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NH Pediatric Society Web Site Redesigned... and Redefined!

Catrina Watson, the Executive Director of the NH Pediatric Society, recently took over the responsibilities of maintaining the chapter's web site. When you visit www.nhps.org you'll see that Catrina has created a spectacular interactive web presence, that not only is visually stunning but extremely practical as well!

The new web site features listings of area meetings and conferences to keep members informed about upcoming local events that you may wish to attend. Chapter and other organization's initiatives are listed and detailed as well, and a legislation page keeps members informed about state legislative updates relevant to pediatricians in our community.

Additionally the web site lists our chapter officers with their email addresses so you can message them if you feel so inclined. The current Granite State Pediatrician is available on the front page as a pdf file, so

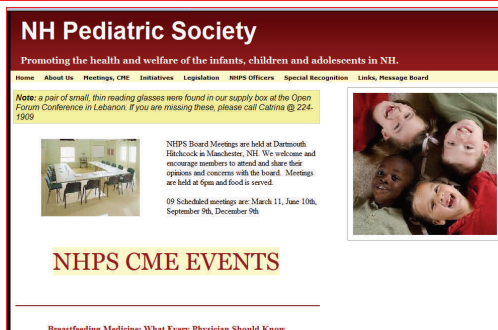
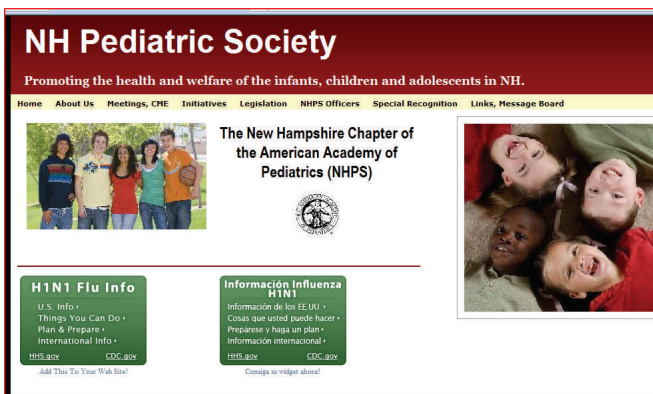
you can view the GSP in color as soon as it is "published" without waiting to received your black and white copy in the mail!

My favorite new feature is the "stay connected" page which features links to other web sites of interest to New Hampshire pediatricians as well as a message board that invites pediatricians to communicate with

each other as well as with the chapter leadership. In this age of Facebook and Twitter, pediatricians should take the opportunity to communicate with colleagues to discuss issues that concern us all! Only by engaging the NH pediatrician community we will be able to coordinate efforts in NH that will improve the health and well being of children in our state.

Please feel free to compliment Catrina for her efforts and to provide her with useful comments and suggestions. Her email is Catrina.Watson@nhms.org

-Andrew J. Schuman MD



AAP Legislative Conference

Jim Pilliod and Trish Campbell attended this year's AAP Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. Each year, the AAP Committee on Federal Government Affairs and the AAP Committee on State Government Affairs put together an advocacy training agenda designed to be educational, informative, interactive, and to benefit both the novice and the experienced advocate. They attended workshops on the Art of Negotiation, Coalition Building, Media Training, and Crafting Your Message and heard speakers such as Amy Walter, Editor-in-Chief of The Hotline, Judy Feder, PhD, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress, Professor, Georgetown Public Policy Institute, and US Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN). A highlight was a simulation game which really gave them the feel of what being a legislator is all about. (Of course, Jim already knew all about this, but it was a real "eye-opener" for Trish!) The Conference culminated with all of the attendees meeting with their Senators and Representatives on Capitol Hill! Attendees leave the Conference educated and motivated to be strong advocates for children and the Academy's legislative initiatives. The NHPS would like to send a new representative to the AAP Legislative Conference each year. This is a fantastic opportunity! If anyone would like more information or is interested in attending the Conference next April, please contact Trish Campbell (pcampbell@cheshire-med.com).

**-Patricia (Trish) Campbell DO
Chapter President**



AAP New Hampshire Chapter Strategic Plan 2009-2012

Last November, several members of the NHPS met with Ken Slaw, Ph.D. Director of Membership, for the AAP to work on a new Strategic Plan for the NHPS. Prior to the meeting, members were surveyed re: their wants and needs and directions they'd like to see the NHSP take. We appreciated all of the input we received! What follows is a summary of the NHPS Strategic Plan 2009-2012 based on the comments and suggestions found in your responses! All comments, questions, and suggestions are welcome!

