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Letter From Our President -Testimony on Retail Health Clinics

James L. Greenwald, MD
February 16, 2011

As President of the New York Academy of Family Physicians, I was invited to comment on a paper on retail health clinics commissioned by the conservative think tank, the Manhattan Institute. Along with the author, Dr Paul Howard, I spoke with Assemblyman Richard Gottfried, chair of the Assembly Health Committee, and Lisa Localzo, President of Solera Health Clinics.

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Downstate Regional Family Medicine Conference

Beth Israel- Phillips Ambulatory Care Center
10 Union Square East, Manhattan, NY

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AAFP New Secure Electronic Messaging Svc

AAFP Press Release - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Tuesday, February 15, 2011
Contact: Amanda Holt AAFP
aholt@aafp.org

WASHINGTON — The American Academy of Family Physicians today announced AAFP Physicians Direct, a new service that supports secure, electronic communication between physicians. Built on the Surescripts Network for Clinical Interoperability, this new AAFP service is part of a larger program to help physicians more easily and securely share information such as referrals, patient summaries, discharge summaries and lab results when providing their patients' care.

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Princeton Survey - Medical Decision Aids

Be a part of the discourse on Medical Decision Aids!

Complete a short survey by March 10 for a chance to win one of five \$100 Amazon.com

FEBRUARY 25, 2011 **MEMBERSHIP SNAPSHOT**

TOTAL - 4513
ACTIVE - 2422
INACTIVE - 82
LIFE - 246
RESIDENTS - 574
STUDENTS - 1172
SUPPORTING - 12
SUPPORT NONFP - 5

NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES

**THANK YOU FOR READING THE
NYSAFP MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.
YOUR COMMENTS ARE WELCOME.
PLEASE SEND TO FP@NYSAFP.ORG**

Please Share With Medical Students

- Curious about family medicine? Speak with a family medicine physician in the NYSAFP database of family physicians. Search for physicians who live near you.
- Physicians in the database have

gift cards!

Researchers from the Psychology department at Princeton University are eagerly seeking family physicians to participate in a quick 5-10 minute online survey about the use of computerized decision aids. Participating in research is a great way to build the medical knowledge database and to help improve care!

Click the link below and complete the anonymous survey to be entered to win one of five \$100 gift cards to Amazon.com. For questions, send an email to hcalev@princeton.edu.

Take the Survey - Win \$100 Gift Card!

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NCQA Diabetes Certification: One Practice's Journey

By William Klepack, MD
Dryden Family Medicine



Dryden Family Medicine (a small group practice of 2 family physicians, an internist, and a physician assistant) in the Finger Lakes Region began the process of application in the fall of 2009. For our office certification has been a source of pride. Recognition for hard work well done is always helpful and while we try to recognize our staff as often as we can it helps to have an outside body complement us.

[Read the full story](#)

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\$37,500 to Help With Autism Awareness

from ***SLive.com***

Published: Monday, February 14, 2011, 6:08 AM

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Northfield Bank Foundation presented \$37,500 in grants to The Institute for Basic Research (IBR) and Developmental Disabilities and the New York State Academy of Family Physicians.

volunteered their information and are happy to answer your questions about family medicine. (Many also offer shadowing opportunities.)

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

(Physicians can also access that link to [sign up to participate in the database.](#))

AAFP Member Census

AAFP has developed a new tool to help better understand the practice environments of our shared members. The AAFP Member Census will replace the Member Profile survey formerly stored in TASS. On September 17, the AAFP mailed hard copies to members as part of an ongoing campaign to complete and return the census.

Please [click here](#) to complete the census or see more information at www.aafp.org/membercensus

FOR AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF HEALTH CARE REFORM AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT YOU AND YOUR PRACTICE, CLICK ON [AAFP NEWS NOW](#)

Available CME

Physicians will find a useful source of continuing medical education (CME) at the Annotated List of Online Continuing Medical Education, <http://www.cmelist.com/list.htm>.

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Serve as a Key Contact

Mid-term elections produced dramatic changes in NY's Congressional delegation. The Academy is recruiting members to serve as Key Contacts for NY members of Congress to support Academy efforts to represent the interests of family physicians and patients.

If you would like to help please contact NYSAFP EVP Vito Grasso at vito@nysafp.org. A list of NY's Congressional delegation is provided at the link below.



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2011 eRx - UPDATED

In November, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced that, beginning in calendar year 2012, eligible professionals who are not successful electronic prescribers based on claims submitted between January 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011, may be subject to a payment adjustment on their Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) covered professional services.

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Family Practice Educator of the Year Nomination

The NYSAFP's Family Practice Educator of the Year Award is designed to "recognize persons, who in the opinion of the Academy, have made outstanding contributions to education for family practice in undergraduate, graduate and continuing education spheres." Please send your nomination to us **before April 10**.

Click here to [download the nomination form](#).

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ALSO Instructor Course: May 6 in Saratoga Springs, NY

This one-day course focuses on specific teaching skills required for the didactic lectures, hands-on small group workstations, and testing stations presented in the ALSO Provider Course.

[Click here to register now.](#)

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Dr. Richard Daines

Dr. Richard F. Daines, Former State Health Chief, Dies at 60

By ANEMONA HARTOCOLLIS

Published: February 28, 2011 in the *New York Times*

Dr. Richard F. Daines, a former New York state health commissioner who espoused politically risky public health initiatives like closing hospitals and banning the use of food stamps to buy soda, died on Saturday at his family farm in Stanfordville, N.Y., in Dutchess County. He was 60.

