

UCSD Resident AAP Newsletter

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Legislative Day

Lauren Ortega, Dean Sidelinger, and Michelle Roy attended the annual legislative day in Sacramento on April 6, 2005. We heard from the CMA and AAP in regards to which bills they are supporting this congressional session, which bills they are opposing, and how to successfully advocate with legislators. Then we split into small groups and met with legislators themselves or their staff members. The day was also marked by great food and an interesting political pundit panel with Richie Ross and Dan Schnur. Next spring there will be another opportunity to get involved in this advocacy experience. Stay tuned.

CMA bills

AB 757 (Elimination of Silent PPO's) – Sponsor

AB 1321 (Prohibition on Balance Billing) – Opposed

AAP bills

AB 576 (Funding of a State Immunization Information System) – Support

AB 450 (Limit Access of Teens to Violent Video Games) – Support

Bill text, analyses, and status can be obtained at http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/pagequery?type=sen_bilinfo&site=sen&title=Bill+Information.



Chapter Meeting

The AAP Chapter meeting was held April 20, 2005.

We heard from the **Autism Tree Project**, a local group dedicated to community awareness of autism, raising money for autism research, and autism education. They are currently having a poster campaign. I placed some of their handouts in the ACC waiting room. Take a look. More information can be found on their website (www.autismtreeproject.org).

Dr. Bradley presented on some of the exciting news in the world of infectious disease. Several **new vaccines** (including Menactra) are currently working their way through the process of licensure and recommendation. Watch for AAP recommendations in AAP News. A CME course on meningococcal, pertussis, and HPV vaccines is being held this Thursday at Scripps Memorial. For information please go to www.immunization-sd.org.

Dr. Anders is organizing a group e-mail list for those interested in international health. If this is something you are interested in and haven't already heard from her, please e-mail her at banders@ucsd.edu.

The state AAP district has decided to support two **bills related to school nutrition**. They are SB12 (nutritional standards of non-school lunch program foods) and SB 965 (standards for

beverages sold during the school day). Again, see the above website for more specific information on the bills.

This weekend the **Exploring the Developmental Spectrum Conference** is being held at the Catamaran Resort Hotel. Those with rotations or continuity clinic at the ACC on Thursday and Friday will be attending some of the conference. Enjoy!

Free on-line **asthma education** can be had at www.BetterAsthmaCare.org. Course instructors include our own Pradeep Gidwani, Michael Welch, and Matt Wimmer.



Advocacy Presentation

Dean Sidelinger, Bron Anders, Michelle Roy, and Mark Sawyer spoke at noon conference on April 19th about advocacy. If you have any questions about how you can get involved, let us know.



Life After Residency Seminar

Don Miller is organizing a seminar in September to discuss finding a job, contracts, insurance, and finances. Several physicians from the community will be invited to speak. This will be held on a Saturday with coverage for the 3rd years. If there is anything you are specifically interested in learning about please let me know (mlroy@ucsd.edu).



Community Peds Project Opportunity

Juan Vargas, assembly member from the 79th district, is proposing that San Diego County be added to an already existing program that promotes pedestrian and bicycle safety. The bill is AB 1324. If anyone is interested in learning more about the bill and the program please let me know.

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