MISSION - The mission on the New Hampshire Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is to unite the pediatric community and the community-at-large around innovative solutions to the most critical challenges facing the children on New Hampshire, their families, and pediatricians who care for them.

STRATEGIC DOMAINS (GOALS)

The NHPS will advance its mission by concentrating on three primary strategic domains:

- I) Advance Child Health
- II) Improve Quality and Management of Pediatric Practice
- III) Enhance Organizational Strength and Reach of the NH Chapter.

OBJECTIVES WITH INITIATIVES

Within each of the strategic domains one or more objectives define the prioritized strategic direction and desired outcomes. Initiatives focus on direction of implementation strategy.

I. ADVANCING CHILD HEALTH

1. Improve access to mental health services
 - a. Establish Pediatric Council with Mental Health Focus
 - b. Build coalition that can unify State
 - c. Advocate assertively for friendly legislation
 - d. Develop and implement a referral guide for pediatricians
2. Reduce the number of children with obesity
 - a. Fulfill CDC grant obligation

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- b. Represent pediatricians/chapter on DHHS commission
- 3. Implement standardized screening/risk assessment
 - a. Develop toolkit and resources to promote and implement screening
 - b. Develop and implement a dissemination strategy
- 4. Develop a transition plan to adult care for all teenagers with special medical needs
 - a. Establish relationships with adult physician primary care and subspecialty groups/societies
 - b. Develop and disseminate a model (template) transition plan
 - c. Work through Pediatric Council on payment issues
 - d. Connect parents/teens to the process in a meaningful way

II. IMPROVE QUALITY AND MANAGEMENT OF PEDIATRIC PRACTICE

- 1. Improve payment for key services
 - a. Establish Pediatric Council with initial focus on key issues
 - i. Mental Health-Clinical codes
 - ii. Immunization-Admin Fees
 - iii. Oral Health-Fluoride Treatment
- 2. Assist members with Maintenance of Certification
 - a. Research AAP Chapter pilots models
 - b. Establish pilot in NH Chapter
- 3. Increase number of practices implementing and utilizing electronic medical record systems
 - a. Conduct survey to determine current utilization/issues
 - b. Research AAP Resources
 - c. Share best practices/models with memberships
- 4. Develop and present educational programs that enhance understanding of leadership, management, and business
 - a. Research speakers and resources
 - b. Integrate curriculum materials into Chapter meetings and/or website and/or newsletters
 - c. Establish a web 2.0 member connectivity platform to promote interaction

III. ENHANCE ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTH AND REACH OF THE CHAPTER

- 1. Build Strong Website and Web 2.0 Platform
- 2. Expand membership and governance of Chapter
- 3. Develop and implement member recognition program
 - a. Develop chapter member certificate and distribute annually with letter of thanks and outlining accomplishments
 - b. Feature groundbreaking efforts of chapter members on website and newsletters
- 4. Develop and implement a member communication strategy

**-Patricia (Trish) Campbell DO
Chapter President**



Please Take Notice!

The New Hampshire Pediatric Society wants to improve immediate communication with and among our members. If your email address is not on our master list (or if you're not sure) please add your preferred address to the list by contacting Gil Fuld.

Our plan is to periodically send out the updated address list to everybody on it. If you haven't recently received a copy, we don't have your address.

**-Gil Fuld
Communications and
Public Relations Chair
fuldandfuld@ne.rr.com**

Open Forum Update

The first part of the NHPS's Open Forum project, funded by a grant from the AAP and co-sponsored by NH Special Medical Services, was a huge success! More than 80 early childhood professionals (including developmental and general pediatricians, family practitioners, child psychologists, Head Start personnel, and early interventionists) and representatives and policymakers from state agencies including Medicaid, Family Voices, the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, Early Supports and Services and Special Medical Services, as well as members of the NH Legislature, attended the day-long conference at DHMC Lebanon on April 15th dedicated to the whys and wherefores of screening for both developmental delays and autism spectrum disorders.

The morning's keynote speakers were Drs. Steven Meister, recently chosen as the new Maternal and Child Health *Medical Director* for the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention; our own Carl Cooley, Medical Director of Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center; and Vermont's Paula Duncan, co-author of the AAP's *Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision for Infants, Children, and Adolescents*. The afternoon was devoted to a lively interactive session with a panel of experts and the opportunity not only to network and learn more about the screening process, reimbursement procedures, and resources for further evaluation, but also to share frustrations with—and confusion about—the existing process and ideas for improvement and collaboration.

