



AAP California Chapter 3

San Diego Pediatrician Update – February 2005



Website Update

Visit our revamped website at www.aapca3.org. Employment listings, infectious disease updates, and conference information are available. Bookmark this site to use as a regular source of information and update your **membership**.

Key Topic: Obesity

Pediatricians, nationally and locally, identify childhood obesity as a crucial topic in the coming years. Our Chapter co-sponsored the successful **2005 Childhood Obesity Conference in San Diego in January**. This conference brought together State officials, school districts, nutritionists, WIC, pediatricians, the State Park Service and community designers to approach the obesity epidemic from multiple fronts.

Save the date-- Saturday, April 16, 2005, 9AM-1PM, for the San Diego Pediatric Obesity Conference.

sponsored by AAP3 and Coalition on Children and Weight San Diego (CCWSD). Join others to explore your role in combating obesity in your office and school districts. Visit www.ccwsd.net (calendar), www.aapca3.org, or email mkennedy@aap.org. Registration will be limited. CME provided.

San Diego Advances in Pediatrics

The annual **Advances in the Practice of Pediatrics**, sponsored by Children's Hospital and AAP3 is **February 24-27**. The conference includes excellent speakers and some CME hours for pain-management. Information is at www.chsd.org or www.aapca3.org.

Oral Health Meeting:

March 10th at Terra Restaurant in San Diego is the 9th Annual Oral Health dinner meeting. Registration is **FREE** for the first 30 chapter members who RSVP. This event is sponsored by AAP3, Anderson Center for Dental Care, Share the Care, & First 5 CA. Information is at www.aapca3.org, call 858-569-8816, or mmkennedy@aap.org.

Sacramento: Update

April 6th is the Annual Legislative Day, sponsored by the AAP and CME in Sacramento. Contact aapcalifornia@aol.com, mkennedy@aap.org or visit the district website at www.aap-ca.com. This event provides insight into our lobbying and political efforts, and an opportunity to meet with legislators and government staff.

Infectious Disease

www.emansandiego.com is a local resource for topical (and tropical) infectious disease and emergency medical issues. Physicians can receive regular updates from their listserv. Our website has links to infectious disease data (RSV, Influenza, Pertussis) compiled by Children's Hospital San Diego.

New CPT Codes for Immunization Administration:

The AAP's efforts to change the CPT codes for immunization administration codes and augment their relative values were successful! These changes will help pediatricians and reflect the physician's role in vaccine counseling and the increasing

CPT Codes Continued:

complexity of the vaccine schedule. Information is available on our website. Questions about these CPT codes can be directed to Linda Walsh at lwalsh@aap.org or at www.aap.org.

Tsunami Victims Assistance:

Natural disasters often bring an outpouring of donations and relief, but this support can wane over time. Community needs continue months or years after a Tsunami. It is never too late to help. A list of websites through which one can donate is in the LA Times of December 27th- <http://www.latimes.com/news/la-fg-aid27dec2704.0,784878.story?coll=1a-home-headlines>.

To volunteer as a pediatrician, you can fill applications at these sites: www.aap.org/disaster, www.imcworldwide.org, www.doctorswithoutborders.org/volunteer

A list of opportunities for doctors working overseas is at www.imva.org.

Pain Management CME: AB 487

California physicians need to complete 12 units of pain-management CME. For most, this requirement must be completed by December 31, 2006. Many CME programs center on providing care to adults. Our Chapter, with help from our colleagues from Orange County, is hoping to put together a pediatric program in 2005. Contact us if you're interested in helping. Information about this legislation can be found at <http://www.medbd.ca.gov/cmelaws.htm>.