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Names in the News

Joel Feigin, M.D., member of the NJAFP and Sr. Medical Director of the Integrated Therapeutics Group of Schering Laboratories, has been awarded the Outstanding Service Award for 2000. This is the Academy's highest recognition for vendor's, suppliers and companies that support the medical profession.

Mark S. Johnson, M.D. M.P.H., Chairman of Family Medicine-UMDNJ/NJMS, was elected President-elect of the Association of the Departments of Family Medicine. He will serve two years as president-elect and two years as president.

Winthrop C. Dillaway, III, M.D. has been certified in addiction medicine, through examination, by the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

Frank Kane, M.D., has been elected to a 6-year term on the board of directors for the American Board of Family Practice.

Position Available

Part-Time Family Physician: Looking for BC/BE Family Physician for Central NJ Family Practice office. Busy suburban practice in very desirable location. 15-20 hrs/week, part-time call, part-time hospital, no OB. Call 973-379-3051 or fax cover letter/CV to 973-379-8828

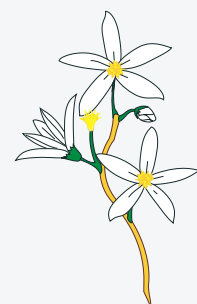
Have You Returned Your Needs Assessment?

Many of you have already sent back your needs assessment and we thank you for your responses. Changes are already being planned based on these early responders. There is still time for your voice to be heard. Return your Needs Assessment and be part of the new NJAFP!

In Memoriam

Victor H. Boogdanian MD, "Dr. Vic," of New Brunswick passed away at the end of March, 2001. Dr. Boogdanian was diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice, a life member and fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and a former president of the NJAFP. The Academy offers deepest sympathy to his family.

Correction: The editor respectfully apologizes to the Leipsner Family for incorrectly listing Dr. Leipsner wife as Doris. Dr. Leipsner wife's name is Shelia.





The Presidents View



What I Learned as NJAFP President

By: Mary Campagnolo, M.D.

My year as president of the NJAFP has been one of fun and of challenge. I have not only had the opportunity to learn more about myself, I have developed a deeper understanding and appreciation for the many facets of family medicine. In this, my final message to you, I would like to share a select list of some of what I've learned at the helm of the Academy. So, without further ado, I give to you...

Dr. Mary's Top Ten List: the things I have learned as NJAFP President

10. The difference between the "Staff of Aesculapius" and the Caduceus
9. Always save at least 10 minutes of discussion time at an Executive Committee and Board of Trustees meetings to review and revise the layout of our budget categories
8. Our exec, Ray Saputelli, moonlights as the Energizer Bunny
7. Contrary to popular belief, state legislators are people too. They are, in fact, friendly and often interested in physician's opinions, as long as we agree with them
6. What happens when you're on six list-serves...infinite copies of the same messages and the same replies, over and over and over....
5. How to infect your Board and Exec Committee members' computers with the kak worm virus and then disable the virus until it next mutates and re-emerges
4. Always tell your office staff you need to finish office hours one hour before you really do or the meeting will be over before you get there
3. The PRO does not teach golf
2. There are many interesting places to park in Trenton and usually avoid a ticket and the number one thing I learned as President of the NJAFP: Representing family physicians is the greatest honor one can have.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Mary Campagnolo, MD

Prompt-Pay Regulations Take Effect

On December 6, 2000, New Jersey regulation 11:22-1 was adopted. This regulation sets the timelines in which health insurers must pay provider claims or capitation fees. In short, the regulation states that a "clean claim" must be paid within 30 calendar days for claims filed electronically and 40 calendar days for claims filed by "other than electronic means." It further requires that all capitation fees be considered overdue if not remitted to the provider on the fifth business day following the due date of the payment in the contract. Claims not paid within the specified time frame must include simple interest (10% per year) at the time of payment, or the interest must be remitted to the provider as a separate payment made within 14 days of the payment of the claim.

The regulation defines a "clean-claim" and also specifies the procedures that must be followed by the carrier in the case of disputed claims, claims which the carrier "down-codes" and claims requiring "special treatment" (e.g.: claims for experimental treatments or newly approved medications). It also details claim submission requirements for providers.

If you'd like more information or a copy of the regulation send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Prompt Pay Regulations
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Trenton, NJ 08608

Members Celebrate Special Anniversaries with the Academy

We are pleased to extend congratulations to the following members who are celebrating anniversaries with the NJAFP (all address are in New Jersey unless noted).

