help you help your patients, including cessation counseling reimbursement codes, cessation counseling through the NYS Quit Line, free medications, and free CME for physicians and staff (up to 21 credits) on tobacco cessation protocols. This information is contained in the accompanying flyer.

The Academy has been working with a coalition of organizations (The American Cancer Society, the Health Plan Association, and Tobacco Cessation Centers) to inform doctors of these resources. We urge you to help your patients quit. Tobacco cessation is one of the most effective steps that can be taken to improve and protect one's health.

Please visit: <http://www.ahrq.gov/path/tobacco.htm#clinicians>

Please click here for [Physician Flyer](#).

### **2010 New York City Child Fatality Report Released**

The 2010 Report of the New York City Child Fatality Review Team (CFRT) was released on June 29th. NYC children die from injuries at half the national rate, mainly due to fewer transportation-related fatalities. Still, injuries remain NYC's leading cause of childhood death, accounting for 29% of all child deaths. Fatal injuries were more common in younger children (ages 1-3) than older children, in boys than girls, and in Black/non-Hispanic children than children from other racial/ethnic groups. Child fatalities were also higher in lower income neighborhoods compared to high, especially for homicides. Though NYC has done much to reduce injury-related deaths, the report also identifies social, environmental, and regulatory measures for further consideration. The full report is located at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/episrv/episrv-childfatality-book10.pdf>.

### **Project LEARNet**

The Brain Injury Association of New York State (BIANYS) has developed LEARNet, found on the web at [www.projectlearnet.org](http://www.projectlearnet.org), a user-friendly, interactive website designed to help children and adolescents with brain injury, their families, and healthcare personnel. LEARNet uses a common-sense approach in determining what may be contributing to a child's behavior and helps users seek intervention strategies. On the LEARNet website you will find an extensive listing of over 50 tutorials on issues common to brain injury (i.e., attention, self-regulation, mental flexibility, and organization problems), instructional videos on specific intervention strategies, verbal scripts that help youngsters succeed, a glossary of terms related to brain injury, and pages geared toward children, parents, and educators. Please visit [www.projectlearnet.org](http://www.projectlearnet.org) for additional information.

### **Single Payer Press Release**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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July 27, 2010

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### **Family Doctor Cites California Deaths in Call for Single Payer Health Care**

(Albany, NY): The President of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians has renewed that organization's call for a single payer health care system citing the deaths of six California infants as evidence that such reform is overdue. Dr. James Greenwald of Syracuse cited a July 26th report by National Public Radio that six infants have died in California this year in the worst outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in 50 years.

"That these children died of this vaccine preventable disease is a condemnation of our current health care system," said James Greenwald, MD.

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### **CMS EHR Incentive Programs**

Get up-to-date and accurate information about the Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive programs from CMS at <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentiveprograms/>. Visit the website to get specifics about the program and download new tip sheets. Select the Medicare Eligible Professional tab on the left, and then scroll to "Downloads."

### **Medicaid Update - July 2010**

The Office of Health Insurance Programs of the New York State Department of Health has just approved the release of the July 2010 Medicaid Update. [In this issue....](#)

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## Student Resource

### **Please share with medical students.**

Many medical students have questions about family medicine or have particular interests but do not know if these interests would work within a family medicine framework. NYSAFP has developed a database of family medicine physicians across New York, which will allow students to search for physicians in their area or with their interests. Physicians have volunteered their information and would be happy to answer questions about the specialty. We hope this list will be a helpful resource for students considering a future in family medicine.

STUDENTS: Please [click here to search the database](#).

PHYSICIANS: Please complete [this survey](#) to be a part of the database.

## Calendar of Events

Please see our online [calendar](#) for additional events.