Appreciative evaluation comments include: [the best part was] “to hear how the medical and educational communities align—as well as how they may not—re screenings and recommended services;” “the open conversations;” “the skill of presenters;” “the fact that involved professionals from diverse agencies came together to talk about identifying kids who need help;” “a huge amount of information and a great multi-disciplinary approach.”

Feeling like you may have missed out on something truly worthwhile?! It's not too late: A second open forum about developmental screening with an identical panel of speakers is scheduled for October 23rd in Portsmouth. Save the date!

-Jenny Lipfert MD

2009 NHPS Award Nominees

Pediatrician of the Year (5 nominees):

Thomas (Tom) Andrew
 Kyle Landt
 Patricia (Trish) Campbell
 Christian (Chris) Hallowell
 Gregory (Greg) Prazar

NH Public Citizen of the Year (3 nominees):

Donald (Don) Shumway
 Governor John Lynch
 Ellie Tsetsi

Franklin Norwood Rogers Award: Retired Pediatrician of the Year (1 nominee):

Eugene LaRiviere

Dr. Tom Andrew (Nominated for Pediatrician of the Year)

Tom Andrew trained in pediatrics, winning the Pediatric Resident Teaching Award at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 1984. He then practiced pediatrics for 5 years before completing an additional residency in Anatomic Pathology followed by a fellowship in Forensic Pathology.

Tom has been Chief Medical Examiner, State of New Hampshire, since 1997. He has been tireless in promoting public health issues related to children and teens in New Hampshire. Tom has served on the following state wide committees: Child Fatality Review, Teen Motor Vehicle Legislation Task Force, Coalition to Prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome, Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, Injury Prevention Advisory Council, Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Assembly, and NH Suicide Prevention Council. He has won countless awards for his work on exposing important child health issues. He was instrumental in recognizing the young adolescent “choking games” that resulted in several deaths of NH young adolescents and he has published his findings nationally. Recently Tom has turned his attention to the escalating numbers of deaths due to prescription drugs of abuse in NH teens and young adults. Tom has published many papers and has been a gifted keynote speaker at multiple meetings for medical and public audiences.

Dr Tom Andrew could have been satisfied with his medical examiner work but he has used his training in pediatrics to make a difference for children and teens in New Hampshire by using his position to promote preventive strategies that will avoid the tragedies that have brought

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young people to his autopsy table.

Dr. Kyle Landt (Nominated for Pediatrician of the Year)

For well over two decades, Dr. Kyle Landt, Pediatric Endocrinologist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Manchester since 1987, has worked tirelessly for New Hampshire's children with endocrinological diseases. In the early years, she was the only pediatric endocrinologist here, then—as now—providing round-the-clock care to children and advice to pediatricians, sometimes late at night managing difficult cases such as diabetes, growth hormone deficiency, thyroid disorders and many others. For more than 20 years, Kyle has also been the medical director of Camp Carefree, an annual two-week camp in New Durham, NH, for children aged 7-15 with diabetes mellitus. This camp is a very special place where kids with a terribly difficult disease share life experiences and are invigorated by each other and the wonderful camp staff of young counselors (also with DM) and volunteer MDs, RNs, nutritionists. Kyle provides 24-hour-a-day back-up support during camp sessions and works at the camp for half of each 2-week session, all voluntarily, without pay. She trains all staff on the medical aspects of DM, before and during the sessions and pays for a staff dinner at each camp's conclusion at her own cost. As a dedicated professional who has helped countless children and families cope with the enormous medical and social ramifications of a diagnosis of childhood diabetes, Kyle well deserves this timely recognition.

Dr. Trish Campbell (Nominated for Pediatrician of the Year)

Trish has been practicing general pediatrics at Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth Hitchcock-Keene for twelve years. She served six years as Secretary of the New Hampshire Pediatric Society. On July 1, 2008, she became its president. She is the Chairperson of the Cheshire Coalition for Tobacco-Free Communities, a group that was initially formed to decrease the rate of youth smoking in the Monadnock region, but which now also provides education to students of all levels on tobacco-related issues, cessation classes at CMC/DHK for employees, patients and community members, opportunities for advocacy, and guidance to local business that are planning cessation programs or smoke-free campuses. The Coalition was very active in helping NH pass legislation ensuring smoke-free restaurants and bars. She is also a member of the Council for a Healthier Community, a multi-disciplinary group of community leaders working to improve the overall health of the Monadnock Region. She was named New Hampshire Magazine's "Top Doc" for Pediatrics in 2007, and she was named a "Leading Physician in Pediatrics" by NH Magazine in 2008. She is currently on the Board of Directors for the historic Colonial Theater in downtown Keene and is a past Board member of MoCo Arts, a non-profit dance/arts/fitness center in Keene.

