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Letter From Our President - Payment Reform in Primary Care

By: James L. Greenwald, MD



Payment Reform in Primary Care

American Academy of Family Practice state chapter leaders attending the recent Ten State Regional Meeting sponsored by the Wisconsin chapter heard several speakers describing encouraging new payment measures that will support the transformation of our primary care.

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ALSO Instructor Course: May 6 in Saratoga Springs, NY

This **one-day ALSO 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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Official Notice of NYSAFP Congress of Delegates June 18 – 19, 2011 (Saturday and Sunday)

The **63rd annual Congress of Delegates** of the NYSAFP will meet **June 18–19**, 2011 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, NY. All members are invited and encouraged to attend the Congress, to participate in discussions of current issues and to debate Academy policy.

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MARCH 31, 2011 **MEMBERSHIP SNAPSHOT**

TOTAL - 4599
ACTIVE - 2609
INACTIVE - 82
LIFE - 248
RESIDENTS - 394
STUDENTS - 1249
SUPPORTING - 12
SUPPORT NONFP - 5

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NYSAFP MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.
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Practice Dilemma - EMR

By: Neil Nepola, MD

Before there was LOL, BFF, OMG and G2G we took SAT's, MCAT's and ECFMG's and then learned A&Ox3, NCAT, PERRLA, CTA&P, RSR then progressed to learn CHF, CAD, RA, GERD, MRCP, THR and much more. Now with our brains overflowing we must learn new acronyms PQRI, CCHIT, PCMH and the big magilla EHR formerly known as EMR. The NYSAFP and the NYDOH have combined to convince me that in order to be successful in the future practice of medicine I must learn to coordinate what came before to what will come.

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Resident's Resource

Tell us what is going on in your Residency Program
(See [AAFP Funding Info](#); [Student Section](#))
See the [Resident's page](#) on the NSYAFP website.

Resident Match Results

The AAFP has distributed the news release, "[Family Medicine Gains 133 U.S. Medical School Graduates in 2011 Residency Match](#)," sharing the good news about the 2011 Match results to members of the news media across the country. The release includes links to a [comprehensive media kit](#) about the Match, primary care physician workforce, medical education and other issues affecting the family physician workforce.

The AAFP News Now article can be accessed at "[2011 Match Results Again Spotlight Family Medicine Gains](#)."

If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Stapp, Public Relations Director at cstapp@aafp.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 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.](#))
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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

Ellis Residency Chapter in Schenectady, NY, Celebrates First Anniversary

It was more than a year ago that an Ellis Family Medicine resident, Dr. Nosa Aigbe, started talking to his colleagues about the importance of getting more involved with current issues affecting family practitioners, particularly Health Care Reform. At the AAFP National Conference in Denver, he had an opportunity to meet some of the Board of Directors of the NYSAFP and get more information about different ways to become more involved.

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Student's Center

Student/Resident Funding Available to AAFP Conference

The NYSAFP will provide financial support for five (5) residents and five (5) students from New York to attend the National Conference of Residents and Medical Students, July 28 – July 30, 2011 in Kansas City, MO. **The NYSAFP will provide up to \$500 each to five qualified resident members of the NYSAFP and five qualified student members.**

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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.

[Workforce Facts](#)

The AAFP has put together data sheets that profile the following for most U.S. allopathic medical schools:

Primary care shortage area;

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>.

**COUNTY CHAPTERS....
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR CHAPTER?**

SEND US YOUR MEETING NOTICES AND INCREASE LOCAL PARTICIPATION.

Health professions shortage area, and;
Rural production.

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Physician's Corner - Tochi Iroku-Malize, MD

UNDER THE STETHOSCOPE Academy Member Appointed to Leadership Position Tochi Iroku-Malize, MD - Member Since 2002



Tochi Iroku-Malize, MD, has been appointed **Chair of the new Department of Family Medicine at Hofstra**. The Academy had encouraged Hofstra to create a Department of Family Medicine for several years and applauds both the decision to finally establish the department and the appointment of Dr. Iroku-Malize. Dr. Iroku-Malize is a former board chair of NYSAFP and also chaired the Academy Leadership Commission. She also serves as chair of the Department of Family Medicine at North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine.