### 2010 Events

#### **CAPES - The Finer Points of ADHD**

September 15, [Four Winds Hospital Saratoga](#)

#### **AAFP Congress of Delegates- Help elect Jun David to the AAFP Board!**

September 27-29, Denver

#### **AAFP Scientific Assembly**

September 29-October 3, Denver

#### **CAPES - Assessment and Treatment of Child & Adolescent Anxiety Disorders**

September 29, [Four Winds Hospital Saratoga](#)

#### **PCMH: Opportunities and Challenges**

September 30, [Emblem Health](#)

#### **Regional Family Medicine Conference Plenary Speaker Update!**

October 9, 2010, The Desmond, Albany, NY

[Click here to register!](#)

#### **Commissions - Join a Commission!**

Meet by conference call prior to October 10 Board Meeting

#### **Fall Board Meeting**

October 10, Desmond Hotel, Albany

#### **CAPES - Assessment and Treatment of Depression in Children & Adolescents**

October 13, [Four Winds Hospital Saratoga](#)

#### **CAPES - 'Diagnosing and Treating Bipolar Disorder' and 'The Management of Aggression in Children & Adolescents'**

October 27, [Four Winds Hospital Saratoga](#)

#### **ALSO INSTRUCTOR Course**

October 28, 2010 Hershey, PA

[Click here to register!](#)

#### **ALSO Provider Course**

Become a certified ALSO Provider – 2-day training November 19-20 – Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, NY

Registration coming soon - Questions contact [Kelly@nysafp.org](mailto:Kelly@nysafp.org)

**Downstate Regional Family Medicine Conference!**

Mark your calendars for the 1st Annual Downstate RFMC – *April 9, 2011* , Beth Israel Medical Center, Manhattan, NY  
Details to follow

**2011 Events**

**Winter Weekend**

*January 20-23, Lake Placid*

**Non-NYSAFP Events**

**Author in the Room**

September Author in the Room® Teleconference

Join us on Wednesday, September 15, 2010, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM Eastern Time for the Author in the Room® teleconference. The topic for this call is the JAMA article, [The Role of Professionalism and Self-regulation in Detecting Impaired or Incompetent Physicians](#), by Mathew K. Wynia, MD, MPH.

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**PCMH: Opportunities and Challenges**

Patient Centered Medical Home: Opportunities and Challenges

September 30, 2010

9 AM - 3:30 PM

EmblemHealth

55 Water Street, New York City

This one-day symposium will provide practical information on implementing a medical home and include national and state perspectives and examples of successful medical home models. [Read More](#)

**51st Annual Meeting ACN**

Advances in Clinical Nutrition

51th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NUTRITION OCTOBER 7-9, 2010

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

1216 5TH Avenue at 103rd Street (103rd Street & 5th Avenue)

New York, New York 10029

ACN WEBSITE: [www.americancollegeofnutrition.org](http://www.americancollegeofnutrition.org)

Please click here to register: <http://www.americancollegeofnutrition.org/Default.aspx?tabid=159>

### EHR Summits

The New York eHealth Collaborative will be hosting Electronic Health Record Summits in seven locations across New York State this coming September. The highlights of the Summit will include:

- How EHRs can grow your practice
- How to qualify for up to \$63,750 in government incentives
- Hands-on demonstrations of EHR programs
- Question and answer sessions with government representatives and legal counsel
- "Meaningful Use" and how to measure it
- All about the resources available to help you succeed

The direct link to the registration homepage is

[http://www.nyecrec.org/Fall2010\\_Summit\\_Reg](http://www.nyecrec.org/Fall2010_Summit_Reg). Alternatively, you can go to <http://nyecrec.org/index.php/events/2010-fall-ehr-summit-series> which contains more information about the Summits and a link to the registration site.

### NYC DOHMH Hosting September Webcasts for Providers

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An invitation for this program will be sent shortly. In the meantime, please visit the NYC DOHMH website with information about the change in legislation, which can be accessed here: [www.nyc.gov/health/hivtesting](http://www.nyc.gov/health/hivtesting).

### Available Surveys

Did you miss one of our surveys?

[H1N1 Vaccine Reporting](#) - We need your help!

Be a part of the [Physicians Database](#) resource for Students and Residents

[Immunization Toolkit](#)

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