Dr. Chris Hallowell (Nominated for Pediatrician of the Year)

After attending medical school at Dartmouth and completing residency and a fellowship in hematology at the University of New Mexico, Chris joined the staff of Dartmouth-Hitchcock in Concord in 1982. He is widely respected for being truly a fantastic physician who cares not only about the medical needs of his patients but also the social context in which they live.

Dr. Greg Prazar (Nominated for Pediatrician of the Year)

Greg has been in the practice of primary care pediatrics in Dover since 1976. Greg has served for ten years as a member of the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire Pediatric Society. He has been a member of AAP Committees: Practice and Ambulatory Medicine, Psychosocial Aspects of Child and Family Health, and the AAP Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics. Greg is a member of the Academy's Task Force on Mental Health. He has been a reviewer for the following publications: *Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics*, *Journal of Pediatrics*, *Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine*, *Journal of Ambulatory Pediatrics*. He is the author or co-author of nine articles and four book chapters.

Greg has been consulting physician to the Exeter Public Schools and Consulting Pediatrician to the Ritchie McFarland Children's Center in Exeter. He has been a long-time advocate for and active participant in practice-based research activities with Dartmouth researchers Ardis Olson and Carl Cooley. Greg has received both local and national recognition as one of the pioneers of the medical home model. His practice has provided a laboratory for the development of many of the tools used nationally to implement medical home characteristics at a practice level.

Governor John Lynch (Nominated for NH Public Citizen of the Year)

As governor of the State of New Hampshire, John Lynch has championed children's issues. He is well qualified to receive the NHPS award as the outstanding public citizen of the year.

His child health care initiatives include:

Combating Lead Poisoning

Spearheaded effort to establish new law that focuses on lead paint poisoning prevention by reducing the threshold blood level limit for when children are considered to be lead poisoning to the level recommended by the CDC.

Homelessness

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Established a revolving loan fund for homeless families and individuals to access for first month's rent and security deposits to assist in the transition from shelters to permanent housing.

Developmental Disabilities/Acquired Brain Disorders Waitlists

Signed into law measure to reduce the waitlists for families for services over the next three years.

Covering Kids

Committed in the budget to enroll an additional 10,000 eligible children in Healthy Kids Children's Health Insurance Program over the next three years and increased funding for outreach and enrollment assistance.

Health Coverage to Age 26

Signed legislation that allows dependents up to age 26 to stay on their parents/guardians health insurance plan.

Increasing New Hampshire's High School Graduation Rate
Fought to make sure all NH young people graduate from high school. He proposed legislation that would require young people to stay in school until age 18 or when they receive their high school diploma, rather than dropping out at 16.

Funding for Alternative Programs

Budget provides nearly \$4 million in dropout prevention funds to help more young people graduate from high school.

Project Running Start

Budget supports Project Running Start, which allows high school students to earn college credits right at their own local high schools. The credits are transferable to hundreds of colleges around the country.

Quality Early Learning

Budget funds at \$1 million each year the Quality Early Learning Initiative, established by the legislature last year, to allow more families to access affordable high-quality child care. And it provides the first state increase in Head Start funding since 2000.

Adequacy

Helped develop and pass the definition of an adequate education which details the opportunities every NH child should have for quality educational programs from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Helping Communities Open Kindergartens

Under John Lynch, NH has extended its kindergarten construction program to help more communities open kindergartens. And for the first time New Hampshire makes clear that all children should have the opportunity to attend

kindergarten.

Opening the Door to Higher Education

John Lynch is working to make college more affordable for NH students. Through his budget he has expanded the ACE program to sophomores – now first and second-year NH students who receive the maximum Pell Grant will be able to attend our University System institutions for no additional tuition. This is expected to double the number of needy students receiving such awards.

Safe Schools

Signed legislation requiring public and nonpublic schools to develop and implement emergency response plans based on national standards (Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System).

