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**JUNE 1, 2011
MEMBERSHIP SNAPSHOT**

**TOTAL - 4514
ACTIVE - 2396
INACTIVE - 72
LIFE - 248
RESIDENTS - 420
STUDENTS - 1363**

Letter From Our President

By: James L. Greenwald, MD



Options for Patients: A New Primary Care Infrastructure for the 21st Century

While the Health Care Reform Act of 2009 is directed toward remaking primary care offices into Patient Centered Medical Homes, other innovators are offering new types of medical practices that will contribute to the unique American response to our need to lower health care costs and expand health care services to all.

While in Kansas City for the Annual Leadership Forum Meeting, I heard from Brian Forrest of the North Carolina Chapter speak. His medical practice, Access Healthcare is in Apex, part of the Research Triangle. He calls his style of practice the "Direct Pay Model". Its key feature: he does not take third party payments.

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Congress of Delegates June 18 – 19

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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**Please Share With
Medical Students**

- Curious about family medicine? Speak with a family medicine physician in the NYSAFP database of famy 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.](#)



STOP ALBANY

**FROM DENYING
YOUR HOSPITAL
AND DOCTOR
A BASIC
LEGAL RIGHT**

**Some legislators want to make it
much more difficult for health care
providers to defend themselves
against medical malpractice claims
by stripping them of a basic right
enjoyed by everyone else in the
legal system.**

S.3296-A/A.694-A would overturn the longstanding right of doctors to inform their patients, making it almost impossible for doctors and hospitals to properly prepare for court when they are sued for malpractice.

The group supporting the bill health care providers also would lose their legal right to sue for malpractice and push forward legislative work at a time when hospitals and doctors struggle daily to deliver efficient

TELL ALBANY TO OPPOSE S.3296-A/A.694-A



(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>.

Resident's Resource

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

Resident Resoultion Writing Training

A training in Resolution Writing for residents: summary of the first session held in Albany, April 2011

In April we held a training on how to compose formal resolution for consideration by policy making bodies. This is the first session planned this year and it succesfully allowed participating residents to complete and send a resolution to the NYSAFP Congress of Delegates for the June 2011 meeting. This particular resolution advocates for International Medical Graduates who are interested in practicing in New York State after graduation.

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Student's Center

Student/Resident Funding Available to AAFP Conference - Filled

The New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) is providing financial support of up to \$500 each to qualified residents and students from New York to attend the National Conference of Residents and Medical Students, July 28 – July 30, 2011 in Kansas City, MO.

Student Externship - Filled

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.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR CHAPTER?

SEND US YOUR MEETING NOTICES AND INCREASE LOCAL PARTICIPATION.

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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.

Physician's Corner - Dr. Leila Hagshenas

UNDER THE STETHOSCOPE

Dr. Leila Hagshenas
Member Since 2009



Leila Hagshenas is elected GLBT Co-convener for 2012 and Alternate Delegate to AAFP Congress of Delegates.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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FREE - Access to Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

CAP PC (Child and Adolescent Psychiatry for Primary Care)

- Real time access to CAP PC child and adolescent psychiatrists for phone consultation support 5 days a week (excluding holidays) from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- Access to CAP PC Liaison Coordinators to assist with linkage and referral to specialty child mental health services.

The New York State Office of Mental Health, in coordination with District II of AAP and the NYSAFP, have responded to meet the mental health needs of the State's children and families by creating CAP PC - a collaboration between the Departments of Psychiatry at the University at Buffalo, University of Rochester, Columbia University, SUNY Upstate, and Long Island Jewish/North Shore University.

It's Easy!

1. Fill out the Agreement to Participate and Fax it to 716-859-5589 ([Click here to download Agreement](#))
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.)

SIGN UP NOW FOR 2011 TRAINING SESSIONS

[Click here for additional information and program dates.](#)



The CAP PC website is up and running! www.cappcnny.org. This site 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](#)

The C.A.P.E.S. Program (Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Education and Support) 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

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NHSC Scholarship Program

The [National Health Service Corps](#) Scholarship Program application cycle is now open! We hope that you will help us spread the word about the program and the opportunities available to students pursuing a career in primary care.