50 Years

Harry W. Fullerton, Jr., MD – Carneys Point
Vincent S. Palmisano, MD – Cherry Hill
Seymour Taffett, MD – Cedar Grove

45 Years

Anthony M. Bebbino, MD – Berkeley Heights
Daniel N. Burbank, MD – Avon By The Sea
William J. Burokus, MD – Boca Raton, FL
Harold B. Fein, MD – Sarasota, FL
Gustav Louis Ibranyi, MD – Waterford, VA
Raymond C. Maronpot, MD – Basking Ridge
Donald F. McDonnell, MD – Piscataway
Edward A. Schauer, MD – Farmingdale
Spurgeon Sparks, Jr., MD – Orange
E.B. Trachtenberg, MD – Edison

40 Years

Doris E. Rappaport, MD – Laguna Hills, CA
Bernard Harold Sklar, MD – Ramsey
Don T. Van Dam, MD – Chatham

35 Years

Charles E. Brimm, MD – Collingswood
Howard A. Jewell, MD – Ocean
Arnold M. Roth, MD – Fanwood

30 Years

Stephen Byrne, MD – Morrestown
Walter Julia, MD – Edison
George Leipsner, MD – Maywood

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Medicaid Victory!

Just before leaving office for her new position in the Bush Administration, former NJ Governor Christie Todd Whitman presented the General Assembly with the final proposed budget of her administration. One particular line item represented a major victory for Family Physicians and their patients across the state. As a result of the effort of a coalition of physician groups, in which the NJAFP is a major participant, the former Governor proposed the first increase in Medicaid reimbursement rates in well over 20 years. She included a \$70 million appropriation for Medicaid reimbursement. While the budget must still pass the Senate and Assembly, the NJAFP is actively working with the legislature to ensure lawmakers understand the importance of this first step towards improving the Medicaid system.

In comments released just after the announcement, NJAFP President, Mary Campagnolo, M.D. noted, "...the Governor showed great concern for needy families throughout the state with her increased Medicaid allocation. We are happy to see the improvement in physician reimbursement, as more family physicians may be able to continue service to Medicaid and NJ Family Care patients..."

These dollars, if approved by the Acting Governor and the Legislature, do not represent a windfall for any physician group – the increase would move New Jersey rates, as a percentage of Medicare, from the current ranking of 50 (out of 51) to just 46th – but rather a significant step towards rectifying over 20 years of stagnation, and a opportunity to improve access for Medicaid enrollees to qualified physicians of all specialties.

Any Family Physician struggling to maintain their practice today is aware of the need to improve reimbursement in all areas. The current Medicaid fees are unfair and insulting to highly trained and dedicated health professionals. The shortfall in Medicaid reimbursement is no longer offset by insured patients, in fact many Family Physicians are operating at a loss. Too often as I speak with members, I hear stories of offices not bothering to bill for the cur-

rent Medicaid reimbursement because the billing costs far exceed the return. While the NJAFP, along with the other members of the coalition, are working tirelessly to ensure that the proposed increase survives the upcoming budget battles, it is now crucial that all Family Physicians reach out to their elected representatives in the Senate and Assembly and urge them to simply "leave the Medicaid increase alone."

It is important to remember that while expecting fair reimbursement is not the crime that some would make it out to be, increased Medicaid reimbursement also means better access and better care for patients. Right now it can take over a year for an enrollee in the Medicaid program to secure an appointment with a sub-specialist. Family Physicians consistently report that their options in referring patients for sub-specialist care are often limited to one! This problem will grow when NJ Family Care, the state's new subsidized insurance plan that is intended to eliminate charity care, is in full operation. This program bases its reimbursement on Medicaid rates. If these rates – both fee-for-service and Managed Care – are not increased, it is highly unlikely that enough physicians will participate and the program will almost certainly fail, leaving thousands of NJ children and their families uninsured.

While it is always a pleasure to use this space to report victories to you, the staff and leadership of the NJAFP is well aware that this is not the end of our work, but rather a very good start. As we move forward, you can be certain that the NJAFP will continue to press for fair reimbursement from all payors, better access to quality medical care for your patients, and relief from the administrative burdens faced by all physicians, but we need your help. Real-life examples of how these issues directly impact your practice are the best tool available to us in our effort. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email with these anecdotes. As always I look forward to speaking with you and hope to see you at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia next month.



Raymond J. Saputelli, CAE is the Executive Director and CEO of the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians.

We Moved!

On February 1, 2001 the NJAFP moved across from the state capitol in Trenton. The new contact information for the Academy and the Foundation is:

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Asthma, Allergy & Respiratory Infections

15 million Americans suffer from asthma and allergies affect 1 in 5 adults and children in the United States.