Helping New Hampshire Families

Budget helps more families move from welfare to work by providing transportation assistance and child care co-pays.

Established a Governor's TANF Advisory Council to monitor the implementation of significant changes to the TANF program. Signed legislation restoring the flexibility that has helped make the program one of the most successful in the nation.

Don Shumway (Nominated for NH Public Citizen of the Year)

Don Shumway has had a long and distinguished career in New Hampshire focusing his energies on caring for the most disadvantaged people in the state. He has long been the conscience of New Hampshire for this population.

In 1979 he began state service in the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services and was named Director of that division in 1984. He was instrumental in developing a plan to close Laconia State School and move children and adults with mental retardation to community-based care. After a three-year hiatus from state government he became Commissioner of Health and Human Services in 1999 and since 2002 has been president and CEO of Crotched Mountain. At Crotched Mountain he has overseen the change from what was essentially a nursing home for handicapped children to a true rehabilitation hospital for children and brain injured adults as well as expanding the role of the Crotched Mountain School to include caring for and educating children with 21st century problems like autism and other significant behavioral challenges. Crotched Mountain is often a refuge of last resort for families and referring schools.

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Ellie Tsetsi (Nominated for NH Public Citizen of the Year)

Since 1992, Ellie Tsetsi has been the executive director of Good Beginnings of Sullivan County, a nonprofit agency that works to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect in Sullivan County, a medically underserved area that has the highest rates of documented child abuse and neglect in the state.

Good Beginnings is a primary prevention program offering comprehensive family support services to all families regardless of ability to pay. The services provided by Good Beginnings include: home visits by nurses and certified parent educators to any pregnant woman or family expecting a baby or who has a young child parent education classes and support groups, case management services, lactation consultation and childbirth classes, resource and referral services, a supervised visitation center where non-custodial parents can have visits with their children, and a children's boutique offering "gently used" affordable children's clothing, books, toys and furniture. Ellie has trained hundreds of volunteers to mentor new mothers; established a family resource center in Sullivan County to improve access to preventive services for children and families; and led one of the pilot professional home visitation programs that has now been replicated statewide. She leads an agency that continually seeks to develop and implement new approaches to fostering healthy parent-child relationships. Ellie is also the chairperson of the state DCYF Advisory Board.

Dr. Eugene LaRiviere (Nominated for the Franklin Norwood Rogers Award: Retired Pediatrician of the Year)

Even in retirement Gene continues to contribute to the field of pediatrics, serving as instructor and mentor to Dartmouth Medical School students and Dartmouth Hitchcock pediatric residents. He thereby continues his reputation as a friend to many, a good listener, a wise counselor, and a true colleague. He also has found time to teach a course in Wine Appreciation at the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program at Dartmouth College.

Born in Farmington and raised in Manchester, Gene is a true native son of New Hampshire. His active medical career included primary care pediatric practice for over thirty years, first in a private office non-group practice, then as a starting member of the Manchester-Bedford Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic, serving as Medical Director for several years. An active community advocate, Gene was a founding member of Child Health Services and a fervent worker for the United Way. Recognizing his contributions as a physician and as a humanitarian he has been honored as Manchester's Citizen of the Year and was selected for the Good Samaritan Award by the Pastoral Counseling Service.

NEWS FROM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT DARTMOUTH (CHaD)

CHaD Welcomes New Providers

Margaret "Lou" Guill, MD is a pediatric pulmonologist will join the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth. Dr. Guill completed her MD degree and began her pediatric residency at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta, then went to the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in San Francisco to complete her pediatric residency and fellowship. Dr. Guill also completed a fellowship in allergy/immunology after returning to the Medical College of Georgia. She has spent many years in leadership positions and on national committees, and has done extensive research in cystic fibrosis and asthma. Dr. Guill currently holds the Dorothy A. Hahn Chair at the Medical College of Georgia, where she is also Professor, Chief of Pediatric Pulmonology, and Director of the Cystic Fibrosis Center and MCG Asthma Center. We are delighted to have such an experienced pulmonologist joining the CHaD team.

Monica Paz Garin-LaFlam, MD is a pediatric gastroenterologist who joins us from the Cincinnati Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Garin-LaFlam earned her BA from Dartmouth and her MD from the University of Miami School of Medicine in Miami, FL. She completed her pediatric residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami and her fellowship in pediatric gastroenterology at Cincinnati Children's. She has also worked as a research fellow on NIH grants. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Garin-LaFlam.

