
Education and Support for Parents

“View from the Association of Pediatric Program Directors. The Role of Supervision in Creating Responsible and Competent Physicians. Patricia J. Hicks, MD. (Contact Patricia J. Hicks, MD. hicksp@email.chop.edu)

“Breastfeeding Education and Support Services Offered to Pediatric Residents in the U.S.” Pediatric residents receive approximately three hours of breastfeeding training per year. In addition, there is less than universal implementation by residency programs of AAP recommendations for supporting breastfeeding in the workplace. Pediatric residency programs should find ways to improve and assess the quality of breastfeeding education and workplace support to better role model this advocacy standard. Yardaena B. Osband, MD, Robin L. Altman, MD, Patricia A. Patrick, DrPH, Karen S. Edwards, MD, MPH. (Contact Yardaena B. Osband, MD, yardave@gmail.com)

“The Impact of Childcare Problems on Employment: Findings from a National Survey of US Parents.” Childcare related employment problems are common among families with a child with chronic illness or behavior problems. These findings support the need for pediatricians and policy makers to strive for the implementation of more parent-friendly labor conditions. Guillermo Montes PhD, Jill S. Halterman MD, MPH. (Contact Guillermo Montes PhD, gmontes@sjfc.edu)

Perspective

“Books and Reading: Evidence-Based Standard of Care Whose Time Has Come.” The future efforts for Reach out and Read include integrating mental health competencies found in AAP guidelines as part of residency and clinician training into the Reach out and Read paradigm, quality improvement to ensure fidelity to the intervention, and expanded pediatric clinician involvement in local early childhood/school readiness community efforts. Finally the most important future goal is the adoption of giving advice about reading aloud and giving developmentally appropriate books to high risk families as best practice by official bodies. Barry Zuckerman, MD, Marilyn Augustyn, MD. (Contact Barry Zuckerman, MD, Barry.Zuckerman@bmc.org)

Prevention

This issue includes two commentaries on prevention, one by Judith S. Shaw, EdD, MPH, RN and Paula Duncan, MD and a second by Robert Sege, MD, PhD.

“Delivery of Well Child Care: A Look Inside the Door.” Utilizing direct observation of visits with
pediatric clinicians, we found that solicitation of parent/child concerns occurred less frequently than recommended. Fewer than half of recommended visit-specific health supervision/anticipatory guidance (HS/AG) topics were addressed and there was little congruence with some Bright Futures age group-specific recommendations. Notably, both solicitation of patient/parent concerns and greater adherence to HS/AG recommendations were associated with shorter visits. Well child care visits with children with special health care needs were longer than those without special needs; more time was spent addressing similar numbers of HS/AG topics as well as their chronic conditions. Chuck Norlin, MD, Morgan A. Crawford, MD, Christopher T. Bell, Xiaoming Sheng, PhD, Martin T. Stein, MD. (Contact Chuck Norlin, MD, chuck.norlin@hsc.utah.edu.) This article will be freely available to the public on open access at http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/18762859. (Click on the link to the article.)

“Innovative Delivery of Newborn Anticipatory Guidance: A RCT Incorporating Media-Based Learning into Primary Care.” A DVD of newborn anticipatory guidance was feasible in a pediatric practice, well-accepted, and had a positive impact. Video and other technologies represent an efficient, innovative way to reach parents as part of the office encounter. Heather A. Paradis, MD, MPH, Kelly M. Conn, MPH, Janna R. Gewirtz, BA, Jill S. Halterman, MD, MPH. (Contact Heather Paradis, MD, MPH, Heather_Paradis@urmc.rochester.edu)

“Using Baby Books to Increase New Mothers’ Safety Practices.” Educational baby books appear to be an easy and low cost way to increase the safety practices of new mothers, especially if the practices involve little to no time, money, and hassle. Stephanie M. Reich, PhD, Emily K. Penner, MA & Greg J. Duncan, PhD. (Contact Stephanie M. Reich, smreich@uci.edu)

“Getting under the hood: Exploring issues that affect provider-based recall using an Immunization Information System.” Even with a promising electronic immunization information system to assist pediatric offices, implementing provider-based recall is challenging for pediatric practices. Given existing barriers, providers expressed support for alternative recall methods. Alison Saville, MSPH, MSW, Karen Albright, PhD, Carolyn Nowels, MSPH, Juliana Barnard, MA, Matthew F. Daley, MD, Shannon Stokley, MPH, Kimberly Irby, MPH, and Allison Kempe, MD, MPH. (Contact Alison Saville, MSPH, MSW, Alison.saville@ucdenver.edu)

“Use of a Pictographic Diagram to Decrease Parent Dosing Errors with Infant Acetaminophen: A Health Literacy Perspective.” Inclusion of pictographic dosing diagrams as part of written medication instructions for infant acetaminophen may help parents dose more accurately, especially those with low health literacy. High error rates, even among parents with adequate health literacy, suggest that additional study of strategies to optimize dosing is needed. H. Shonna Yin, MD, MS, Alan L. Mendelsohn, MD, Arthur Fierman, MD, Linda van Schaick, MSeEd, Isabel S. Bazan, BA, Benard P. Dreyer, MD. (Contact H. Shonna Yin, MD, MS, yinh02@med.nyu.edu)

Quality Improvement and Clinical

“Quality Improvement for Asthma Care within a Hospital-Based Teaching Clinic.” A quality improvement intervention in a hospital-based teaching clinic was associated with increased use of asthma action plans, classification of asthma severity and controller medications and possibly a trend towards less emergency visits and hospitalizations. Maya Bunik, MD, MSPH, Monica J.
Natural history of pandemic H1N1 2009 influenza infection in healthy pediatric outpatients.”
In the majority of children without underlying risk factors for severe influenza, pH1N1 virus causes an uncomplicated respiratory tract illness, no more severe than seasonal influenza. Michael Hawkes, MD, Suzanne Schuh, MD, Moshe Ipp, MD, Ari Bitnun, MD, MSc, Susan E. Richardson, MD, Patricia C. Parkin, MD, Derek Stephens, BSc, MSc, Dat Tran, MD, MSc. (Contact Dat Tran, MD, MSc, dat.tran@sickkids.ca)