What can you do to help?

The AAFP has created the Annual Clinical Focus (ACF)2001: Asthma, Allergy and Respiratory Infections. The ACF is an educational initiative designed to bring AAHP members state-of-the-art information in the clinical focus areas.

ACF activities include:

- "Allergic Rhinitis and Asthma: A Clinical Practice Update" Video CME Program
- American Family Physician Monograph to focus on OTCs Media and Situations
- Patient Education Handouts
- ACF Elements CD ROM (available at the end of the ACF year 2001)
- ACF related topics as part of the Chapter Lecture Series and National CME Courses
- ACF-related clinical and promotional articles appearing in AAHP publications

For more information on ACF, go to aafp.org/acf or call 1-800-274-2237, ext. 6638.

You can find additional information, including patient education materials by calling or visiting the web site of the ACF co-sponsoring partners:

National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
NIH/NIHcontracted.org
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www.lungusa.org
(212) 310-8700

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
www.niaid.nih.gov

American Thoracic Society
www.thoracic.org
(717) 318-3700

Foundation News: Planning to Reality

By: **Robert M. Pallay, M.D.**
President, New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians Foundation

Several years ago I had the opportunity to participate in a strategic planning session for the Academy and the Foundation. One of the main goals to emerge from that session was to bring both organizations to a place where they could be self-supporting. Our vision was to build a strong organization that would not have to be so reliant on outside sponsorship, one where we would not have to go back on a regular basis to request funding for our various efforts.

As I begin my term as president of the Foundation, one of my main goals is to bring that vision to reality. After careful planning, much discussion, and a fortuitous chain of events we will soon be ready to launch the NJAFP/F Physicians Research Network.

Having the opportunity to participate in pharmaceutical industry-based research is an exciting prospect for most of us. However, many of us have not felt that this was in the realm of possibility. Documentation, paperwork, protocols, storage, tests... the amount of work involved in studies can be overwhelming.

The Foundation is working to realize its vision by undertaking an initiative to make it

possible for many of our Academy members to participate in research if they so desire. Through the research network, we will be able to centralize many of the operations related to being involved in pharmaceutical research. The Network will centrally manage securing the studies, enrolling the physicians and patients and handling all documentation. Reimbursement will also be managed centrally and sent to the physician offices participating in the studies. Part of what the Network will provide will include personnel experienced in the procedures involved in this type of research.

We already have the team in place to start the Network. Ray Saputelli will run the business aspects of the network; Theresa Barrett-Parker will handle marketing and communications and Terry Falco will be the Program Administrator for the Research Network. Terry has 20 years of professional experience in the Health Care Industry. Her areas of expertise include Clinical Research, Administration, Project Management, Staffing, Networking, Budget, Contractual Issues and Implementation of Good Clinical Practices. Her expertise in the area of clinical research will be invaluable and we are happy to have her as part of the team.

This is an exciting time for the Foundation. The opportunity to become a self-funded organization is at hand. Our hope is that with the establishment of the Research Network, we will be able to bring benefits to our patients, our members, the Academy, the Foundation, and to the pharmaceutical companies. We see the Network as a 5-way win and look forward to the involvement of many of our members.

The Research Network will kick off with Information and Training Meeting. During this meeting the details of the Network will be presented and the details of pharmaceutical research will be discussed. Check your mail for more detailed information.

The NJAFP has been awarded a Matching Funds Grant for Constituent Chapter Research by the AAFP. This grant will be used to off-set the cost of the start-up meeting for the new Physician's Research Network. Look for more details on this upcoming meeting in your mailbox soon.

Theresa Triebenbacher named NJAFP/F Philanthropist of the Year

The NJAFP/F has increased our pledge from \$1,000 to \$2,500 to the AAFP Resident Repayment Program. This allows us to sponsor one NJ Resident. This is one of the most important programs sponsored by the Foundation, providing debt relief to those Family Practice residents who commit to practice in high-need areas of the country. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please send your tax-deductible contribution to the NJAFP/F

This fall the Foundation will be holding its Annual Golf Tournament to raise funds to the Foundation. Look for more details to come.

Mrs. Theresa Triebenbacher, a Trustee for the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, is this year's Philanthropist of the Year recipient for the New Jersey Chapter.