Adam Weinstein, MD is a pediatric nephrologist who joins us from Yale School of Medicine and Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital, where he is completing a fellowship in pediatric nephrology. Previously he earned his BA from Dartmouth and his MD from Weill Medical College at Cornell University. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Weinstein to CHaD in September.

All of these providers will be based at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Lebanon and will travel to provide services at our CHaD offices at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Manchester.

Kudos to CHaD's Pediatric Diabetes Education Program

Congratulations to CHaD/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Pediatric

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ric Diabetes Education Program for successfully completing an audit. During the process of the audit, this program demonstrated excellent pediatric care standards and successful implementation of goal-setting and evaluation of goals for effective behavior change, typically more successful in adult programs in a pediatric setting. Kudos to coordinator Laurie Campbell, RD, LD, CSP, CDE, Dr Samuel Casella and staff who demonstrated a commitment to offering a comprehensive and effective diabetes education program to their pediatric clients.

CHaD Announces New Services in Nashua

Dartmouth Hitchcock is pleased to announce that Pediatric Urology and Surgery will begin seeing patients at the Nashua offices of Dartmouth-Hitchcock in the Pediatric Department, located at 591 West Hollis St. All appointments, cancellations, referrals, directions and questions should go through the Manchester Urology Department at 603-695-2745.

Expansion of CHaD Pediatric Orthopaedic Services at D-H Manchester

CHaD is pleased to announce the expansion of pediatric services at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Manchester to include orthopaedic care for children. Led by Drs. P. Christopher Cook and Kathleen Moen, this new program offers consultation, diagnosis, treatment, and ongoing care for patients up to 18 years old. Appointments are available on Tuesdays and Fridays. CHaD patients are seen in the Orthopaedic Department located on Level One in the West Wing of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Manchester for consultations and follow-up visits. CHaD Orthopaedics and the DHM Orthopaedics Department share the same phone and fax. They may be reached at 695-2830/voice and 629-1833/fax. To view both Drs. Cook and Moen's provider profiles, visit http://www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/manchester/webpage.cfm?site_id=12&org_id=709&morg_id=0&sec_id=0&gsec_id=37785&item_id=37785

*Submitted by Margaret Rose Minnock, MBA
Director, Planning and Regional Services
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The ALF AND WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU ?

BACKGROUND:The AAP holds its Annual Leadership Forum every March. Attendees include: the executive director of each AAP chapter (in NH-Catrina Watson), the AAP President and first Vice-President of each state chapter (NY and Calif have more than 1 chapter), and representatives from all the AAP Sections, Councils, and Committees (usually the Chairperson of each Section and Committee). Over 550 attendees were at the meeting between 3/12-3/15. Interested state stakeholders also attend. Therefore, Gil Fuld attended as a representative of the Media Section, and Suzie Boulter attended because she hosted a presentation on oral health.

THE NEATEST THING ABOUT THE ALF: Before the ALF convenes, any pediatrician (through their chapter) can submit a resolution for the chapter officers to discuss and vote on. This year the voting members discussed and voted on 75 resolutions. Before the votes take place, there are reference committee meetings to discuss the resolutions. So, a voting member can pop in and out of each meeting room, depending upon their personal interest, to hear and participate in the discussions. Voting occurs on the second day in a General Session, and is done electronically on a huge screen, so results are instantaneous. This year 67 resolutions were adopted and sent to the appropriate AAP committee, council, section, or division for further action. Responses from these groups are due back 11/13.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE RESOLUTIONS: All resolutions are currently posted with their disposition on the Member Center (to view log on to AAP Web site (<http://www.aap.org>). On the left hand side there is a box that says Chapters, Committees, Councils and Sections. Click on the link 2009 Resolutions. Once in, you can view resolutions by: 1) clicking on title of the resolution; or 2) click on the words (Advocacy, Finance, Practice, Education or AAP Operations) within the grid.

OTHER NEAT STUFF:There were great workshops on starting Pediatric Councils, effective leadership, and involving younger pediatricians in state chapter activities.

OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT ALF?: Please feel free to contact Trish Campbell, Greg Prazar, Catrina Watson, Gil Fuld, or Suzie Bouter.

-Greg Prazar MD

Dr. Robert Wilson Remembered

Dr. Robert F. Wilson, formerly of Garrison Lane, Madbury, died Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, at Langdon Place of Dover.

