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Georgia AAP Weekly Update

October 21, 2020

Announcements

JUST 10 DAYS AWAY! Pediatrics on the Virtual Parkway: Halloween Edition - **Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1, 2020.** Sign up today for two days of virtual learning and connecting with other Georgia pediatricians and exhibitors. Click [here](#) to see the program of live and recorded content. Click [here](#) to register.

New CPT Code Approved for Use During Pandemic - This new code, 99072, can be reported for "additional supplies, materials, and preparation time required and provided by the physician or other qualified health care professional and/or clinical staff over and above those usually included in an office visit or other service(s), when performed during a nationally declared public health emergency due to respiratory transmitted infectious disease". Click [here](#) for more information.

"Open Notes Rule" Becomes Effective Nov. 2 - This new federal rule requires patients be provided access to all the health information in their electronic medical records without charge by their healthcare provider beginning November 2, 2020. Because of Covid-19, regulators have announced a three month period of "discretion" after the initial compliance date, which would make the Rule enforceable by February 1, 2021. For more information, please click [here](#).

AAP Announces Telehealth Stipends for Rural Practices - AAP is launching a program that will provide stipends to practices serving pediatric patients and families. The stipend program will offer \$5,000 to community-based practices that serve rural areas (with an emphasis on underserved populations in those areas) and are new to telehealth implementation. Applications are due **tomorrow**, Oct. 22, 2020 by 6pm ET. For more information click [here](#).

Childhood Education Health & Wellness Summit - All Chapter members are invited to join Head Start leadership in attending the Georgia Early Childhood Education Health & Wellness Summit.

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Pediatricians are also invited to share their experiences with early education centers via a short survey that can be accessed [here](#).

Resources for Pediatricians

New Provider Relief Funding Phase 3 -- General Distribution - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a next phase of provider relief funding. It will distribute \$20 billion to pediatricians and other providers who have experienced lost revenue and increased expenses due to COVID-19. Providers can apply from October 5 to November 6. More information can be found via this [press release](#).

Resources for Parents

CDC guidance on Halloween, Holiday Gatherings & Services - The CDC has provided guidance around Halloween, and pediatric practices are encouraged to share this information with their patients and families. Click [here](#) for the guidance. If you will be attending a celebration that someone else is hosting, follow [CDC Considerations for attending an event or gathering](#). Information on religious holiday gatherings can be found under [Considerations for Communities of Faith](#).

October is Safe Sleep Month - Each year in the U.S., more than 3,700 infants, without a prior known illness or injury, die suddenly and unexpectedly from sleep-related causes such as SIDS and Accidental Suffocation and Strangulation in Bed. As of 2018, Georgia averaged three infant deaths per week due to sleep-related causes, which are mostly preventable.

Now is a great time to make sure that you and your families are up to date on the latest Safe Sleep recommendations. Refer to our [Fall newsletter](#) for an informative article by Dr. Sarah Lazarus, Chapter's Safe Sleep Co-champion. Click [here](#) for information from HealthyChildren.org.

New #FreeYourFeels Resources for Youth - *Free Your Feels* is a mental health awareness campaign encouraging Georgia's young people to explore their real feelings and share them fearlessly. Click [here](#) for more information and for links to social media resources, posters, and flyers.

Education

Webinar: How to Leverage Data from GRITS & the Value of Reminder/Recall - Offered by the Georgia Chapter in partnership with the American Cancer Society, **tomorrow**, Oct. 22, 11:30 am-12:30 pm ET. Click [here](#) for information.

Webinar: Update on E-Cigarettes New Date! - This webinar has been rescheduled to Wednesday, Oct. 28, 12:30 pm ET. It is the first in a series of three webinars offered to Georgia pediatricians on the growing epidemic of youth e-cigarette use. Sponsor: Georgia AAP. Register [here](#).

EPIC® Breastfeeding Education Series Virtual Meetings - Tomorrow, Oct. 22, 12:30-1:30 pm ET, *The Physician's Role in Eliminating Racial Disparities in Breastfeeding and Maternal/Infant Mortality*. Faculty: Terri McFadden, MD, FAAP, Past Chapter President; Kimarie Bugg, DNP, MPH, IBCLC, Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere (ROSE); and Keisha Callins, MD, MPH, Georgia OB/GYN Society Breastfeeding Medicine Committee Chair.

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EPIC® Immunization Webinars - One great program next week. Register [here](#):
--Current Topics in Adult Immunizations, Oct. 28, 12:30-1:30pm ET

Webinar: Safe Sleep: Changing a Tradition, Changing a Position - Friday, Oct. 23, 1:00-2:00 pm ET, register [here](#), and Saturday, Oct. 24, 11:00 am-12:00 pm ET, register [here](#). This webinar will focus on increasing the role of both grandparents and caregivers in keeping infants safe by highlighting "Best Practices" in safe sleep. Sponsor: Baby 1st Network.

Sincerely,

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For questions, contact Noreen Dahill at ndahill@gaaap.org. This message is also posted on the Georgia AAP listserv for our pediatric nurses and practice managers. Thank you!

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