Mrs. Triebenbacher has been a Trustee of the NJAFP/F for over 10 years. Dr. George Triebenbacher, Theresa's late husband, was one of the founding members of the NJAFP Foundation. Dr. Triebenbacher's commitment to the Foundation ran deep and from the beginning Mrs. Triebenbacher was heavily involved in promoting the activities of the Foundation. Their commitment to provide financial assistance and encouragement to medical students and to increase awareness of Family Physicians within the state of New Jersey was invaluable, especially in the early evolution of the specialty. When Dr. Triebenbacher passed away, Mrs. Triebenbacher was asked to accept a Trustee position to continue the work she and her husband had been doing for the Foundation.

Mrs. Triebenbacher has been devoted to furthering the education of our physicians and to promoting family physicians and practice. Because her husband received the support of other physicians when he was going through medical school,

Mrs. Triebenbacher has always realized the importance of supporting medical students and new doctors, both financially and emotionally. She feels that if students can understand the importance of family practice they will remain committed to the profession and the specialty.

Mrs. Triebenbacher is a visionary leader. She strives for innovation in our fundraising efforts and leads by example. She is devoted to the Foundation and its mission. Mrs. Triebenbacher has not missed a Board of Trustees meeting in nearly 5 years. She works hard to gain recognition for the Academy and the Foundation in New Jersey, and we are honored to have her support.

Mrs. T will be officially honored at the House of Delegates Meeting at this year's annual meeting.

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.

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Resident's Column: Be Part of the Solution

By: Michele Iannuzzi Sucich, MD
NJAFP Resident Trustee

Family Practice is a field that appeals to individuals with a variety of interests. Through caring for family members from the young to the elderly, each day a family practitioner faces new challenges and has new opportunities to grow and learn. We in the field of Family Practice know this, so why am I "preaching to the choir?" The fact is our specialty is facing a decline. Preliminary statistics for the 2001 Match show a sharp decrease in the number of US graduates applying to Family Practice Residencies.

We know how much we enjoy the practice of Family Medicine. We understand the diversity of interests satisfied by our chosen specialty. We know first-hand the fulfillment generated in making a difference not only to the patient, but also to the family. If we know that, then why are we not working to encourage more medical students to consider Family Practice instead of allowing them to flock to the sub-specialties?

When asked why the sub-specialties are growing and primary care programs declining, many will say money is the reason, especially given the high cost of today's medical education and the resultant loans that must be paid upon graduation. However, I think that there is more to this issue than money. Quite simply, medical students do not get adequate exposure to Family Practice in medical school.

The bottom line: Medical Students need Family Practice role models. To address this issue, which is a concern for all of us in the specialty of Family Practice, the Student Affairs Committee and the Resident Caucus of the NJAFP are inviting all Family Practice physicians, both attendings and residents, to participate in a mentoring program for medical students. By making a commitment to this program you would open the door of family medicine to students that might not otherwise consider this path. You would be making a commitment to furthering our specialty.

Being a mentor means reaching out to a student, staying in contact with them through email, phone calls, or even taking them to lunch. Being a mentor means creating a relationship with a student and encouraging them in their interest in family medicine.

If you are interested in being part of the solution to the declining match rates consider becoming a mentor to a medical student.

For more information email:

Marty Sweinhart, MD, Student Affairs Committee Chair at mdsweinhart@pol.net

Michele Iannuzzi Sucich, MD, FP Resident Trustee at aggiebulldog@hotmail.com

Or call the NJAFP office at 609-394-1711

2001 Match Results Indicate a Decline

The National Resident Matching Program indicates that the 2001 initial fill rate for family practice residency programs is 2,363 positions filled out of 3,096 positions offered. The percentage of positions filled in family practice has not been this low since 1993. Even though New Jersey's match numbers were slightly above the national average, the trend is still worrisome.

Reasons for medical students not choosing family practice as their preferred medical specialty are varied and include the environment family physicians work in — long hours, less pay than other specialists, less money for loan reimbursement, and less control over lifestyle.

Hepatitis B Vaccine now required for school in New Jersey

The New Jersey Public Health Council approved new regulations on August 14, 2000 to mandate immunization beginning on September 1, 2001. Three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine will be required for children born after January 1, 1996 and entering Kindergarten or Grade 1 (whichever comes first) and for children born after January 1, 1990 and entering Grade 6. It is recommended that physicians review their patient records now and identify children subject to this new requirement. Parents should be advised soon of this new school mandate and the need to begin or complete the Hepatitis B vaccine series in order to prevent large numbers of children from being excluded from entering Kindergarten or Grade 6 in September 2001.

For students entering Grade 6, the alternate two dose vaccine regimen is acceptable only if administered in accordance with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and FDA dosing schedules for those adolescents 11-15 years of age.

