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Calendar of Events

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August 6-7 Summer Cluster, Staten Island

August 21 NYSAFP Day at Saratoga Race Course Track

[Click here for details and to register.](#)

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](#)

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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

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 (must be a current provider to be eligible to attend the ALSO Instructor Course).

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

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Letter From Our President

By: Neil Nepola, MD

Dear Fellow Family Physicians,

It is a great honor to serve as the President of the NYSAFP; I only hope I will be able to rise to the occasion.

There are a plethora of issues that face the family doctor, not the least of which is the dilemma of getting reimbursed enough to live comfortably and practice good medicine. Daily I am faced with the question of how much time and energy to put into any



JULY 1, 2011
MEMBERSHIP SNAPSHOT

TOTAL - 4169
ACTIVE - 2424
INACTIVE - 74
LIFE - 248
RESIDENTS - 457
STUDENTS - 951
SUPPORTING - 10
SUPPORT NONFP - 5

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- Curious about family medicine? Speak with a family medicine physician in the NYSAFP database of

individual's complaints. It is an ongoing philosophical debate as to what is important to the patient and what is important to that same patient's well being and ultimate good health.

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Letter From Our Past President

By: James L. Greenwald, MD

Advice for Leaders and Would-be Leaders

Dr. Nepola has asked me to continue my monthly column. This month, I will give a summary of my remarks given at our Annual Congress. This was a terrific meeting, and included addresses from the NYS Commissioner of Health Shah and national experts on Meaningful Use.

There is an unprecedented need for leadership at this point in our nation and in our profession. Life has become so complex and is changing so rapidly. Forms of communication exist today that were unimaginable 10 years ago. How many of you have had discussion with someone who was "texting"? This did not happen 10 years ago. Our governance and institutions have suffered in trying to keep up with the changes.

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Dr. Lori Heim's Letter to Vice President Biden

[Click here](#) for a copy of the letter that AAFP Board Chair, Dr. Lori Heim, sent to Vice President Biden and to the members of the group negotiating legislation to raise the debt ceiling and reduce the federal deficit. An individually addressed version went to each member of the group. A copy was also sent a copy to the staff person who handles health issues in each Congressional office.

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- 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/membencensus

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

Residents' Resource

IMG Resolution presented by Ellis Chapter Residency approved by NYSAFP Congress of Delegates.

By: Margarita Mosquera, MD

A good idea can turn into a great project and a great project can positively impact an entire community. As family doctors we have in our hands the option of improving the wellbeing of our patients and the future of our profession.

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NYSAFP Past President Honored by State Senate



Albany, NY: The New York State Senate adopted a resolution on May 24th honoring former NYSAFP president Mark Krotowski, MD, of Brooklyn for his distinguished medical career.

The resolution noted that Dr. Krotowski was honored at the 4th Annual Men of Distinction Awards Ceremony on June 9, 2011 in Brooklyn.

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Notes from June 15 Meeting of Bronx/Westchester Chapter

by: Dr. Sudhir Vaidya

The BWAFP Board met on June 15 and the following slate of the board was agreed upon:

Dr. Sudhir Vaidya - President
Dr. Sonia Velez - Vice President
Dr. Robert Morrow - Treasurer
Dr. Woo - Secretary
Dr. Shanti Harkooson - Member at Large

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?

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Dr. Caroline Jones - Member at Large

It was also agreed to hold the next chapter meeting with a picnic on a boat on the Hudson from Yonkers on Wednesday, July 20 between 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Dr. Robert Morrow has volunteered to organize this event.

The chapter is looking forward to innovative ideas and contributions from the membership to promote the interests of Family Physicians, residents, and medical students interested in Family Medicine in the borough of Bronx and Westchester County. The goal is to serve the members of the chapter and to attract new members for the AAFP, NYSAFP, and BWAFP.

