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Dear Georgia AAP Colleagues:

Here are your updates for Friday, June 12th:

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Announcements

Federal Aid on the Way for Pediatricians & Pediatric Subspecialists!
On Wednesday, the US Department of Health and Human Services announced a $15B aid package for providers who see Medicaid & SCHIP (PeachCare) patients. This is good news for our members and was the result of persistent lobbying by the AAP with federal officials over the past 2 months. Click here to see the AAP memo and FAQ’s on how to apply. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution also carried a story on this announcement. Click here.

Upcoming Webinar: “Telehealth & Pediatrics 201: Beyond the Basics,” June 24th, 6pm.
The Georgia AAP will present this webinar for members on Wednesday, June 24, 6pm-7pm. The faculty will be Susan J. Kressly, MD, FAAP. Dr. Kressly is a nationally known expert on telehealth and practice management issues. She is current chair of the AAP Payer Advocacy Advisory Committee, and practices in Warrington, Pa. If you want to “sharpen your saw” on telehealth, be sure to attend this event! Registration is free. To register click here.

Survey Says: Financial Strain, PPE, Testing are Biggest Concerns for Chapter Members
The Georgia AAP surveyed members last week “11 Weeks In” the pandemic to find out how you’re doing and what the Chapter can do. To no surprise, 93% of you reported that a drop-off in patient volumes/financial strain was the biggest problem you faced. Tight supplies of PPE and difficulties with testing were a distant second and third. 42% of you said you were “extremely or very” confident you would recover in the months ahead; while 24% said “somewhat confident”. 29% said it was too soon to tell; and 4% said they were “not at all confident” they’d recover. There were 113 respondents to the survey. If you would like a summary, please contact Kathryn Autry (kautry@gaaap.org) at the Chapter office.

Clinical Guidance

Children And Adolescents With MIS-C May Be Difficult To Diagnose Due To GI Symptoms, Case Series Suggests
MedPage Today (6/9) reports, “Children and adolescents with COVID-19 who developed multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS-C) often exhibited marked gastrointestinal (GI) manifestations, sometimes confounding diagnosis by mimicking GI infections or inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), according to a recent case series” published in Gastroenterology. Researchers conducted “a chart review of 44 pediatric patients (ages 7 months to 20 years, 55% female) hospitalized for COVID-19-related MIS-C from April 18 to May 22, 2020,” and found that “GI symptoms were prominent in 84.1% of cases and were commonly accompanied by fever (100%) and rash (70.5%).” Click here for further reading.
Two Studies Indicate That Pediatric Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome Is Different From Kawasaki Disease And Toxic Shock Syndrome

CIDRAP (6/9) reports two new studies published in JAMA indicate “that the pediatric multisystem inflammatory syndrome linked to COVID-19 [PIMS-TS] is novel and different from Kawasaki disease (KD) and toxic shock syndrome (TSS).” In one study, researchers compared the symptoms of “58 children admitted to eight hospitals in the United Kingdom with COVID-19 who met the criteria for pediatric inflammatory multisystem syndrome temporally associated with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (PIMS-TS) from Mar 23 to May 16” with those from children diagnosed with KD and TSS. In the other study, researchers “described 17 children and adolescents admitted to a single hospital in New York City with COVID-19 who developed PIMS-TS with features overlapping with but different from those of KD from Apr 18 to May 5.”

Education

Georgia AAP Education Calendar

The Chapter’s education programming continues, now all of it is virtual and free to our members. To register visit: https://www.gaaap.org/upcoming-webinars/. Join us for our upcoming virtual events! All are scheduled from 12:30 – 1:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Webinar Series: Pediatric Infectious Disease & Immunization, 3 Sessions.

June 4: COVID-19 Vaccine Development & Its Relevance to Children & Their Pediatricians (Recording)
June 11: Strengthening Vaccine Confidence & Acceptance in the Pediatric Office (Recording)

Webinar: Supporting Language Development thru Early Intervention for Infants Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing; June 16th

Webinar: Addressing Social Determinants of Health to Minimize its Impact on Children during COVID-19; June 23rd

Webinar: Breastfeeding Fundamentals (EPIC® Program), June 24th

Webinar: Telehealth & Pediatrics 201: Beyond the Basics; June 24th @ 6pm-7pm

Webinar: Achieving Successful Healthcare Transitions Despite a Pandemic; June 30th

Other Education Events

Recorded Webinar: Child Abuse & COVID-19: What Pediatricians Need to Know

Pediatricians learn how COVID-19 might be impacting children and families in their practice. Follow the link to register, watch the webinar, and complete the evaluation process in order to receive CME credit.

Resources for Families

Parent Resources on How to Talk about Racism with Their Children

- AAP: Traumatic Impact of Racism on Young People
- AAP Statement: Dismantle Racism at Every Level
- Healthy Children: Talking to Children About Racial Bias
- Anti-racism reading list
- APHA: Addressing Law Enforcement Violence as a Public Health Issue
- Pediatrics: Police, Equity and Child Health
- Campaign Zero: Policy Solutions to End Police Violence
- Teaching Tolerance: Six Steps to Speak Up
- The Praxis Podcast with Edwin Lindo, JD
Webinars/Podcasts/YouTube
- Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story about Racial Injustice by Georgia authors Ann Hazard, Marianne Celano and Marietta Collins Good Reads
- Something Happens in Our Town (Read Aloud)
- EmbraceRace seeks to gather the resources to meet the challenges they face raising children in a world where race matters.

Books/News
- George Floyd. Ahmaud Arbery. Breonna Taylor. What do we tell our children? USA TODAY
- Talking to children after racial incidents Penn GSE
- How to talk to kids about racism, protests and injustice Today
- Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria: And Other Conversations About Race Amazon
- Homegoing Amazon
- White Fragility Why It's So Hard for White People To Talk About Racism Penguin Random House

Telehealth

Send Us Your Telehealth Questions
If you have telehealth questions, send them to Fozia Khan Eskew at feskew@gaaap.org. Please put Telehealth Question in the subject line.

If you have any questions or concerns about this information, please contact Noreen Dahill at ndahill@gaaap.org. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

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This message is also posted on the Georgia AAP listserv for our Pediatric nurses and practice managers.