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# Family Medicine

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### **May is....**

Mental Health Awareness Month

Older Americans Month

National Military Appreciation Month - **THANK YOU!**

National Smile Month (United Kingdom)

Skin Cancer Awareness Month

### **June Spotlight: Pediatrics**

**Do you have a contribution? Please send to [news@nysafp.org](mailto:news@nysafp.org).**

## **Letter From Our President - The Medical Industrial Complex Looks to Electronic Records**

*By: James L. Greenwald, MD*

In my recent travels I was commiserating with colleagues about "Meaningful Use" provisions of the Health Care Reform Act of 2009. Sure, we are getting a chunk of money from Medicaid or Medicare to upgrade our electronic records. But it seems unlikely that the money will end up with better health for our patients, and it certainly will not result in shorter working hours or higher pay for primary care physicians.

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[TOTAL - 4666](#)

[ACTIVE - 2599](#)

[INACTIVE - 83](#)

[LIFE - 248](#)

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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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## 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.

### Family Medicine Residency Programs will be recognized with a Certificate of Recognition for achieving 100% membership among their residents in 2011

The AAFP is pleased to announce that 397 family medicine residency programs (allopathic and dual accredited) will be recognized with a Certificate of Recognition for achieving 100% membership among their residents in 2011. This compares with 363 residency programs who received this recognition in 2010.

[Read More to see New York programs on the list](#)

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### Meet your Resident Representative for the Board of Directors Summary of Activities

*By: Margarita Mosquera*

Dear Colleagues,

I am your current resident representative for the NYSAFP Board of Directors and a member of the Leadership Commission. I had the honor to be elected as a resident representative during the past Congress of Delegates held in Albany in June, 2010. It has been a great experience and also a great responsibility to represent the interests of the family medicine residents statewide.

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### **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](http://www.aafp.org/membercensus)

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## **Student's Center**

### **Student/Resident Funding Available to AAFP Conference**

The **New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP)** will provide financial support of up to \$500 each to **five (5) qualified 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.

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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 - Dr. Jarrod Bagatell - Family Practice Volunteer Educator of the Year!**

### **UNDER THE STETHOSCOPE**

**Dr. Jarrod Bagatell**  
**Member Since 1996**  
**Fairgrounds Faculty Physicians**  
**Manlius, NY**



**It is with pleasure that we congratulate Dr. Jarrod Bagatell on his selection as the 2011 New York State Academy of Family Physicians' Family Practice Volunteer Educator of the Year!**

This award will be presented during the NYSAFP's Annual Congress of Delegates Awards Luncheon on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, New York.

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**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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## **Bronx/Westchester 6th Annual Award Dinner**

6th Annual Neurorehabilitation Seminar Award Dinner by Bronx Westchester Academy of Family Physicians (BWAFFP), was a great success with over thirty attendees. Photos taken by FMIG student Susan Boisvert.

Click here for photos: <http://www.nysafp.org/index/about-us-1/photo-gallery-5.html>

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**DUES PAYMENT OPTION**

**ACADEMY MEMBERS WHOSE DUES BALANCE IS GREATER THAN \$100 MAY SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION MEMBERS CAN CONTACT DAVID LLOYD AT [DLLOYD@AAFP.ORG](mailto:DLLOYD@AAFP.ORG).**

It's Easy to  
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## MLMIC Announces New Claims Free Discount for Physicians

April 18, 2011 New York, NY - Medical Liability Mutual Insurance Company (MLMIC), in its continuous effort to reduce the onerous burden of high premiums paid by its physician and surgeon policyholders, has recently received the approval of the New York State Insurance Department to offer them a claims free discount, effective July 1, 2011. [Claims Free Discount Program](#)  
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## Cure Worse Than the Ailment

*By: John Ruggie*  
*Reprinted from Times Union; May 1, 2011*

I am a family doctor who went country many years ago and settled into the Adirondack hamlet of Chestertown, population 900 or so. Over time I have helped set up a dozen other practices in the area. We call them health centers. Together they go by the name Hudson Headwaters Health Network.

As small-town physicians, we care for everyone who walks through our doors -- rich and poor, young and old, insured and uninsured. Half of our patients are commercially insured and look to their employers for health coverage. The other half depends on government: Medicare for seniors and the disabled; Medicaid for the poor; and, critically for us, the community health center program that targets special populations, especially people without insurance coverage. All three programs were started in 1965 and over time came to be supported -- and expanded -- by Democrats and Republicans alike.

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## EHR Road Test

Accelerating the Benefits of Electronic Health Records

Care360



## Looking for a Smooth Ride to Successful EHR Implementation?

Quest Diagnostics will bring their EHR Road Test tour to New York in June! Accelerate your knowledge by getting in the driver's seat!

If you have been hearing about Meaningful Use or have been assessing the benefits of various EHR systems, the time is right. Let us show you how easy it can be to adopt an EHR and accelerate the benefits that come with it.

Featuring a state-of-the-art mobile experience, the Care360 EHR Road Test tour will put physicians in the driver's seat, coupling insights on EHR benefits and available federal incentives with a "hands-on" introduction to our industry-leading Care360 EHR solution.



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## Medicine's Next Big Thing

*By: Timothy Hoff  
Reprinted from Times Union April 24, 2011*

There is a "new" concept in health care delivery called the patient-centered medical home. It is the latest magic bullet proposed to save our primary care system, lower health care costs, satisfy patients and deliver higher quality services.

What do we know about the medical home, something that might arrive shortly at your neighborhood primary care practice?

