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Official Notice of NYSAFP Congress of Delegates
June 19 - 20, 2010 (Saturday and Sunday)

The 62nd annual Congress of Delegates of the NYSAFP will meet June 19-20, 2010 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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Dr. Chris Murphy Honored as Family Physician of the Year



Albany, NY: Dr. Chris Murphy of Clifton Park is the 2010 Family Physician of the Year. Dr. Murphy will receive the award at the annual awards luncheon on June 19th during the Academy's annual Congress of Delegates at the Desmond Hotel in Albany.

The Family Physician of the Year Award is the highest honor conferred by the Academy. It recognizes exceptional members who have had remarkable and inspiring careers in family medicine.

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NYS Legislature Passes Family Health Care Decisions Act; Governor Paterson to Sign into Law

On Wednesday, February 24th, the Senate passed the Family Health Care Decisions Act (FHCDA). The FHCDA allows family members to make health care decisions, including decisions about the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment, on behalf of patients who lose their ability to make such decisions and have not prepared advance directives regarding their wishes. The Assembly had passed the bill in January. Following its passage in the Senate on, the Governor commended the action and announced that he would sign the bill into law.

<http://readme.readmedia.com/Governor-Paterson-Appraises-Legislatures-Passage-of-Family-Health-Care-Decisions-Act/1178502>

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Dr. Ephraim Zackson

Ephraim Zackson, 86, Floral Park family doctor, dies February 26, 2010 By ANDREW STRICKLER www.newsday.com
andrew.strickler@newsday.com

Dr. Ephraim Zackson was a beacon from an earlier era: a family doctor who was part of the family.

Carrying a stethoscope and other essentials in a black medical bag, Zackson built his family medical practice in Floral Park, Queens, with decades of intimate home visits, sitting at his patients' bedsides.

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Statement of Support for a NYS Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax

NYSHEPA is asking individual physicians to sign on to an online letter in support of the sugar tax, being coordinated by NYAM.

<http://www.nyam.org/initiatives/sp-sbb-contact.shtml>

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Academy members whose dues balance is greater than \$100 may sign up to participate in an installment payment plan. When members go to the AAFP web site to pay their dues, they will have the option of making a single payment or can sign up for automatic monthly installment payments. The installment payment option will charge the member's credit card on the 10th day of each month for equal payments from the time they initialize the option until June, after which dues not paid are considered delinquent.

This information is printed on the member's dues invoice and can be activated online or through communication to the Contact Center. For more information members can contact David Lloyd at dlloyd@aafp.org.

News From the Diabetes Campaign

The Academy has received new materials from the New York State Diabetes Campaign promoting four levels of engagement in the Campaign and resources available for interested physicians. The informational packet includes a diabetes algorithm for glycemic control and a summary of key benefits and risks of medications.

If you would like us to send you the materials and/or a copy of the American College of Physicians' Diabetes Care Guide, or if you would like more information about how you and your practice can join the Campaign, please contact janet@nysafp.org.

Join the campaign to fight Diabetes!

Colorectal Cancer Screening Practice Improvement Program Update

The Colorectal Cancer Screening Practice Improvement Program, developed by The New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians (NJAFP), is an e-learning quality /performance improvement program, which qualifies for American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) Maintenance of Certification. This activity has been approved by the ABFM as an external provider of Part IV Maintenance of Certification for Family Physicians credit. Additional information can be found at www.NYSAFP.org and at www.njafp.org/node/4847.

For additional information on how to participate, please contact the NYS Academy at 518.489.8945 or kelly@nysapf.org.

The Cancer Screening Professional Education project's contract ends March 31, 2010. The last Webinar is scheduled for Thursday, March 18th. Anyone interested in participating in this training should email Kelly Madden, kelly@nysafp.org, to register.

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Immunize NY

The New York State Department of Health's Bureau of Immunization February 2010, Volume 2, Issue 1 e-newsletter provides you with important immunization information.

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Mumps Outbreak in NY/NJ

Mumps Outbreak Affects More than 1,500 in New York, New Jersey

CDC Reminding Physicians to Vaccinate, Report Illness

By AAFP News Staff
2/23/2010

An outbreak of mumps in New York and New Jersey has expanded to more than 1,500 reported cases, and the CDC is reminding physicians that outbreaks can occur even in communities with high two-dose coverage of the measles, mumps and rubella -- or MMR -- vaccine.

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Haiti After the Fact

Dr. Bernadette Sheridan, Brooklyn just returned from a Medical Mission in Haiti. Please click on the story link for the entire article.