In October, physicians will receive a health bulletin from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services outlining the revised provisions to the Chapter 14 rules. New Jersey now joins 42 other states which require the Hepatitis B vaccine for pupils in school.

It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow.

Robert H. Goddard

To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Foundation News: Acts of generosity

By: Thomas Bellavia, MD

It is said that every act of generosity is returned in greater amounts at some future time. Rewards from random acts of kindness to planned giving come back to us in unexpected ways and through unexpected sources. All you need to do is to act.

One act you can undertake is simple, requires little effort and can generate great reward. I urge you to support the Annual Meeting 50/50 raffle. Your financial assistance allows the Foundation to continue its mission of supporting our students and residents and providing education to our members.

Raffle tickets will be arriving in your mail soon. Please join me in supporting the NJAFP Foundation with your contribution for the value of the tickets.

Questions about the raffle can be directed to Ray Saputelli, Executive Director, NJAFP at 609-394-1711 or ray@njafp.org.

Please note raffle ticket donations are not tax deductible.

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25 Years

John Thomas Antolik, MD – Somerdale
Robert L. Baeder, MD – Lakehurst
Roberto C. Felciano, MD – Clifton
Bertram H. Frohman, MD – Trenton
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Harvey R. Gross, MD – Englewood
David Wheeler Jenkins, MD – Ewing
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A. John Orzano, MD – New Brunswick
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Laurence Russell, Jr., MD – Newtown, PA

20 Years

Teresa Bridge Jackson, MD – Cape May
Vincent J. Catanese, MD – Holmdel
Lorne Cohen, MD – Ridgewood
Joel Gary Fischgrund, MD – Livingston
Paula S. Krauser, MD – Englishtown
William L. Milligan, MD – Cherry Hill
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Andrew Paul Schuyler, MD – Springfield
Amedeo J. Scolamiero, MD – Fairfield
Vinaychandra B. Shah, MD – Edison
Richard B. Summersgill, MD – Moorestown
Joseph F. Termini, MD – Mount Laurel

Robin O. Winter, MD, MMM – Westfield
Michael P.S. Yoong, MD – Millville

15 Years

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John Daniel McGraw, MD – Newton
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Arnold I Pally, MD – Montville
Isabel H. Pettigrew, MD – Marlton
David Vincent Rasa, MD – Wayne
Denise Rodgers, MD – New Brunswick
Marlene V. Rodriguez, MD – Brigantine
Franklin H. Scarlett, MD – Camden
Thomas Francis Seck, MD – Monmouth Junction
Joseph Russell Singer, MD – Morrestown
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Peter C. Tienerly, MD – Plainsboro
John S. Walters, MD – Lambertville

10 years

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Government Affairs Report

Flaster/Greenberg and I are pleased that you have selected us to serve as the NJAFP new legislative counsel. I will share more of my background and experience with you in upcoming reports, but for now let me bring you up to date on some of the things happening in Trenton.

Collective Bargaining Bill Pending in Assembly: The collective bargaining bill allows physicians and dentists to form a collective bargaining unit so that they can negotiate fee and non fee-based issues with a managed care entity. The legislation is modeled after a similar bill pending in Pennsylvania. The bill would provide the physicians and dentists with an exception from antitrust prosecution. Many physicians are in favor of this concept because the current structure, such as independent practice associations, has not been successful. Senate Committee Substitute 1033/1098 sponsored by Senators John Matheussen and Martha Bark has passed the Senate and is pending in the Assembly Health Committee. The Assembly versions of the bills are A-2167 sponsored by Larry Chatzidakis, A-2241 sponsored by Assemblyman Nick Asselta and A-464 sponsored by Assemblyman Herbert Conaway. If you want this bill listed on the Assembly Health Committee agenda, you should contact the Health Committee Chair Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk at:

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Westwood, NJ 07675
Phone: 201-666-0881
Fax: 201-666-5255

Increased Medicaid Rates Proposed in Budget: NJAFP has participated in a coalition to obtain increased reimbursement rates for physicians who treat Medicaid patients. As a result of the coalition's efforts, Governor Whitman's proposed budget included an increase of \$35 million (matched by \$35 million in federal funds) in the appropriation for fee for service rates and Medicaid managed care payments to providers. We are urging Acting Governor DiFrancesco and the members of the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees to support this significant increase.