[Read the New York Times story](#)

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Institute for Family Health: "Teaching Center"

Institute for Family Health is designated one of the first "Teaching Health Centers" in the U.S., and the only one in New York State. Grant increases the number of doctors to be trained in upstate communities. [See Press Release](#)

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Ten State Conference

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**It's Easy to
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President-Elect, Neil Nepola and Executive Vice President, Vito Grasso tour the Harley Davidson showroom.

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HIT Toolkit Developed by CA-AFP

CA-AFP has developed a free and publicly available online HIT Toolkit. The toolkit includes a Qualification and Assessment Wizard to help physicians determine which incentive program (Medicare or Medi-Cal) to register for (Medicaid in your states), a guide to working with the Regional Extension Center program, tips on vendor selection and contracting, a practice readiness assessment tool, advice from physician champions who have implemented an EHR and more.

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New Immunization Codes

There are new immunization administration codes for children and adolescents through 18 years of age that went into effect on January 1, 2011. These new codes significantly increase reimbursement for the administration of vaccines by allowing for billing for each component of a vaccine using new codes 90460 and +90461.

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NYS Diabetes Campaign Update

TOOLS: new tools for diabetes practice improvement are available on the Campaign website www.fulldiabetescare.org.

In case you missed this..... You can receive up to \$2500 per physician in your practice for receiving NCQA recognition for diabetes – MEETING the MARK RFP:

<http://www.nysdiabetescampaign.org/news/nyshealth-launches-new-rfp-advance-diabetes-campaign-goal>

WANTED: presenters for webinars on **diabetes care** topics. Honorarium available..... contact Janet@nysafp.org.

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CAP PC Available for ALL Family Physicians

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry for Primary Care



The CAP PC website is up and running! The address is www.cappcny.org. It contains all the clinical tools referenced in the REACH training, information about the CAP PC consultation service and the upcoming next round of REACH trainings. The team wants your feedback and input about what would improve the site. Suggestions can be sent to any CAP PC team member directly or emailed through the "Contact Us" link on the home page.

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Student Externship Available

We have been advised by the American Academy of Family Physicians/Foundation that we will receive one Matching grant of **\$1,250.00** to help support the NYSAFP's 2011 Student Externship Program. The grant award will match \$1,250.00 provided by the NYSAFP/Foundation.

If you are interested in applying for this externship, please contact us by mail, e-mail, fax or phone.

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Physician's Corner - Nosa Aigbe

UNDER THE STETHOSCOPE **Nosa Aigbe - Member Since 2009**

Dr. Nosa Aigbe Lebarty gives back to his hometown

Dr Nosa Aigbe Lebarty is a Family Physician at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady and a member of NYSAFP. He recently launched Project Health Africa whose goal is to build a medical facility to improve the health conditions in his home town in Nigeria.



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Pre-Book Sanofi Fluzone by March 31st

As you know, the NYSAFP has strong support in helping our members lower their vaccine costs. Atlantic Health Partners helps thousands of physicians save money and advocates on your behalf with payers and manufacturers.

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Q&A About the New Medicare Preventive Services

From FPM eNewsletter, February 2011

The expansion of Medicare benefits that took effect last month has created new opportunities for you and your patients -- and plenty of confusion. FPM coding expert Cindy Hughes, CPC, answers readers' questions in an [online-ahead-of-print feature](#), and the current issue of FPM features information about annual wellness visits -- who's covered, scheduling and billing advice, and an

encounter form to help you track and document what's covered. Read the article and access the form in our [digital edition](#) (no login) or on their [web site](#).

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Nominations Welcome for NYSAFP Offices

The NYSAFP Commission on Leadership Development & Nominations seeks candidates for election to NYSAFP offices at the June, 2011 Congress of Delegates.

Nominations should be received no later than **March 10, 2011** with elections to be held during the 2011 Congress of Delegates taking place June 18th & 19th, 2011 at The Desmond Hotel in Albany, New York.

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Contraceptive Pearls

Consider subscribing to "Contraceptive Pearls." These are monthly answers to common clinical questions (often debunking old myths) with evidence based answers. Subscription information is in the notice linked below.

January 2011

Clinician Question: Is it okay to prescribe antibiotics to a patient using oral contraceptive pills?

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The Funny Side of Physicians

Doc looks at his overweight patient and says "What fits your busy schedule better...exercise for one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"

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Calendar of Events

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

March 3 Onondaga County NYSAFP Chapter
Carleen.Pensero@sjhsyr.org

March 5-6 Commissions and Board Meeting
bobbi@nysafp.org

March 7 Lobby Day - Albany

April 9 Downstate Regional Family Medicine Conference!
[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

April 20 6th Annual BWAFP Neurorehab & Awards Dinner

May 6 ALSO Instructor Course - Saratoga Springs
[Click here to register](#)

June 18-19 Congress of Delegates

August 6-7 Summer Cluster

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Non-NYSAFP Events

Author in the Room® Teleconference
[Event Info](#) Typically on the third Wednesday each month

CAP PC Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
SIGN UP NOW FOR 2011 TRAINING SESSIONS
[Click here for additional information and program dates.](#)

MSSNY:Mid-Day Medical Matters (1hr Conference Calls)

<http://mssny.informz.net/MSSNY/data/images/medicalmatters.pdf>

April 15-17 Society of Atherosclerosis Imaging and Prevention

SAIP Annual Scientific Sessions 2011

Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, Maryland

For more information, please register online at www.sai-p.org

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Professional Opportunities

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