None of us knew what to expect on this, the most unusual (but timely) of any of our dozen or so humanitarian visits over the last decade. Before we boarded the plane, we each intrinsically knew that words would never describe what we were about to witness. Nearly a month after the greatest catastrophe to hit North America, (when else, in the last century, outside of war, had 200,000 souls perished over a 3 wk period?) – Haiti is practically in our back yard, but even so, worlds removed even on an ordinary day, we all inherently sensed that recovery was far down the road and prayed that in our traditional way, we could make a difference where and when we could.

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Funding of Residents & Students Attending AAFP's National Conference of Residents and Medical Students 7/29 - 31/10 Kansas City, MO

The New York State Academy of Family Physicians (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 29 - 31, 2010 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. Those selected will be responsible for their own travel and lodging reservations. After returning from the Conference, those selected will be required to submit a travel expense voucher and receipts to receive the subsidy of up to \$500. They will also be required to submit a written report to the NYSAFP Board of Directors describing their experience and reporting on the activities of the Conference. Residents or students who receive AAFP scholarships are not eligible.

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Family Practice Educator of the Year Nominations Sought

In 1991, the New York State Academy of Family Physicians established an award for excellence in family practice education. This award is known as the Family Practice Educator of the Year Award and is given annually to recognize excellence in education.

The nominee must be an active member of the NYSAFP and should be involved in teaching activities at the student level, resident level or continuing medical education of family physicians.

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MSSNY H1N1 Webinars

MSSNY is hosting a series of free webinars on H1N1 that began on Thursday, Feb. 25th. Participation in the webinars will enable physicians to earn 2 hours of CME credits. The program is free to all physicians. Pre-registration is required and seating is limited to 100 participants at each webinar. To register for this program, contact either Peter Maggiore at pmaggiore@mssny.com or visit <https://mssny.webex.com> Once on the website, click the "upcoming" tab and select the webinar that you would like to attend.

Friday, March 5th from 7:30-9:30 AM
 Thursday, March 18th from 6:00-8:00 PM
 Wednesday, April 14th from 5:30-7:30 PM
 Friday, April 30th from 1:00-3:00 PM

JAMA and IHI February Author in the Room® Teleconference

Join us on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM Eastern Time for the Author in the Room® teleconference. During this call, the JAMA article [Heterogeneity is Not Always Noise: Lessons From Improvement](#) by Frank Davidoff, MD will be discussed.

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AAFP Live! in Buffalo, NY

You can get free CME anywhere. But where can you get free CME offering the latest science presented by the leading experts on the topics relevant to you?

AAFP Live!
Buffalo, New York
Hyatt Regency Buffalo
Saturday, March 27, 2010
7:45 a.m.-12 p.m.

This half-day course on Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease will give you the knowledge and skills to:

- Confidently diagnose diabetes and cardiovascular conditions.
- Apply prevention/treatment guidelines.
- Effectively communicate the critical elements of preventive care, such as lifestyle, nutrition and exercise.

Registration is free, but space is limited. Click [here](#) for more information or to register now.

Women and Heart Disease:

A Summit to Eliminate Untimely Deaths in Women

Day 1: April 29, 2010, from 8am-5pm, with CME provided

Day 2 (optional): April 30, 2010, from 8am-12pm

(participatory think-tank)

Location: Marquette Hotel - Windows on Minnesota

CME Credit Available: 8.00 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

Provider: Mayo Clinic, Minneapolis Heart Institute, University of Minnesota

Phone: 612.863.3839

Email: women@mhif.org

Website: <http://www.mplsheart.org/women>

9th Annual Regional Family Medicine Conference (RFMC)

The 9th Annual RFMC will be held in November, 2010, in Albany, NY. It will take place the day before the Board of Directors Meeting. The date and location will be confirmed this month. The 2010 RFMC co-chairs are Dr. Marc Price and Dr. Kristine Campagna. Any member interested in presenting a lecture please contact Kelly Madden at kelly@nysafp.org; a Call for Proposal will be distributed this month.

What's going on?

March 6-7, 2010: NYSAFP Winter Cluster, Crowne Plaza, Albany

March 8, 2010: NYSAFP Lobby Day, State Capitol, Albany

June 19-20, 2010: NYSAFP Congress of Delegates, Desmond Hotel, Albany

September 27-29, 2010: AAFP Congress of Delegates, Denver

September 29-October 3, 2010: AAFP Scientific Assembly, Denver

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