Legislature Considers Paid Family Leave: One of the hot button issues at the Legislature is legislation introduced by Senator Jack Sinagra (S-1923) and Assemblywoman Friscia (A-3049) that would allow an employee to take a paid family leave. Under the State and federal family leave acts' an employee may take an unpaid leave with a guarantee that the employee's job will be there when he/she returns. Under this bill the employee could take a leave related to the birth and adoption for up to 12 weeks and be paid through the State's unemployment fund. The weekly benefit amount paid under the bill is the same as for

regular unemployment benefits. The employer is not charged for these benefits.

Assembly Passes Infertility and Birth Control Coverage Legislation: The Assembly is considering legislation sponsored by Assembly Richard Bagger that would require health insurers to provide coverage for expenses incurred in the diagnosis and treatment of infertility. The Assembly Banking and Insurance Committee released A-1862, which would require infertility coverage from health insurers that cover groups with 50 or more persons and whose contracts or policies include pregnancy related benefits. The same committee also released an Assembly Committee Substitute for bills sponsored by Assemblymen Reed Gusciora and Neil Cohen and Assemblywomen Carol Murphy and Charlotte Vandervalk that would require health insurance to cover the costs of prescription birth control aids. According to the bill, ACS-2167/180, "contraceptives" would include any drug or device used for contraceptives by a female that can only be purchased with a prescription, including birth control pills and diaphragms.



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New Jersey & Pennsylvania Academies of Family Physicians

2001 Joint Annual Meeting & Scientific Assembly

Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 31st - House of Delegates

8:30 am Pennsylvania Academy Delegates Caucus
9 am - 5 pm New Jersey Academy House of Delegates
Pennsylvania Academy House of Delegates
Noon - 1:30 pm Networking lunch for delegates or
Lunch with the Pennsylvania Academy Foundation Corporate Advisory
Council
4:30 pm - Welcome reception for all delegates from Pennsylvania and
6:30 pm New Jersey
Evening Free

Friday, June 1st - Scientific Assembly Begins

7 am Registration Opens
7 - 7:50 am Breakfast - Exhibit Hall
7 - 8 am New Jersey & Pennsylvania combined Past Presidents' Breakfast
7:50 - 8 am Introduction of day's events: lectures and discussion; seminars; evening
reception; special guests
8 - 9 am Lecture 1: Remind Me Again Why I Took This Job - Leo Frangipane, MD
9 - 10 am Lecture 2: What's Up with Family Practice? Recent Results from Your
AAFP Policy Center - Larry Green, MD
Break - Exhibition Area
10 - 10:30 am Lecture 3: Politics and Healthcare: No Longer Strangers - Howard
10:30 - 11:30 am Rabinowitz, MD
Lecture 4: Past, Present, and Future of Family Practice -
11:30 am - Richard Roberts, MD, JD
12:30 pm Lunch - Exhibition Area
12:30 - 1:45 pm Concurrent Seminars
1:45 - 3:15 pm
1. What People Want for Their Medical Care at the End of Life - Joseph
Straton, MD
2. Over the Last Year, the Five Most Important Articles in Geriatrics -
Mark Vankoooy, MD
3. Dermatologic Presentations of Systemic Diseases - Everett Schlamme,
MD
4. What's All This Fuss About Genetics? - Michael Stehney, MD, MPH
5. The Primary Care Approach to Gay and Lesbian Patients - Rick
Levine, MD, Amy Clouse, MD
6. Mock Deposition Workshop, Part I - Martha Lansing
Break - Exhibition Area
3:15 - 3:45 pm Concurrent Seminars
3:45 - 5:15 pm
1. Prevention and Management of Common Breastfeeding Problems -
Alicia Dermer
2. Successful Aging - Marian Stuart, PhD, Joan Gopin, MD
3. Medical Uses for Handheld Devices - Caryl Heaton, DO
4. What Every Family Physician Should Know About HIV: New Findings
on Complications of HIV Antiviral Therapy - Steve Levin, MD
5. Improving the Quality of Health Care for Seniors - PRONJ and
KEPRO
6. Mock Deposition Workshop, Part II - Martha Lansing, MD
6:15 - 9:30 pm Opening Reception - Franklin Institute - all delegates, guests and
exhibitors invited

