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Mississippi Chapter

News & updates for members of the MS Chapter AAP



Happy holidays and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2019!

Thank you for all that you do for Mississippi's children!



Mississippi pediatricians mourn loss of the "Father of

Organized Pediatrics in Mississippi"

Blair E. Batson, MD, FAAP, often recognized as the forerunner of pediatrics in MS, died on November 26th at the age of 98. Dr Batson was the first chair of the UMMC Department of Pediatrics and namesake of the Children's Hospital at UMMC.

A veteran of World War II, Dr Batson was named chair of the UMMC Dept of Pediatrics in 1955, two months after the hospital opened. He officially retired from UMMC in 1989, but taught for a number years afterward. Dr Batson taught more than 3,500 medical students and 240 pediatric residents during his distinguished career.

A lifelong learner, Dr Batson was trained at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Public Health and was an avid reader all of his life. He was involved in many organizations, both in MS and on the national level, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Board of Pediatrics, March of Dimes, MS Chapter AAP, and Southern Medical Association.

Our condolences to the Batson family and to the many pediatricians across the state and nation who were impacted by Dr Batson.

Save the date!

**Developing a Healthy Mississippi
Spring CME meeting
April 25-26, 2019
MS Civil Rights Museum
Jackson, MS**

(This will be a *joint meeting of the MS Chapter AAP, UMMC Center for the Advancement of Youth (CAY), MSU Social Science Research Center, MS KIDS COUNT*)

Included topics:

Early child health development: Economic Impacts, Importance of early intervention, Medicaid reimbursement. Early introduction of allergic foods, Exposures causing dental damage, Screening for High Blood Pressure, Asthma, Atopic Dermatitis, Vaping Update, Early childhood obesity, Resident/Fellow case presentations

Mark your calendar NOW and watch your email for more details and registration information.

Questions?

Email msaap@integrity.com

Congratulations to our new Chapter Vice President!

Thank you to those Chapter members who voted in the recent Chapter election in the fall. Two able and wonderful candidates ran for the position of Vice President/President Elect. Dr Anita S. Henderson, general pediatrician from Hattiesburg, will assume the office in January 2019, and will serve a two year term. Her current interests include promotion of breastfeeding and the "baby friendly hospital designation", policy and legislative advocacy, and fostering advocacy early in pediatric trainees. We are grateful to have her leadership.

Thanks to the awesome Dr. Monica Northington for running for office as well. Dr. Northington is currently working to help plan the Chapter's CME meetings, and serves as the Chapter's liaison on School violence, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and Access to Care for under-served and/or under-insured populations.

2019 Census impacts funding for critical services for children... Your help is needed as an advocate for families to participate!

In early 2019, one of the most significant opportunities for helping Mississippians (short and long-term) is to have a strong participation in the 2020 Census. This is particularly true for children and their families living in some of Mississippi's most impoverished areas. It is estimated that more than 1 in 4 of Mississippi's neighborhoods are in "hard-to-count" areas. If children, in particular, are under-counted, then numerous programs such as school lunches, foster care, Head Start and many other programs will not receive adequate funding. In addition to these programs, having accurate population counts for business and civic planning (e.g. hospital, roads, fire and police departments' funding) would also be affected by low 2020 Census participation.

In anticipation of the Census, Mississippi KIDS COUNT, via Mississippi State University's Social Science Research Center, is partnering with the University of Mississippi's Center for Population Studies to hold three meetings in three geographical areas of the state where children are particularly at risk for under-counts. These catchment areas are: Tunica, Jackson and Port Gibson. It is important to have strong participation of a wide range of community members, including pediatricians, to learn more about how this can impact their communities and the state, as a whole and especially learn from participants on ways that various sectors of the communities can help to "spread the word" about the importance of the work.

Read more [here](#). Register for the meeting [here](#).

Save this date....

***MS Chapter AAP
Capitol Day for Pediatrics
Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:00 - 11:30AM
MS State Capitol***



You can make a difference! Join us at the Capitol to tell policymakers what matters to kids and pediatricians!

White coats and educational displays in the Rotunda, planned meetings with the Governor and Lt. Governor, and a chance to catch legislators as they make their way through the Capitol have proven to be very effective ways to advocate for children and children's health care in Mississippi.

No special skills are required - we will provide talking points and background information on all legislative issues we will be addressing, and show you how to make your point with legislators.

Wear your white coat and join us! Lawmakers tell us annually that the presence of pediatricians and trainees at the Capitol makes a difference and provides needed recognition for children's issues.

Questions? Email msaap@integrity.com

January

Research Study

You are being invited to participate in a research study to evaluate health care professionals use of Poison Control Centers as a primary resource in the management of human exposures and poison information, and to identify limiting factors to utilization. If you agree to participate, you will be asked to participate in a one-time survey questionnaire.