Dr. Iroku-Malize received her medical degree from the University of Nigeria College of Medicine and Dentistry. She completed an internship at Port-of-Spain General Hospital Trinidad & Tobago and completed a residency in Family Medicine at Southside Hospital.

Congratulations to Dr. Iroku-Malize!

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Accountable Care Organizations – “Facts and Fiction”

By: Mathew J. Levy, Michael J. Schoppmann & Stacey Lipitz Marder

Since the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (PPACA) brought about the introduction of a previously heretofore unheard of concept known as an “accountable care organizations” (ACO), there has been a growing conversation in the medical community centered around two primary questions – what are ACO and what do they foretell as to the future of medicine?

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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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Radiology Prior Approval Information for Providers

Effective April 4, 2011, the New York State Medicaid Program is implementing a radiology management program to ensure that beneficiaries receive the most clinically appropriate imaging studies. Providers must be enrolled in New York State Medicaid Fee for Service.

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Reproductive Health Access Project

RHAP'S Medical Directors, **Linda Prine and Ruth Lesnewski**, along with pharmacist **Regina Ginzburg** just published [Preventing Gaps When Switching Contraceptives](#) in the latest issue of American Family Physician. RHAP distilled the information in this article to create our newest patient information sheet: [How to Switch Birth Control Methods](#).

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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>

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Primary Care Coalition Supports Medicaid Redesign Recommendations

The New York State Primary Care Coalition commends the work of the Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) and is extremely encouraged by the outcomes that will enhance primary care. Not only will these recommendations greatly reduce healthcare spending, they will lead to better quality healthcare for the patients who need it most. What is more, with its recommendations, the Team has taken a significant step forward in the implementation of health care reform.

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HIV Testing Rules - September 2010

By: Laurie T. Cohen Esq., Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP

The New York State Department of Health ("DOH") has recently issued additional guidance to physicians, hospitals and other providers on implementing legislation addressing HIV testing which became effective on September 1, 2010.

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Women's Eye Health and Safety & Sports Eye Safety Month

Prevent Blindness America (PBA) observes April as Women's Eye Health and Safety month and the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) observes April as Sports Eye Safety month.

To help spread awareness regarding these important topics, the Vision Health Integration and Preservation Program is providing specific resources and web links from a few organizations. Please feel free to distribute these materials and links widely and use this opportunity to share whatever materials your organization has regarding these topics with the rest of the group.

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Humor MD

Life is a sexually transmitted disease with a 100% mortality rate. Anonymous

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Calendar of Events

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

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

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June 18-19 Congress of Delegates

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August 6-7 Summer Cluster

AAFP Congress of Delegates and Scientific Assembly Registration

Register **now for the 2011 AAFP Programs at the Hilton Orlando - Orlando, FL**

September 12-14 [Congress of Delegates](#)

September 14-17 [Scientific Assembly](#)

October 13-15, 2011 [2011 Family Medicine Global Health Workshop](#)

Hotel Solamar - San Diego, CA

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Non-NYSAFP Events

Author in the Room® Teleconference

[Event Info](#) Typically on the third Wednesday each month

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- Access to CAP PC Liaison Coordinators to assist with linkage and referral to specialty child mental health services.

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2. Call our toll-free number 1-855 CAPP72 (227-7272) with your questions about children in your practice with mental health needs.

IMPORTANT NOTE: CAP PC's phone line is intended for the use of **physicians only** and is not for use by parents of patients. It is not intended to meet the needs of children with emergency needs but we will assist with referrals of these cases.



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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**New York State Immunization Information System
Regional User Group Meetings Spring 2011**

To register, click the following link: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22BZ9QZN8AX/>

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

April 19, 1:30-3:00pm The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Provider Communications Group will host a toll-free national provider conference call on the **2011 Physician Quality Reporting System and Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program**. National Provider Call with Question & Answer Session. [Information and Registration.](#)

Role of the Primary Care Physician to Optimize Outcomes in Women's Cancers

May 11th at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Commack, NY

For this free program, please **RSVP by May 4th: 631.623.4000** or [click here to register online.](#)

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