Dr. Wilson was born March 2, 1921, in Lawrence, Mass., and was the son of the late Alexander and Rowena (McClintock) Wilson.



Dr. Wilson was a graduate of Lawrence High School and later graduated from Dartmouth College in 1942 and also became a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. He also was a veteran serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War.

He set up his pediatric practice in Dover in 1948 and was a specialist at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital. Dr. Wilson taught pediatrics at the WDH School for one year before the school dissolved.

He was extremely influential in bringing the first surgeon (Dr. Roger Temple) and the first obstetrician (Dr. Robert Hatch) to WDH and did the well child clinics for free for the Squamscott VNA.

Dr. Wilson was very instrumental in helping the obstetricians and WDH establish the Dover Prenatal Clinic. The OBs would take care of the mothers, and Dr. Wilson took care of the babies. This was the first said clinic in New Hampshire. Today this is known as the Avis Goodwin Center.

Dr. Wilson supported any new health care initiatives in this area. Often these were the first in N.H.

For many years he continued to make house calls when such a practice was virtually non-existent.

For 20 years he was the team physician for the DHS Football team. He gave complimentary physicals to all the players and sat on the bench during the games, just in case he was needed.

He was one of six people who helped found Strafford Guidance. He recognized that children had other needs that could not be met medically. Today this is the Dover Child Guidance Center.

Dr. Wilson was the director of the Dover Children's Home for four years and was the president of the Dover United Way. Also, he was chairman of the Dover School Board for six years. During that time the existing DHS was built.

He has been a member of the Dover Rotary Club since 1958, and a member of First Parish Church for well over 50 years. He has served as deacon several times and has been very involved with their capital improvements.

Dr. Wilson was on the Board of Directors of Strafford Savings Bank, which is now Citizens Bank, and was Past President of New England Pediatric Society.

In May of 2008, Dr. Wilson was honored by the Dover Chamber of Commerce with their first lifetime achievement award.

Survivors include: his wife of 65 years, Mary Helen Wilson of Dover; four sons, David and his wife, Marcia, of Dover, Peter and his wife, Sandra, of Chicago, Ill., Jonathan and his wife, Donna, of Stratham, Jeffrey and his wife, Wendy, of Ipswich, Mass.; eight grandchildren, Michelle Kurtz and Brett Wilson of Dover, Brian and Erin Wilson of Chicago, Kristen and Greg Wilson of Stratham, Scott and Gary Wilson of Ipswich, Mass., and four great-grandchildren.

Visiting hours will be held Monday, Feb. 9, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Wiggin-Purdy-McCooney-Dion Funeral Home, 655 Central Ave., Dover. A funeral service will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the First Parish Church, 218 Central Ave., Dover, with the Rev. David L. Slater, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital and Health Foundation, 789 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820.

- Sol Rockenmacher MD

Transition Tips #1 from the Health Care Transition Coalition

NH Family Voices is supporting a new group of young people with special health care needs called YEAH - Youth Educating Adults about Healthcare.

The mission of YEAH: "We are here to assist you. We are here to help teens and young adults get the information they need to live independently, to live a successful life and make decisions about health care, to inform your doctors and health care providers about your healthcare and general needs and make information easily accessible to teens who may lack parental guidance. Our purpose is to help the transition from childhood to adulthood, dependence to independence and pediatric medical care to adult medical care go more smoothly."

- Physicians, young adults and parents can check out the website-www.yeah-councilnh.com for additional resources and information about transition through the experiences of these young adults or call Terry at NHFV for information @ 271-4525.

• *? Does your practice have a transition tip to share? Granite State Pediatrician awaits your submission or email kcahill@dhhs.state.nh.us and we will move it on!*

Caroline Dueger, MD, MPH, DTM&H Recognized for Commitment to Global Health

[Washington, DC – April 7, 2009] Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) is pleased to announce that Dr. Caroline Dueger is a recipient of the fourth annual HVO *Golden Apple Award*. As part of its World Health Day observances, HVO created this award to recognize the extraordinary educational contributions of volunteers to international program sites. Each volunteer honored with this award has demonstrated a strong commitment to HVO's educational mission by working on curriculum development, teacher training, didactic or clinical training, or the enhancement of educational resources.