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Physicians' Corner - Brooklyn Hospital Center FM Residency



Pfizer Immunization Awards

Award Track: 2011 Most Improved

**The Brooklyn Hospital Center Family Medicine Residency
La Providencia Family Health Center Brooklyn, NY**

MOST IMPROVED - CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION RATES

The Brooklyn Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program adopted the La Providencia Family Health Center clinic as part of its expansion of residency training in 2009. La Providencia Family Health Center developed as an affiliation with a foster agency, Coalition of Hispanic Families, in 1990. The clinic was a means to provide comprehensive primary care to children in foster care who would be without healthcare otherwise. La Providencia Family Health Center is located in the heart of Bushwick, an underserved area in Brooklyn, and serves a large Hispanic, African-American and Caribbean-American population that is diverse in age, culture and ethnicity.

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AAFP Scientific Assembly September 14-17 Orlando

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Dryden Family Medicine Recognized for Excellence in Diabetes Care

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Physician Practice Connections Program has recognized Dryden Family Medicine, located in the tri-county area of Tompkins, Tioga and Cortland counties, for Excellence in the Care of Patients with Diabetes, as well as for the creation of a Patient-Centered Medical Home. Dryden Family Medicine achieved these honors by virtue of innovations in patient care and implementation of necessary electronic health care records technology.

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Kingston Family Health Center Receives National Recognition

Kingston Family Health Center Receives National Recognition for Tobacco Cessation Project

Kingston, NY, June 27, 2011 — The Institute for Family Health's Kingston Family Health Center has been recognized by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) for successfully completing a Tobacco Cessation Office Champions pilot project. During the year-long project, the practice implemented a series of system changes to integrate tobacco cessation activities into daily office routines and create a culture that encourages patients to quit smoking...

[Click here for full press release.](#) **Congratulations!**

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DANY Loan Repayment Program

The New York State Department of Health is pleased to announce the release of the Doctors Across New York (DANY) Loan Repayment program. Applications and information are available on the Department's website at: <http://www.nyhealth.gov/funding/rfa/1104181147/index.htm>

Applications are due July 27, 2011 (initially), then continuously thereafter until March 30, 2012. There will be no bidders' conference for this procurement. Questions will be due by 4:00 P.M. June 27, 2011; questions and answers will be available on or about July 8, 2011.

Please note that many questions you may have are already answered on the Practice Support RFA website; see <http://www.nyhealth.gov/funding/rfa/1103141142/index.htm>.

Please also note that, to SAVE the application form once completed, you have to DOWNLOAD it to your PC FIRST BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION.

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HIPAA Electronic Transaction Changes

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If you haven't already heard of it or think it is only an information technology issue, now is a good time to learn a bit about the upcoming change to the HIPAA 5010 transaction standards. The time to change to 5010 is now. If you wait until the end of 2011, you risk not being paid or having to pay a clearinghouse to convert your transactions in 2012.

What is 5010?

Under HIPAA, covered entities must conduct electronic transactions such as claims submission and eligibility inquiries in a standard electronic format. The current standard is 4010a. As of 01/01/2012, all transactions must be transmitted using an updated standard, 5010. The 5010 transition is also an important first step to preparing your practice for the 10/01/2013 change from ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes to ICD-10-CM. The 5010 format accommodates both ICD-9 and ICD-10 by including an indicator that identifies which code set is being transmitted.

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AAFP Congress of Delegates - Support Jose 'Jun' David, MD for Director



[Follow this link to order a shirt](#) to support Jun David's candidacy for AAFP Board.

Attend the [AAFP Congress of Delegates](#) September 12-14 in Orlando and show your support for [Jose 'Jun' David, MD](#).

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Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists working with Primary Care Physicians

[The article from the Journal of Pediatrics](#) referenced below and published with their permission illustrates some models for child and adolescent psychiatric consultation with pediatricians. **Project TEACH** ([CAP PC](#) and [CAPES](#)) in NY, in which the Academy is participating in similar consultative models, focuses on increasing the identification and management of mental health disorders in the primary care setting by both family physicians and pediatricians.

The Integration of Mental Health into Pediatric Practice: Pediatricians and Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists Working Together in New Models of Care

Author: Stewart Gabel, M.D., Medical Director, Division of Children and Family Services, New York State Office of Mental Health

[This article](#) was published in the Journal of Pediatrics, Volume 157 (5), Gabel, Stewart, The Integration of Mental Health into Pediatric Practice: Pediatricians and Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists Working Together in New Models of Care, Pages 848-851, Copyright Elsevier (2010).