Click [here](#) for a letter providing more information, as well as QR code. A link directly to the survey is [here](#).

Firearm safety survey

is being conducted in several southern states. Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and the TN Chapter AAP are disseminating a brief survey to pediatricians in order to understand their willingness to discuss firearm safety with families in their practices.

This information will be used to determine how best to address firearm anticipatory guidance

Link to this survey [here](#).

The AAP is publishing CPT Coding changes for developmental/behavioral screening and testing. Read the AAP's Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics newsletter article [here](#).

Screening Technical Assistance & Resource Center child development - maternal depression - social determinants of health

Early childhood screening is an essential component of health supervision. The AAP [STAR Center](#) offers screening recommendations, practice tools, and individualized assistance to help pediatric health care providers implement effective screening, referral, and follow-up for developmental milestones, maternal depression, and social determinants of health.

The Chapter's fall 2018 Public Health liaison report is linked [here](#) and PROS report can be read [here](#).

Mississippi Resources

Safe Sleep for Mississippi babies

The MS Chapter is collaborating with the Safe Sleep City Initiative to help pediatricians and Ob-Gyns to educate families about safe sleep practices for infants. The Chapter has developed both small posters and brochures that can be used in your clinic (see right). To obtain copies free of charge, contact the Chapter office at msaap@integrity.com.



Great news for primary care pediatricians: New pediatric mental health access grant gets \$2.3M from HRSA

The **Child Access to Mental Health and Psychiatry (CHAMP)** project is a five-year project funded by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). CHAMP will bring regional telehealth consultation services for children to areas of MS that are medically underserved. This telehealth hotline will allow primary care physicians to call in and receive real time access to specialists in psychiatry. Within a period of within 30 minutes, a mental health professional will be available through telehealth to consult with the physician to help their patients and family.

The Mississippi Department of Mental Health and the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) are partnering on this program, which will be implemented through the UMMC Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior. CHAMP will establish a multidisciplinary team to include child and adolescent psychiatrists and psychologists, nurse practitioners, a care coordinator, and family partner advocate. Consultations will be provided for screening, medication management, diagnosis, treatment, care coordination and referral through UMMC's Center for Telehealth.

Services will focus on central Mississippi and the Mississippi Delta, initially covering 24 counties.

Read more information [here](#).

Mississippi Medicaid

MS Division of Medicaid hires its first (ever) full time Medical Director

Effective October 1, 2018, the Division of Medicaid has its first ever full time Medical Director, **Dr Carlos Latorre**. Dr Latorre is a Family Medicine Physician with a varied background that has prepared him for this role. Our own Dr Tami Brooks served as Medicaid's part time Medical Director from later 2014 until mid-2018.

"With his first-hand experience in caring for Medicaid beneficiaries and his strong connections in the medical community, Dr. Latorre is an excellent addition to the DOM team," said Drew Snyder, executive director of MS Division of Medicaid. "Dr. Latorre will serve as a bridge between DOM and the provider community, lend his medical expertise to strategic policy initiatives and improve the overall quality of our clinical operations."

See more information [here](#). The MS Chapter AAP has already been in contact with Dr Latorre, and we look forward to working closely with him.

Medicaid EASE Initiative increases annual physician visits for beneficiaries

Effective Jan. 1, 2019, the Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) is increasing the number of physician visits it covers for Medicaid beneficiaries, the first of a series of changes the agency plans to roll out in the coming year as part of the new Medicaid EASE Initiative – Enhancing Access to Services and Engagement.

To learn more about this change, read [here](#).



MSCAN Corner

*Mississippi Medicaid's
Coordinated Access Network for children*

Molina



Molina Healthcare will continue hosting webinars to educate contracted providers and to train on the use of the provider web portal.

For additional information about the webinars, visit <https://www.molinahealthcare.com/providers/ms/medicaid/Pages/home.aspx> and to RSVP, please email MHMSProviderEngagement@MolinaHealthCare.Com.

Stay in the know!



We want our Mississippi providers to stay informed of Mississippi changes and updates in the MSCAN program. These are usually highlighted in the quarterly provider newsletter which can be found at <https://www.uhcommunityplan.com/health-professionals/ms/provider-news.html>

For information or troubleshooting, contact: J. Michael Parnell, MSN, RN, Director of Network Strategies J_Parnell@uhc.com.

Magnolia Health Updates



In an attempt to better serve our Magnolia members and ease provider administrative burden, effective **12/1/18** Magnolia Health **will no longer require prior authorization for PT/OT/ST codes for MississippiCAN members age 12 and under**. All Magnolia CHIP members will require prior authorization for PT/OT/ST services.

