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Mississippi Chapter

## News & updates for members of the MS Chapter AAP



### Thanks!

We heard you....Thank you for your feedback!

During the summer, 18% of our Chapter members responded to our chapter survey. Our intent was to assess your CME priorities, evaluate how the chapter is currently meeting your needs, identify ways you would like to be involved, and gather feedback on our advocacy efforts. We gained valuable input that will help to shape our 2019 priorities and activities. To see the Chapter survey Executive Summary, email [msaap@integrity.com](mailto:msaap@integrity.com).

If you did not respond to the Chapter survey, but have an interest in becoming involved in advocacy, planning CME meetings, social media, or serving as the Chapter's liaison on a particular area of interest, contact Gretchen Mahan at [msaap@integrity.com](mailto:msaap@integrity.com). We would love your involvement!



### REGISTER NOW!

#### MS Chapter AAP Fall 2018 CME meeting

Click [THIS LINK](#) for registration and additional information.

**8.5 AMA Category 1 credits available**

#### Included topics:

- Mental/behavioral health in pediatric primary care
- Managing Depression, Anxiety, and Aggressive behavior in the primary care setting
- School issues for children with mental/behavioral concerns
- What to do with a positive developmental screen



### MS Chapter AAP Officers' Election coming soon

The Chapter will soon election a **Vice President/President Elect** and **Chapter Treasurer**. We are currently seeking candidates for these positions. Nominees should be interested in enjoying the opportunity for national and state travel, to lead the state to shaping pediatrics in Mississippi, building friendships with many state and national peers, and advocating for children and pediatricians on the state and national levels, let us know! Nominate yourself or a peer! Reach out for more information. Email [msaap@integrity.com](mailto:msaap@integrity.com). Stay tuned for election ballot and information.

### Congratulations to three MS Chapter members honored for special achievements...

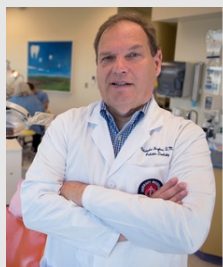
Three MS Chapter members have been recognized by the AAP for special achievements in Mississippi.

**Dr Anita Shaunak Henderson** of Hattiesburg was recognized for "tirelessly promoting breastfeeding in the local medical and hospital community, leading efforts for Forrest General Hospital to achieve the sought-after Baby Friendly Hospital designation".

**Dr Jonathan Shook**, also of Hattiesburg, was recognized by the AAP for his service as the "Chapter's expert on reimbursement, coding, and Bright Futures implementation and [for] willingly sharing his knowledge and expertise across the state".

**Dr Desh Sidhu** of Hernando was recognized for working "tirelessly in his community in DeSoto County, Mississippi to alleviate hunger and improve health and educational outcomes for children and families".

## UMMC New Chair of Department of Pediatric Dentistry



Dr Christopher Hughes is new to Mississippi but not to pediatric dentistry, having practiced in Boston, Pittsburg, Long Island, Ohio, Maine, and New Jersey.

His research areas of interest include the oral microbiome and how it affects the severity of childhood caries. While he hopes to continue this research and expand it to Mississippi patients, Hughes' top priority is adding to the pediatric faculty at UMMC.

## 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](mailto:msaap@integrity.com).

Stay tuned...



## Central Mississippi pediatricians - please share this with your patients and parents >>

TAKE A PEEK INSIDE THE MIND OF A CHILD AT THIS FREE LEARNING SERIES!



- ▶ **SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**  
*The Overactive Brain: ADHD at school and at home*
- ▶ **OCTOBER 16, 2018**  
*The Developing Child: The zany brain science behind children's behavior*
- ▶ **JANUARY 29, 2019**  
*Connections: How social relationships and social media impact a child's development*
- ▶ **FEBRUARY 06, 2019**  
*Come Play with Me! The Importance of play in the developing child*
- ▶ **APRIL 30, 2019**  
*The Sensory World of a Child: Unpacking the significance of the sensory world of all children including those with ASD and ADHD*

### WHEN

REGISTRATION & DINNER 6:00 pm  
PROGRAM 6:30 - 7:15 pm

### WHERE

MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM  
2145 MUSEUM BOULEVARD  
JACKSON, MS 39202

*This free educational series is open to the community. Dinner will be provided (first-come, first-served), and childcare is available for ages 3 to 10. Children will be allowed to play in the museum with supervision provided by members of the Junior League of Jackson while parents attend the program.*

[mschildrensmuseum.org](http://mschildrensmuseum.org) • 601.981.5469 • [info@mcm.ms](mailto:info@mcm.ms)



## Dr. Mary Currier to retire as State Health Officer

Dr Mary Currier, State Health Officer, has announced her retirement from the MS State Dept of Health, effective November 1st.

Dr Currier has been a friend to pediatricians and a staunch advocate for protecting Mississippi's current immunization standards. She has also advocated for other pediatric issues of concern to the children's health and the Chapter.

