



AAP California Chapter 3: AAP-CA³

San Diego Pediatrician Update – Summer 2006

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Upcoming Events:

Our 9th annual School Health Leadership Conference will be held this year on October 21st at the Naval Medical Center San Diego. Check our website www.aapca3.org for registration brochures in the fall.

November 16-20 is the annual Las Vegas Pediatric Update CME Meeting, sponsored by our California AAP District 9. The meeting will be held again this year at the Venetian Hotel. Visit the District site <http://www.aap-ca.com/meetings.html> to register.

CME Calendar 2006

A number of successful and helpful CME programs highlighted the past 6 months for our San Diego Chapter.

January: Pain Meeting

In partnership with Chapter 4 of Orange County, we had a successful, affordable and useful CME Meeting on Pain Management for Pediatricians. The January 20th event in Carlsbad drew almost 200 attendees, and was also a financial success for the chapter.

March: The Advances in

Pediatrics Meeting, co-sponsored with Children's Hospital, was attended by clinicians from over 40 of the US States! Thanks to Dr. Skoglund and Jenny Boyd and many local faculty.

April: Immunizations



Thanks to Dr. Mark Sawyer and his colleagues at the CDC and San Diego County Immunization Branch for coordinating our spring

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immunization update on April 27th during National Infant Immunization Week. Information about Rotavirus Vaccine was featured.

June: Obesity

Our 2nd annual Obesity Forum for Pediatricians was held in Chula Vista on June 3rd. The meeting focused on community solutions to obesity. Beyond BMI and Nutrition Counseling, there was a series of excellent presentations on walkable neighborhoods, school food policies, WIC, and media and advertisement. Thanks to HEAC South Bay Coalition, the Coalition on Children and Weight San Diego, and the many sponsors of the meeting.



Chapter Recognition:

Dr. Mark Sawyer --- who received a special AAP Recognition Award for work with our Chapter Infectious Disease Committee, SGA Committee and Educational Programs.

Dr. Ingrid Lin: Many thanks to Dr. Lin, who worked hard as a Chapter Co-CATCH Coordinator, helped with a number of behavior and developmental programs, and served as Chapter Treasurer on our Executive Board. Dr. Lin is relocating within California.

Dr. Bron Anders --- who received a national AAP Recognition Award for her work as a strong pediatric advocate and as Chapter President. Bron currently has a lead role in our Reach Out and Read Collaborative and our International/Bi-National Health Committee.

Reach out and Read



Our chapter has embarked on an exciting and important project – as the lead in a San Diego County Collaborative to expand, enhance and coordinate the Reach Out and Read Program (ROR). Many pediatricians nationwide already are part of ROR (see website at www.reachoutandread.org). We encourage ALL pediatricians to become part of the program. As well, we can use everyone's help in fundraising and raising awareness for ROR --- all to improve literacy and make books part of every childhood. Tara Milbrand is our newest AAP Staff member that can help you with ROR (tmilbrand@aapca3.org).

First 5: Coordinating Services



Our chapter has begun a close working relationship with the County's First 5 Commission, helping to coordinate their large Health and Developmental Services for Children Project. Dr. Pradeep Gidwani, Chapter Vice-President, leads a strong team in bringing pediatric experience and AAP resources to the many agencies who are working with children and families in the county.

Election Update

Congratulations to Dr. Myles Abbott, our new District Chair for California and to our Dr. Stuart Cohen, for his strong candidacy and for bringing many important issues to the debate. Dr. Renee Jenkins was elected as the new AAP National President. Our Chapter had one of the highest voting turnouts in the nation! Thank you.