E0618 and E0619 Apnea Monitor- MississippiCAN members 1 year old and under will not require authorization for any providers. All other Magnolia MississippiCAN, Magnolia CHIP and Ambetter members will require authorization for all providers.

Looking for Maintenance of Certification Part 4 credits and opportunities?

** With AAP memberships come free participation in EQIPP courses. There are currently ten

EQIPP courses on topics from Asthma to GERD to Antibiotics, each of which provides MOC Part 4 credits. View offerings [here](#).

** **Pediatric Research in Office Settings** offers pediatricians an opportunity to be involved in conducting and fostering national collaborative practice-based research. Current active study topics include Antibiotics, Obesity, Flu vaccine, HPV vaccination, and child poverty. Visit [PROS](#) for more information.

** **"Screening Time: Tuning In to the Needs of Families"** is a scenario-based online training that will guide you in creating a screening workflow that fits your office. The resource provides AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™] and MOC Part 2 credit. For more information and to access the course, visit [here](#).

** **Bright Futures EQIPP** online learning modules offer MOC credits. Click [here](#).

Check out the **AAP's MOC Portfolio Program** and view the FAQs [here](#).

View the **American Board of Pediatrics' MOC Part 4 guidelines** and local and national [projects](#).



Pediatricians helping kids to grow up tobacco free

In the News

➤ Last week, US Surgeon General Jerome Adams released a [Surgeon General's Advisory on E-Cigarette Use Among Youth](#). In a survey discussed at in the advisory, it was revealed that one in five high school students are current e-cigarette users: a 78% increase from 2017. The [Surgeon General's Advisory](#) describes the epidemic of e-cigarette use and issues a Call to Action for parents, teachers, health professionals, and communities: "The recent surge in e-cigarette use among youth, which has been fueled by new types of e-cigarettes that have recently entered the market, is a cause for great concern. We must take action now to protect the health of our nation's young people."

For AAP resources about e-cigarettes, visit the [AAP Richmond Center Web site](#).

For resources for parents and families, visit [HealthyChildren.org](#).

(adapted from the AAP Richmond Center for Excellence newsletter, December 2018)

➤ In November, The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [proposed new steps](#) to prohibit menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars, and to address the epidemic of youth e-cigarette use in the US.

[In a statement](#), AAP President Dr. Colleen Kraft applauded the announcement, but urged the FDA to do more to stop the growing public health crisis of e-cigarette use among youth. "Even with the new sales restrictions announced today by FDA... teens will still find ways to access them," said Dr. Kraft. **"Pediatricians will not rest until these dangerous products are off the market and out of the hands of children and adolescents."**

Along with the statement, the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released data from the 2018 National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS), which revealed significant increases in youth e-cigarette use over the past year.

[Per the 2018 NYTS:](#)

- Over 3.6 million youth are current e-cigarette users



PEDIATRICIANS and pediatric care providers please note:

Vaping devices, including Juul e-cigarettes are **NOT FDA approved cessation aids**. For patients that want to quit tobacco or vaping products, please encourage them to call **1-800-QUITNOW**.

Key points about vaping to share with patients/families:

** E-cigarettes deliver nicotine, a highly addictive drug.

** Nicotine use during adolescence can disrupt the formation of brain structures controlling attention, learning, and susceptibility to addiction.

** **No** youth tobacco use is safe.

For more on e-cigarettes and the health risks they pose to youth, click [this link](#). For physician-specific information about electronic nicotine delivery systems, visit [this page](#).

- E-cigarette use among high-school students rose by 78% last year
- E-cigarette use among middle-school students rose by 48% last year
- Nearly 30% of high school users report using the products 20 or more days per month

Lunch and Learn available to your clinic...

Contrary to what tobacco companies would like you to believe, do you know that e-cigarettes and vaping devices are NOT a safe and effective tobacco cessation aid? That JUUL e-cigarettes are NOT harmless? And that more middle school students are beginning to use JUULs and other e-cigarettes than *even* high school students who are initiating use? Learn the latest by hosting the Chapter at a no cost "Lunch and Learn".

Give us an hour of your time, we provide the lunch and cover the latest research on the impact of e-cigarettes and vaping devices, and how to code for reimbursement for providing tobacco education/intervention to families. We will also discuss the latest emerging tobacco products and cessation products, what resources are available, and how to refer users who want to quit to the MS Tobacco Quitline.

The only commitment from the clinic is to provide the space for us to make the presentation, have your staff present, and set aside the time for us to come (no need to change your clinic schedule as we can be done within the lunch hour).

Contact the Chapter office at msaap@integrity.com if you are interested.

The Tobacco Free Mississippi: Engaging Mississippi Pediatricians project is funded by a grant from the Mississippi State Department of Health Office of Tobacco Control.

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