Saturday, June 2nd

7 am Registration Opens
7 - 7:45 am Breakfast
7:45 - 8am Introduction of Day's Events: morning plenary and short topic reviews on
practical topics in six tracks: 1) adults, 2) women, 3) children, 4) contro-
versies, 5) sports medicine, 6) office practice; afternoon workshops and
seminars in five tracks (one for practice administrators)
8 - 9:15am Plenary - Media Health - Bob McCannon
9:15 - 9:50am Reviews I
1. Adults: Delirium in the Elderly - David Howarth, MD, MPH
2. Women: Menstrual Disorders: An Update - Cathryn Heath, MD
3. Children: Prescribing Meds for the Breastfeeding Mom - Alicia
Dermer, MD
4. Controversies: Herbs - What Works, What's Fiction? - Beatrix
Roemheld-Hamm, MD, PhD
5. Sports Medicine: Low Back Pain: Best Management - Brian Shiple, DO
6. Office: Open Access Scheduling and Other Hot Topics - Lynn
Schwenzer, MHSA
9:50 - 10:25 am Reviews II
1. Adults: What's New in Community Acquired Pneumonia - Aldo
Damiani, MD
2. Women: Using Hypnosis in Treating Women's Anxiety - Robert
O'Connor, MD
3. Children: Overuse Syndromes in Children - Jeffrey Zlotnick, MD
4. Controversies: Low Carbohydrate Diets: Do They Work? - Deborah
Ginsburg, MD
5. Sports Medicine: Concussions - Jennifer Naticchia, MD
6. Office: Web Site Management and Other Public Relations - Richard
Corson, MD
10:25 - 10:55am Break - Exhibition Area
10:55 - 11:30 am Reviews III
1. Adults: Peripheral Vascular Disease - Mark Johnson, MD, MPH
2. Women: Issues in Reproductive Health - Jeffrey Levine, MD, MPH
3. Children: Current Trends in Pediatrics - Karen Babcock, MD
4. Controversies: Health Screening with Mammography and PSA - David
Swee, MD
5. Sports Medicine: Approach to a Patient with Knee Pain - Eugene
Hong, MD
6. Office: Doing Well on HEDIS Measures - John Orzano, MD, MPH

11am - noon
11:30am - noon

Tar Wars Poster Contest and Reception
Reviews IV
1. Adults: Mitral Valve Prolapse - Mark Johnson, MD, MPH
2. Women: Treatment Options for Menopausal Symptoms - Jeffrey
Levine, MD, MPH
3. Children: Asthma in Children and Adults - Alfred Tallia, MD, MPH
4. Controversies: Health Screening for Colorectal Carcinoma - Jim
Gamble, MD
5. Sports Medicine: The Best Pre-participation Exam - Jeffrey Zlotnick,
MD
6. Office: How to Cope with the Stress of a Malpractice Suit - Chantal
Brazeau, MD
PA Academy Board of Directors Lunch Meeting (for new Board members)
Lunch - Exhibition Area
Concurrent Skill Oriented Workshops & Seminars A
1. The 15 Minute Hour, Part I - Marian Stuart, PhD
2. Providing Feedback and Evaluating the Medical Student in Your
Office, Part I - Joyce Afran, MD
3. Joint Injection Skills, Part I - Alfred Tallia, MD, MPH, Dennis Cardone,
DO
4. Ocular Allergies - Leonard Fromer, MD
5. Hot Compliance Issues for FP Offices - Charles Artz, Esq.
Break - Exhibition Area
Concurrent Skill Oriented Workshops (Continued) & Seminars B
1. 15 Minute Hour, Part II - Marian Stuart, PhD
2. Providing Feedback and Evaluating the Medical Student in Your
Office, Part II - Joyce Afran, MD
3. Joint Injection Skills, Part II - Alfred Tallia, MD, MPH, Dennis
Cardone, DO
4. Applications of Tai Chi - Alan Remde, MD
5. Coding for Family Physicians and Staff - Peter Regenye
Presidents Gala, Dinner and Dance - New Jersey State Aquarium

noon - 1pm
12:05 - 1:30pm
1:30 - 3pm

3 - 3:30pm
3:30 - 5pm

7pm - midnight

Sunday, June 3rd - Scientific Assembly Ends

7:30 - 8:15 am Breakfast
8:15 - 8:20am Introduction of Day's Events: morning plenaries
8:20 - 9:10am Plenary 1: Helping Patients Change Their Behavior - Marian Stuart, PhD
9:10 - 10am Plenary 2: Culturally Competent Clinical Care - Robert Like, MD, MS
10 - 10:20am Break
10:20 - 11:10am Plenary 3: Ethical Aspects of the Doctor-Patient Relationship - David
Doukas, MD
11:10am - noon Lecture 4: Helping Patients with Chronic Pain and a History of Addiction
- Steve Colameco, MD

Trends in CME and This Year's Combined NJAFP-PAFP Conference By: David Swee, MD

Across the nation, CME experts are noting a pattern of fewer physicians attending CME programs. This has been particularly true for activities that are national in scope, i.e., attract physicians from all over the country. Instead, physicians are either electing to attend programs closer to home (thereby saving on costs associated with travel), or obtaining their CME through more "modern" means, e.g., computer access. Family physicians are following the same pattern, i.e. going less to formal, national CME meetings. This is in spite of the fact that family physicians must acquire an average of 50 hours of CME credit per year to maintain their American Academy of Family Physicians membership and/or to be able to sit for their American Board of Family Practice recertification each six or seven years.