She will be missed, but leaves the Dept of Health in the able hands of Dr. Thomas Dobbs who will be serving as Interim State Health Officer.

Full story [here](#).



## Mothers' Milk Bank of Mississippi

The Mothers' Milk Bank of Mississippi is up and running in Flowood, MS! In 2017, 44,000 oz. of milk were processed and delivered to very low birth weight babies in 11 hospitals across the state. The Milk Bank bridges the gap for moms with delayed lactation or for those unable to produce breast milk for their premature infant.

To support the Milk Bank or to learn more, visit [www.msmilkbank.org](http://www.msmilkbank.org).

### Mission Unleaded

The CDC's National Center for Environmental Health has produced a new YouTube video entitled "Mission Unleaded". This video addresses preventing sample contamination when drawing blood lead levels. Mississippi pediatricians and clinic staff are asked to view the video. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2p2qREch9g>.

## Mississippi Medicaid

### Stimulant Prescriptions and Diagnosis Requirements

Effective October 1, 2018, the Division of Medicaid is now requiring a clinical edit for stimulant drugs used for ADD/ADHD. The electronic edit requires the presence of at least one (1) FDA approved indication or compendia supported indication for each stimulant product prescribed. ALL the F90.X codes are approved.

For patients with a **new** diagnosis **without** a prior claim, please **WRITE** the diagnosis code on the prescription or, if e-prescribing, place it in the comments section.

Read more [here](#) and a list of Stimulant Therapy Coverage is [here](#).

For questions or more information, please contact the Office of Pharmacy at 601-359-5253, Option 4.



## MSCAN Corner

*Mississippi Medicaid's  
Coordinated Access Network for children*

### REMINDER: Molina rolls in as third Managed Care Organization in MSCAN



Beginning October 1, 2018, Molina Healthcare will be servicing beneficiaries in the Mississippi Coordinated Access Network (MississippiCAN) program.

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

### Stay in the know!



UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Mississippi would like to thank our pediatric providers for a great summer and fun back-to-school time! As we move into Fall and Winter, we would like to share a few reminders about flu shots, speech therapy PAs, new provider website, and provider satisfaction survey. Read [more](#).

### Magnolia Health Updates



Magnolia Health is utilizing a new member incentive to boost flu immunization rates this year. Each member who receives a Flu vaccine will have a \$20 incentive added to their members CentAccount Rewards card. [Read more](#).

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.



### 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.

[“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)<sup>™</sup> and MOC Part 2 credit. For more information and to access the course, go to [screeningtime.org](#).



### Pediatricians helping kids to grow up tobacco free

#### In the News

> A team of researchers from Boston



### 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.

### 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** (see information in left column) Link [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](#).



**JUUL** is the wildly popular small e-cigarette that



University found that certain chemicals in flavored tobacco (including e-cigarettes) resulted in damaged cells in a similar way to those observed in patients with diabetes or those who have high blood pressure. Results show that the **chemicals which are used to flavor tobacco are causing damage that is independent of the damage caused by the tobacco alone.**"

Visit <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29903732>

> **Teen vaping** is at the tipping point before possible epidemic levels, federal officials and public health advocates agree. However, the FDA has seemingly dragged its feet in the regulation of vaping products. Allegedly several new JUUL-like devices were allowed to hit the market without FDA approval. Several health groups, including the national AAP, have sued the FDA to spar them to move ahead with regulating these products.

More than 2 million middle school, high school and college teens use these battery-powered devices to heat liquid-based nicotine into an inhalable vapor. E-cigarettes were by far the most popular tobacco product among teens: Nearly 12 percent of high school students and 3 percent of middle school students used the device in the past 30 days, according to the 2017 National Youth Tobacco Survey released in June. That puts hundreds of thousands of them at "exceedingly high" risk of developing nicotine addictions, said FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb. The nicotine, he said, "can rewire an adolescent's brain."

In early September, the FDA reported its plans to allow five leading e-cigarette manufacturers to submit plans in 60 days for how they will address youth use of their products. The AAP and other advocates reject that FDA decision, citing that the FDA "has the ability **today** to do what tobacco companies can't and won't do: to take effective steps to reduce and eliminate youth use of e-cigarettes", according to Dr Colleen Kraft, AAP President. Dr Kraft "urges the agency to use its existing authority to immediately regulate all e-cigarettes."

On a more positive note, the FDA announced a series of actions to combat the electronic cigarette epidemic. Efforts to crack down on the sale of e-cigarettes to minors resulted in the FDA issuing more than 1,300 warning letters and fines to retailers and potentially prohibiting them from selling tobacco products for specified periods of time.

#### Key points 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.

resembles a flash drive. Because it does not look like a traditional cigarette it may not be immediately identifiable as a vaping device. 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.*

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

#### **PEDIATRICIANS and pediatric care providers please note:**

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

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](#).

*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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