Journal of Pediatrics homepage www.jpeds.com

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The AAFP has challenged our New York Chapter to increase members that donate to the AAFP Foundation through the option when paying dues online. Less than 10% of New York members participated last year. [Let's show our support this year!](#)

Dues Check Off is the easiest and fastest way to support your AAFP Foundation! It's as easy as checking "yes" on your dues statement or donating now online. Dues Check Off donations are the largest single source of contributions to the Foundation each year. Your participation matters!

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- Scholarships to events such as [National Conference](#) that will attract more students to the Family Medicine specialty.
- Grants to stimulate and support practice-based [scientific](#) research.

In supporting Dues Check Off you will also be contributing to the work of state chapters and chapter foundations through the [Family Medicine Philanthropic Consortium](#).

Make your \$50.00 [Dues Check Off](#) donation today!

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New ACGME-Compliant Staffing Model Cuts Hospital Costs

By: MARY ELLEN SCHNEIDER, Hospitalist News Digital Network

GRAPEVINE, TEX. – July brings more restrictions on resident duty hours, but compliance with these requirements can result in reduced hospitalization costs and shorter lengths of stay, if it's done right.

A study by hospitalists at the University of California, San Francisco's Benioff Children's Hospital that analyzed their attempt to cut resident work hours by enlarging care teams and eliminating cross coverage found that a new staffing model reduced hospitalization costs by about 11% and length of stay by about 18%.

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ROCHESTER REGIONAL FAMILY MEDICINE CONFERENCE – October 1
ALBANY REGIONAL FAMILY MEDICINE CONFERENCE & REUNION – October 15



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Child and Pediatric Psychiatry for Primary Care

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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.

[Click here for Education Programs List](#)

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How NYC Doctors Can Get to EHR “Meaningful Use”

Join us **Wednesday, July 13**, to hear how NYC REACH can help doctors adopt electronic health records and meet the requirements for Meaningful Use incentives. We will also have a special guest, Dr. Jonathan Mohrer, the first doctor in our program to successfully report for Medicare Meaningful Use with the help of NYC REACH.

Dr. Mohrer will receive an \$18,000 payment for meeting this milestone. At this free event, you will hear how NYC REACH can help you with EHR adoption, ask Dr. Mohrer questions on his experience, and view demos from our three preferred EHR vendors—eClinicalWorks, MDLand, and Greenway.

Date: Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Location: 42-09 28th Street, 12th Floor, Room 12-22,
Long Island City (Queens), New York

To attend, please register: <http://ehr-openhouse.eventbrite.com>

NYC REACH is a part of the Primary Care Information Project at the New York City Department of Health. To learn more, please go to www.nycreach.org or fill out an interest form [here](#).

You're Invited!
Cayuga Lake Triathlon Sports Medicine Conference
Ithaca, New York
August 6, 2011

NYSAFP members are invited to beautiful Ithaca, New York in the heart of the Finger Lakes to learn about the latest in the treatment of triathletes and endurance athletes. The conference didactics feature an update on swimming triathlon troubles, cycling medicine, nutrition in endurance athletes, medical management of triathlon events, and latest updates on PRP.

The afternoon workshops will cover biomechanics, testing, and imaging. We have reserved racing spots for conference participants even though the race has been closed for months. 6 CME credits or CEUs are available. Lunch will be served.

This conference is intended for physicians, physical therapists, athletic trainers, exercise physiologists, and any healthcare professional that cares for athletes.

MARC-ACSM proudly supports this conference. [View the conference brochure for complete event and registration information.](#) **YOU MAY REGISTER AT THE MEMBER RATE!**

Upcoming PlatformQ EVENTS

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Wednesday July 27	Acute Coronary Syndrome, Heart Failure
Thursday July 28	Diabetes
Wednesday Dec. 7	CardioCareLive
Thursday Dec. 8	CardioCareLive

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 webinar: Expedited Partner Therapy: A New Tool for Providers to Prevent Chlamydia Reinfection Among Adolescents
The link to view the archived webinar is: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/852335009>
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