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Mississippi Chapter

News & updates for members of the MS Chapter AAP



Water safety for kids!

Summertime means water play - and that

means anticipatory guidance about water safety is a necessity to protect kids!

Recent news headlines have unfortunately included the tragic deaths of young children from accidental drowning. Help protect children in your community.

Utilize the AAP's [parent education resources](#) about drowning prevention, water safety, swimming lessons, and more for the families you care for!

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS FALL MEETING

MINDcraft: Navigating Behavioral and Mental Health Services

October 12, 2018 Embassy Suites - 200 Township Place Ridgeland, Mississippi

Target Audience
Pediatricians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners

Topics

- Mental/behavioral health in pediatric primary care
- Managing Depression and Anxiety in pediatric primary care
- School issues for children with mental/behavioral concerns
- What to do with positive developmental screens

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SAVE THE DATE!

MS Chapter AAP Fall 2018 CME meeting...

Click [this link](#) for registration and additional information.

6.75 AMA Category 1 credits available

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Good news to address vaccine hesitant parents...

Can social media impact parental vaccine hesitancy? According to a new article in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, digital media that includes solid science and interactive social media serves to improve parents' attitudes about vaccines. Parents who were initially vaccine-hesitant showed more positive attitudes about the

benefits of vaccines and less concern about vaccination risks. Read the article [here](#).

Speaking of immunizations.... **HPV** immunizations rates in MS continue to be below the national average. Resources to assist providers in addressing the HPV vaccine: [talking to parents](#), [improving practice immunization rates](#), and [#HowIRecommend HPV Vaccine](#) youtube video.

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Partnerships



Mississippi-Wear Orange Community Day

Chapter member Dr. Monica Northington represented the MS Chapter at the **Wear Orange Community Day** in Jackson on June 2nd. Wear Orange Day is a community awareness and community building event organized around a common commitment to end gun violence and advocate for common sense gun safety law.s, and was sponsored by local churches and community organizations. Organizers articulated their desire to say *what they support versus who they are against*.

Dr. Northington gave participants a brief presentation about the desire of pediatricians to protect children from gun violence, citing it as a major public health issue. The MS Chapter AAP advocates for stronger gun laws, advocating for mental health services, promoting anticipatory guidance around gun safety by pediatricians, and violence prevention programs. Dr Northington was asked to be further involved in local efforts. More to come!

pediatric MOMENTS

In future issues of this publication, seasoned Mississippi pediatricians will share standout memories, mentors, public health challenges, favorite patients and other thoughts! If you or someone you know would like to submit to this column, email msaap@integrity.com.

Stay tuned...



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Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Recently, I had the serendipitous opportunity to speak once again to the MSAAP. My presentation was entitled, **“Partnerships”** and I spoke of the Pediatrician’s and Pediatric Dentist’s mutual concerns related to ensuring the best possible overall health outcomes for our patients and their families. I also explained that my specialty of Pediatric Dentistry has, over the last 5-8 years, undergone perhaps its greatest EVOLUTION with regard to best practice treatment decision making for children. An ‘unprecedented paradigm shift’ has occurred with regard to clinically managing the chronic disease of dental caries. There has also been a major shift in decision making related to managing child behavior to accomplish these clinical restorative, preventive and surgical goals i.e. utilization of advanced behavior management techniques like procedural sedation and general anesthesia.

What I can say most strongly about this exciting time in our profession is that it will best be navigated through engagement and **“PARTNERSHIPS”**. Without a doubt, some of my best days as a Pediatric Dentist have occurred in partnership with amazing physicians/pediatric specialists who have helped me in planning the comprehensive care of a child. I believe that our relationships are invaluable and that patients as well as families benefit from and appreciate them.

As an aside during my recent presentation to your Chapter, I mentioned that our Mississippi Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (MAPD) organization had recently “officially re-incorporated” and looks to enhance its involvement in the decisions made within local and state agencies regarding child health and well-being. The MAPD locally and our national AAPD represent approximately 70 specialists in pediatric dentistry practicing in Mississippi, a robust and dynamic diverse group of providers. MAPD recently partnered with MSAAP to engage stakeholders and policy makers from MS Medicaid/Managed Care Organizations as well as leaders within the MS State Board of Dental Examiners. Our organizations demonstrated a natural partnership and a united front squarely on the side of the highest standards for our state’s most vulnerable citizens, her children.

So, for the record, thank you again for your inclusion of Pediatric Dentists both in word and deed as your colleagues and friends. We are all so fortunate indeed to do what we do.

Mississippi Medicaid

MSCAN Corner

Mississippi Medicaid's
Coordinated Access Network for children

News...



- **CMS defers to Mississippi's collaborative practice agreement** regarding ordering medical supplies, equipment, and supplies. Non-physicians will continue to be allowed to order.... read official Medicaid [letter](#) here.
- **Medicaid aims to increase access to physician-administered drugs** by allowing medical or pharmacy POS claims. See [additional information](#).
- **DOM provider workshops** will be held across the state mid-July through mid-September. These workshops will provide updates and changes related to Medicaid and MSCAN. Office managers, coders, and billing staff are encouraged to attend. More information [here](#).
- Guidelines for hospital-to-hospital non-emergency transport [here](#). Services are provided via fee for service and MSCAN.
- electronic prior authorization clinical edit regarding prescribing of the stimulant drugs most commonly used to treat ADHD/ADD will be required. More [here](#).