Dr. Dueger volunteered with the HVO pediatrics program for many years at Cambodia's Angkor Hospital for Children, providing both clinical and didactic teaching, and working on the development of the faculty in this teaching hospital. She organized a "Child Protection Workshop", addressing such issues as ethics, rights of the child, and child abuse which has significantly improved the assessment and treatment skills of the staff in handling these difficult issues. Within a month after the workshop, the staff was inspired to develop and implement a child sexual abuse protocol at the hospital.

Dr. Dueger served as the program director for the HVO pediatrics program in Cambodia from 1999 to 2009, coordinating the volunteer efforts and ensuring that volunteers were well prepared for their service. She is a member of the HVO Pediatrics Steering Committee.

Dr. Dueger is currently retired from her general pediatric practice in Concord, NH. She serves on the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on International Child Health. She has been an active member of HVO since 1996.

According to recent reports from the World Health Organization, the global shortage of health care workers is estimated to be 4.3 million with the greatest shortages occur-

ring in the poorest countries. The WHO's Global Health Workforce Alliance has stated, "The global community has clearly recognized that the health workforce is the very heart of functioning health systems, and that without greater quantity and quality of motivated, equally distrib-

uted health workers, progress toward health and development goals will not be possible."

"I am delighted that Dr. Dueger's contributions to HVO's pediatrics program are being recognized with this award," said Nancy Kelly, HVO Executive Director. "By highlighting the accomplishments of

volunteers like Dr. Dueger, we hope to raise awareness of global health issues and of the role that individuals can have in making a difference."

World Health Day is celebrated annually by the World Health Organization and the international community. Since 1950, it has been held each year on April 7th and focuses on a relevant global health issue. This year's theme is "Save lives. Make hospitals safe in emergencies." It focuses on the need for building secure health care facilities that can withstand hazards and serve as a safe haven for treatment. For more information about World Health Day 2009, visit (<http://www.who.int/world-health-day/en/index.html>).

A private, non-profit membership organization, HVO was founded in 1986 to improve global health through education. HVO designs and implements clinical education programs in child health, primary care, trauma and rehabilitation, essential surgical care, oral health, hematology, infectious disease, nursing education, burn management and wound care. In more than 25 resource-poor nations, volunteers train, mentor and provide critical professional support to health care providers who care for the neediest populations in the most difficult of circumstances. To learn more about HVO, visit www.hvousing.org.





LeadLine

March 2009

An Update for Medical Providers

Why Does The New Hampshire Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) Send Letters to Families of Blood Lead Levels (BLLs) below 10 mcg/dL?

NH CLPPP is required by law to notify property owners when a resident child under age 6 has a confirmed blood lead level (BLL) of 7.5-9.9 mcg/dL. NH property owners recommended this as a way to encourage proactive, preventative maintenance before a child's level requires an inspection by the CLPPP. The property owner receives educational materials on maintaining a lead safe property and the parent receives prevention information with the copy of the property owner letter.

NH CLPPP continues to follow CDC's guidance and considers a confirmed BLL of 10 mcg/dL as the public health action level for providing case management services to children. However, many studies have clearly shown there is *no safe level of lead* in the body. The CDC's Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention published a report in the *MMWR* and in *AAP's Pediatrics* to help clinicians understand how to interpret and manage BLLs < 10 mcg/dL.

To read this report, go to the MMWR website: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5608a1.htm> or to the AAP website: <http://www.pediatrics.org/cgi/content/full/120/5/e1285> If you do not have internet access and would like a copy, contact the CLPPP at the number below.

800-897-LEAD

SAVE THE DATE

HIV Testing in the Perinatal Setting: How Can New Hampshire and Vermont Improve?

A one day conference to offer providers tools and new strategies to enhance their ability to test pregnant women for HIV

Margaret A. Lampe, RN, MPH

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

June 29, 2009

9:30 a.m - 4:00 p.m.

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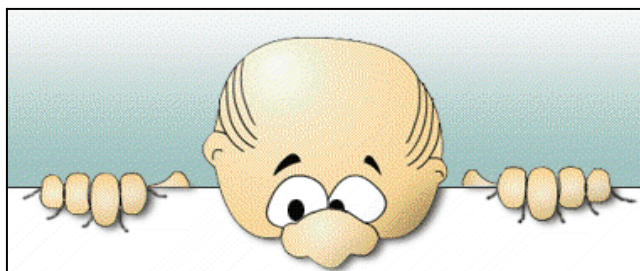
Target Audience: Hospital-based perinatal teams and the obstetrics/gynecology office practices admitting to those hospitals

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