NHSC Scholars receive:

- Payment for tuition, required fees, and other reasonable educational costs
- A monthly support stipend
- Assistance in finding a practice site

Upon graduation, NHSC scholarship recipients serve as primary care providers between two and four years in an NHSC-approved site in a high-need Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).



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Jun David - Candidate for AAFP Board of Directors



The AAFP Board of Directors Campaign officially started on May 7 and the campaign website is now live:

<http://www.aafp.org/online/candidates/home/board-red/candidates/cand1.mem.html>

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New Mobile App Lets Users Access AFP by Topic Anytime, Anywhere

By AAFP News Staff 5/4/2011

Accessing the best, most up-to-date content American Family Physician has to offer on common medical topics just got a whole lot easier. That's because AFP by Topic: Editors' Choice of Best Current Content is now available as a [mobile app](#) that can be downloaded -- for free -- from the [Apple Store](#) and the [Android Marketplace](#).

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Physicians, Practices and Social Networks – Gauging the Risks

By: Michael J. Schoppmann, Esq.

Kern Augustine Conroy & Schoppmann, P.C.

As physicians react to the growing market pressures to grow and/or maintain their patient

populations, many are embarking upon an entry into the world of social networks. While such environments may hold great reward for many businesses, they also hold many concerns and risks unique to physicians and their medical practices.

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Albany Regional Family Medicine Conference and Resident Reunion - October 15

As Gary Dunkerley, MD proudly congratulates this year's graduating residents in June, he's reminded of previous classes and is looking ahead to this fall for an opportunity to bring everyone together again. The 2011 Regional Family Medicine Conference in Albany this October will not only provide a dynamic program for attendees, it's also a great setting for reuniting residency colleagues.



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Please click here for [registration information](#):

Additional Save the Dates:

[Rochester Regional Family Medicine Conference](#) – October 1

[ALSO Instructor Course](#) – October 20, Danvers, MA

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Emergency Rule Making on Opioid Treatment Services

Linked here please find an Emergency Rule Making issued today by the State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services related to Opioid Treatment Services.

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The Region II STD/HIV Prevention Training Center, the American Academy of Pediatrics and Physicians for Reproductive Choice present:
Expedited Partner Therapy Webinar

The Region II STD/HIV Prevention Training Center at the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, the American Academy of Pediatrics and Physicians for Reproductive Choice present:
Expedited Partner Therapy: A New Tool for Providers to Prevent Chlamydia Reinfection Among Adolescents

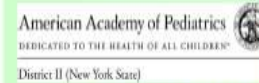
We invite clinical providers with adolescent patients to attend; physicians, nurses, advanced practice nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians' assistants, and midwives.

Speakers:

Dr. Gale Burstein, University at Buffalo Pediatrics Associates
Alison Muse, NYS Department of Health
Dr. Alwyn Cohall, Columbia University

Objectives:

1. Describe how to offer Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) as a partner treatment strategy for chlamydia infections in NYS.
2. Describe how to build the adolescent's motivation and capacity to perform behaviors that help them to discuss sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and treatment with their partners to avoid STIs.
3. Describe strategies to incorporate confidential, routine, chlamydia screening of sexually active adolescent females in primary care practice.



FRIDAY JUNE 17TH 12:00-1:30 pm

Registration:

This webinar is presented at no cost. Registration is required. To register, please visit:
http://nycptc.org/upcoming_classes.html

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Accreditation:

CME: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME®) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention designates this enduring educational activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
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http://nycptc.org/upcoming_classes.html

Humor MD

An irritated doctor on receiving an exorbitant bill from his car garage mechanic had the following conversation with his car mechanic.

"Your charges are several times more per hour than we get paid for medical care."

"Yeah doc, but you see, you have always the same model, it hasn't changed since Adam; but we have to keep up to date with new models coming every month."

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Calendar of Events

Please see our

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

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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Child and Pediatric Psychiatry for Primary Care

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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/>

Upcoming PlatformQ EVENTS

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Wednesday June 29	Lipids Management
Wednesday July 27	Acute Coronary Syndrome, Heart Failure
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