In consequence, family doctors are looking for more efficient ways of obtaining credit while still being able to spend "quality" time with their families. And they are looking for programs that deal with issues of direct concern to them, programs that are practical and immediately applicable to their practice.

Fortunately, this year's annual meeting of the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians is being held jointly with the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians in Philadelphia. This means that the conference is chock-full of high quality CME, offering multiple tracks and choices, and it is still close to home. The material is geared to family physicians, and family medicine faculty members of NJ and PA residencies and departments are providing most of the program. National leaders are also coming to speak, such as Richard Roberts, MD, JD, President of the AAFP; and Larry Green, MD, Director of the Washington, DC-based AAFP Robert Graham Center: Policy Studies in Family Practice and Primary Care.

Equally exciting will be the opportunities for sight seeing, dining, and other forms of entertainment that can be found in Philadelphia and its environs. The conference itself will be making use of two fabulous venues: the Franklin Institute, where the Friday night reception will take place, and the New Jersey State Aquarium on the Camden waterfront, where the Saturday night dinner and festivities will occur. When my children were younger, one of their absolutely favorite museums was the Franklin Institute, and it is still a great experience for us grown-ups. I haven't yet had a chance to visit the aquarium, but I hear it is also wonderful.

In other words, everything about this conference is going to make it a very exciting, highly valuable, and most enjoyable time. It is certainly close by for those of us in New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania and I fully expect folks to learn a lot and have a great time. The conference is compact (i.e., not too long), and is being held at a delightful time of the year - June 1st to 3rd. This certainly makes it a good deal when it comes to high quality CME and family fun. Please call the NJAFP or the PAFP if you have any questions with regard to registration, hotel accommodations, etc. See you this June in Philadelphia!

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Educational Sessions

Please indicate which seminars, workshops and reviews you plan to attend

Friday, June 1 - Concurrent Seminars and Workshops A & B

1:45 — 3:15 pm 1 2 3 4 5 6

3:45 — 5:15 pm 1 2 3 4 5 6

Saturday, June 2 – Reviews I – IV

9:15 — 9:50 am 1 2 3 4 5 6

9:50 — 10:25 am 1 2 3 4 5 6

10:55 — 1:30 am 1 2 3 4 5 6

11:30 am — 12:05 pm 1 2 3 4 5 6

Saturday, June 2 – Concurrent Skill Oriented Workshops & Seminars A & B

1:30 — 3 pm 1 2 3 4 5

3:30 — 5 pm 1 2 3 4 5

Special Needs

Please check here if you have a disability and may require accommodation to fully participate. You will be contacted by the Pa. Academy of Family Physicians.

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Physician/Resident/Student Registration Information

Pennsylvania or New Jersey House of Delegates only
(Thursday, May 31 only) () @ \$ 0 _____

Physician (full conference Fri-Sun) () @ \$285 _____

Physician (circle one)

Friday only Saturday only () @ \$150 _____

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Franklin Institute Science Museum () @ \$ 0 _____

Presidents Gala () @ \$ 75 _____

Spouses and Guests Registration Information

Friday Exhibitor Lunch () @ \$ 20 _____

Saturday Exhibitor Lunch () @ \$ 20 _____

Franklin Institute Science Museum () @ \$ 20 _____

Presidents Gala () @ \$ 75 _____

Children's Registration Information

Friday Exhibitor Lunch () @ \$ 10 _____

Saturday Exhibitor Lunch () @ \$ 10 _____

Franklin Institute Science Museum () @ \$ 12 _____

Children's Program at the New Jersey State Aquarium

A special program has been planned for our young guests while the adults attend the formal activities for the evening at the New Jersey State Aquarium. A full slate of arts and crafts, as well as a guided tour* and dinner are included. We did all the arranging, so you don't have to worry about a thing! Program is from 7 — 9:30 pm Saturday only at the New Jersey State Aquarium.

* Because visitors make a stop at the top of the tank, children must be at least 5-years-old to participate in the tour. Younger children can join the program after the tour concludes at 8:30 pm.

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