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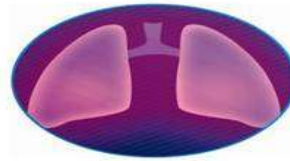
## Membership Dues / CME

Members who are **delinquent** in their 2011 dues will be cancelled for non-payment on **May 4**. Following this date, members will no longer be able to pay their 2011 dues online. Payment for past dues can be made by calling the Contact Center at 800-274-2237 or by mail.

Members who have not reported sufficient **CME** for the re-election cycle ending December 31, 2010 will be canceled on **May 3**. Following this date, members will no longer be able to access or report their CME online. You will need to mail or phone in sufficient CME to the Call Center to reinstate.

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**EVIDENCE-BASED DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF COPD  
IN THE PRIMARY CARE SETTING**

**A FREE WEBINAR TO BE HELD  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2011  
11:00 AM-12:00 PM (ET)**

***A FREE CME INITIATIVE- HELPING YOU WITH YOUR COMMITMENT TO  
LIFE-LONG LEARNING AND IMPROVED PATIENT CARE***

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND TARGET AUDIENCE**

This 1 hour webinar is designed to meet the needs of primary care providers to improve performance in effectively screening, diagnosing and managing patients with COPD with the goal to slow the progressive loss of lung function and improve the patient's overall quality of life. This webinar will include information about enrolling in a COPD performance improvement (PI) component.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, the New York chapter of the American Lung Association, the New York COPD Coalition and Spectrum Medical Education. The University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

\*The University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

[Click HERE](#) for additional information and to register for this important program.

## NYS Diabetes Campaign Update

**TOOLS:** new tools for diabetes practice improvement are available on the Campaign website [www.fulldiabetescare.org](http://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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## What is Clinical Integration and Why Is It So Important?

*By: Donald Moy, Esq., Mathew J. Levy, Esq., Michael J. Schoppmann, Esq.*  
Kern Augustine Conroy & Schoppmann, PC

Physicians typically, and traditionally, practice in small groups. According to the AMA Physician Practice Information Survey (2007-2008), 78 percent of office based physicians in the U.S. are in practices in sizes of nine physicians and under, with a majority of those physicians being in either solo practice or in practices of between 2 and 4 physicians. Under the antitrust laws separate groups of physicians that practice in the same or related specialty and are in the same geographic market are considered “competitors”. Therefore, if individuals and different physician groups come together and engage in certain concerted activities, such as collective negotiation of fees with individual payors, such action would be considered an illegal conspiracy among competitors and could be held to be a per se violation of the antitrust laws.

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## Atlantic Health Partners Announces Lower Tdap Vaccine Price!

As you know, Atlantic Health Partners, the nation’s leading vaccine buying group, offers our members the lowest prices for Sanofi and Merck vaccines. We wanted to share with you that Atlantic has obtained an even lower Tdap vaccine price for Sanofi’s Adacel. This is especially timely given the recent ACIP expanded indications for Tdap vaccine along with the pertussis outbreak in several states.

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## Accountable Care Organizations – The FTC, CMS and OIG Perspective

*By: Donald R. Moy, Esq., Michael J. Schoppmann, Esq. & Mathew J. Levy, Esq.*  
Kern Augustine Conroy & Schoppmann, P.C.

On October 5, 2010, the FTC, CMS, and OIG hosted a public workshop on ACOs at the offices of CMS in Baltimore, MD. The purpose of the workshop was to obtain information from industry stakeholders who have an interest in, or experience with, the development and operation of ACOs. One key focus of the workshop was to assess how the variety of possible ACO structures in different health care markets could affect the prices and the quality of health care delivered to privately insured patients, as well as to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. Another key focus was to address how the requirements of the law could or should be addressed in regulations that CMS is currently developing. Finally, the workshop also focused on whether, and if so, to what extent any safe harbors, exceptions, exemptions or waivers from the laws may be warranted.

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## Humor MD

Colonoscopy comment:

"Could you write a note for my wife saying my head isn't up there?" Anonymous

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## Calendar of Events

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

**May 6 ALSO Instructor Course - Saratoga Springs**

[Click here to register](#)

**May 19 Capital Region Chapter Meeting**

RSVP to [andyalpart@gmail](mailto:andyalpart@gmail)

**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](#)  
Join us in supporting **Jun David, MD for AAFP Director!**

**September 30-October 2 Fall Cluster**  
Hyatt Regency Rochester

**October 1 Rochester Regional Family Medicine Conference**  
Hyatt Regency Rochester, 125 East Main Street, Rochester  
If you are interested in submitting a lecture topic, please [click here to download the abstract](#).

**October 13-15, 2011** [2011 Family Medicine Global Health Workshop](#)  
**Hotel Solamar - San Diego, CA**

**October 15 Albany Regional Family Medicine Conference**  
The Desmond, Albany

**October 20 ALSO Instructor Course**  
Crown Plaza Hotel, Danvers (Boston), MA

**October 29 Erie County Chapter - [Max Cheplove Annual Dinner](#)**

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



The CAP PC website is up and running! The address is [www.cappcny.org](http://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. [Read More](#)

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The C.A.P.E.S. Program has collaborated with **Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital (CVPH)** Medical Center to offer this 4-course, "core" education series designed to help PCPs better understand and treat psychiatric issues in children and adolescents. Each program is free of charge and includes dinner. All programs will be held from: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** CVPH Medical Center - First Floor: Auditorium C  
75 Beekman Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

[Click here for Education Programs List](#)

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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/>

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### **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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## **Professional Opportunities**

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