Molina rolls in as third Managed Care Organization in MSCAN



Beginning October 1, 2018, there will be three managed care organizations (MCOs) servicing beneficiaries in the Mississippi Coordinated Access Network (MississippiCAN). The plans are Magnolia Health, Molina Healthcare, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) has conducted readiness reviews with each MCO and continues to work with each plan to ensure a smooth transition for Medicaid recipients.

An open enrollment period is currently being held through Aug. 31. During the open enrollment Medicaid beneficiaries may choose which MCO they would like to provide their covered benefits. If members do not choose a plan, those members who are currently with Magnolia Health or UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will remain enrolled in those plans. New beneficiaries who do not choose a plan will be automatically enrolled Molina Healthcare, although they will have a further 90 days to switch to another plan if they choose.

To learn more about MississippiCAN and each MCO, please visit <https://medicaid.ms.gov/programs/managed-care/>.



Special thanks and appreciation to our own **Dr. Tami Brooks** who just completed her service as part time Medical Director at MS Division of Medicaid (DOM). Tami is a wonderful advocate for children and pediatricians and made positive changes through her role at DOM.

Thank you for your service, Tami! Mississippi Family Physician Dr. Jason Dees has been hired as full time Medicaid Medical Director. He can be reached at Jason.dees@medicaid.ms.gov.

Stay in the know!



Click the following inks to access UHC information:

[Quarterly Community Plan Newsletters](#)

[General Information](#)

Reach out to Michael Parnell, RN, Director of Network Strategies with any issues or concerns about MSCAN. He can be reached by phone at 601-718-6648 or email to j_parnell@uhc.com.

Magnolia Health Updates



Magnolia Health encourages all Mississippi children (not just Magnolia members) to enroll in the Maggie's Kids Club. This club exists to promote healthy living by supplying age appropriate information to

AAP National Election

Two qualified candidates have been nominated for the position of national AAP President-Elect.



Visit the AAP Election Center's [web page](#) for biographical information as well as questions and answers.



Online voting is available from Friday, November 2nd to Sunday, December 2, 2018.



Don't miss this!

AAP National Conference and Exhibition November 2-6, 2018 In Orlando, FL. Don't miss the largest pediatric-focused educational and networking event of the year! Registration is now open.

The *Sky's the Limit* will include remarkable education and endless opportunities to share your passion for the health of all children.

[Visit this link](#) for registration, accommodations, and a plethora of other information.

Pediatricians helping kids to grow up tobacco free

US Teen Hospitalized With "Wet Lung" Three Weeks After Beginning E-Cigarette Use

A [case study recently published in Pediatrics](#) reported that an 18-year old woman was diagnosed with "wet lung", otherwise known "hypersensitivity pneumonitis" just three weeks after beginning to use an e-cigarette. This is the first reported case in an adolescent associated with the patient's e-cigarette use. The teen arrived at the emergency room presenting symptoms of coughing, shortness of breath, and chest pain after e-cigarette use. She developed respiratory failure, was placed on a respirator, and needed tubes to drain fluid from both lungs. She improved with IV medication and was able to be taken off the respirator five days after admission. The authors of the case study **stress the need for pediatricians to discuss the potential harms of e-cigarette use with their patients.**

JUUL is the small e-cigarette that resembles a flash drive. Because it does not look like a traditional cigarette it may not be immediately identifiable as a vaping device. Due to their size, JUUL devices are discrete and can be easily concealed in a fist, pocket, or wallet. Alarming, JUUL e-cigarettes have a high level of nicotine- according to the manufacturer, a single JUUL pod contains *as much nicotine as a pack of 20 regular cigarettes.*

There are huge public health implications to JUUL use and pediatricians are asked to:

- ask about e-cigarettes, including devices shaped like USB flash drives, when screening patients for the use of any tobacco products.
- Warn patients about the risks of all forms of tobacco product use, including e-cigarettes, for young people.

See [Infographic](#) and [fact sheet.](#)



The Smoke-free Public Housing Initiative is a new project underway by the American Lung Association of Mississippi to help implement HUD's smokefree housing rule.

The Initiative will provide Public Housing Agencies and other low-income housing providers with technical assistance, expertise, resources and support to implement smoke-free policies, and provide residents with referral to cessation services and lung cancer screening programs.

For more information, see the [project summary](#).

The [CDC recently](#)

Incidentally, two [lawsuits](#) against the Juul manufacturer have been introduced, citing the highly addictive nature of the product and their marketing strategies- targeting youth and other traditionally non-smoking customers.

A [new research study](#) finds that inhaling flavored e-cigarettes, such as mint, vanilla, and cinnamon may harm the cells lining the inside of the heart and blood vessels. "Increased inflammation and a loss of nitric oxide are some of the first changes to occur leading up to cardiovascular disease and events like heart attacks and stroke, so they are considered early predictors of heart disease," said Jessica L. Fetterman, an assistant professor of medicine from the Boston University School of Medicine in Massachusetts and lead author of the study.

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

[announced](#) that the U.S. adult smoking rate fell to a historic low of 13.9 percent in 2017, down from 15.5 percent in 2016. This does NOT include the use of e-cigarettes, only combustible tobacco.

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