

SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS' NEWSLETTER

April Newsletter 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Robert Saul, MD, FAAP

It is hard to believe that we are already 1/3 of the way through 2021. We need to continue to push for vaccinations for everyone! I would encourage you to ask your parents about their vaccine status and encourage them to get vaccinated, similar to what we do during the flu season. To accomplish so many things on behalf of children, we need to put COVID-19 in the rear-view mirror as much as possible.

We look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting this summer (August 5-8, 2021) in Asheville, NC! Proper distancing and other protocols will be in place. It should be a great meeting.

In this newsletter, you will see multiple opportunities to engage in many ways. In the words of AAP CEO Mark Del Monte, PEDIATRICS IS ADVOCACY. Never pass up the opportunity to speak out on behalf of children.

Don't Forget to Register!! 2021 SC Chapter of the AAP Annual Meeting August 5-8 at the Omni Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC



The South Carolina Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 5-8, 2021 at the Omni Grove Park Inn, Asheville, North Carolina.

Make plans to attend and click on the following link for specific details!! [2021 SCAAP Annual Meeting Brochure](#)

Update on the Virtual Residents Advocacy Day Held on April 16

On Friday April 16th, the SCAAP along with the Institute for Child Success held our first ever virtual Residents Advocacy Day. Pediatric residents, students and pediatricians from all over the state attended. Advocates discussed three issues that impact child health: tobacco preemption, childhood vaccinations and gun safety. We were joined by Representative Beth Bernstein, Senator Danny Verdin, and Representative Neal Collins. We partnered with the Municipal Association of South Carolina and the

American Cancer Society in the preemption discussion. We discussed the state legislative process and heard a federal legislative update from Aimee Osman from the Children's Hospital Association. Many residents were able to share their experiences caring for the children of SC with the lawmakers. Linking these personal accounts to the legislation being considered by the SC Legislature this year was a powerful way to get our message across and urge the lawmakers to #votekids. To learn more about our advocacy efforts, check out our handle on Twitter @SC_AAP and our legislative advocacy platform at www.scaap.org/advocacy.

Annie Andrews, MD, MSCR, FAAP

SCAAP Advocacy Update

We have sent 135 messages to 38 different legislators about 6 different topics found here www.scaap.org/advocacy. Many thanks to Dr. Stephanie Kwon for her advocacy work and getting this legislative advocacy platform off the ground for our chapter in the interest of child wellbeing.

Free CME Activity Developed by the Cure Sanfilippo Foundation

Free CME activity that the Cure Sanfilippo Foundation has developed. It is a 0.5 hour simple powerpoint CME activity that really has a lot of good information about Sanfilippo Disease including symptoms, diagnosis and ongoing treatment trials. Link

- <https://learning.freecme.com/views/course/catalog.jsp?search=Sanfilippo>

Asthma Device Poster

I just got the latest asthma device poster from the Allergy & Asthma Network. As it was just now revised, it should be useful for 1-2 years. I strongly encourage all caregivers to keep a copy in each room where they see patients so that they can show pictures of the specific devices they have prescribed and where the dose counters are located on each device. Below is the link to the poster.

[Respiratory Treatments 2021 Poster AAN](#)

C. Michael Bowman MD, Professor Emeritus, Medical Univ of South Carolina

Project Firstline Update

The power of collaboration to support practices and children was on full display these last few months as the SC Chapter of the AAP teamed up with QTIP to participate in Project Firstline, a combined CDC/AAP initiative to help practices focus on infection prevention and workplace safety. Ten practices across SC participated to earn MOC 4 credit and stipends. They heard presentations by Dr. Amina Ahmed, Director of Pediatric Infectious Disease at Atrium Health, Dr. Jane Kelly, SC DHEC Assistant State Epidemiologist, and Dr. Michael Foxworth, Pediatric Infectious Disease expert in Florence. The talks were accessible to anyone and were well attended. Practices also had the opportunity to do quality improvement projects and were encouraged to share information about infection prevention on social media. SC AAP is grateful to Laura Brandon, quality improvement specialist from QTIP, and Debbie Shealy for administrative support with this project.

A link to Project Firstline resources can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline/resources.html>

Martha Edwards, MD, FAAP

Become a SC STRONG Partner Today!

DHEC, the University of South Carolina, and community partners have formed a collaborative initiative, [SC STRONG](#), a COVID-19 Prevalence project, which will strengthen our state's response to the virus by investigating who has had the virus and our community's experiences during the pandemic. The project will help our state leaders and public health experts understand how our state is handling the response to COVID-19, and how we can better help individuals in our state.

Who can participate in SCSTRONG?

Unlike other public health efforts, we are randomly selecting individuals age 5 and up across the state to participate. Those selected will be mailed an invitation letter in a light blue envelope.



Why does DHEC need your help with SC STRONG ?

We need more pediatric participants! Pediatricians statewide are needed to assist DHEC in the testing of SC STRONG participants. DHEC currently has SC STRONG partnerships with federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, free medical clinics and private testing vendors, but only one pediatric practice statewide!

What are the providers' responsibilities?

Great news! We've made it easy to partner with us in this project. **DHEC will provide you with everything needed to participate free of charge!**

All you'll need to do is allow project participants to visit your site(s) *on days and hours of your choosing*, collect samples from them, mail the samples to be tested, and provide participants with their test results. More specifically,

- 1) Collect (1) a nasal or oral swab; **and** (2) finger stick.
- 2) Provide antibody (finger stick) test result to individual's guardian and place test result on 1332-M (lab requisition) Form. Properly dispose of finger stick test after reading results.
- 3) Ship the samples with the Project Specific Requisition Form (1332-M) using the pre-paid FedEx labels and shipping materials provided by DHEC to the DHEC Public Health Lab.
- 4) Log in to OpenELIS (the lab's resulting system) and obtain test results.*
- 5) Notify participants of test results.*

*If you do not have the capacity to provide resulting, DHEC may be able to assist!

How many people will participate in SC STRONG?

Over 300,000 South Carolinians age 5 and over will receive invitation letters in the month of July 2021 to participate in the project, which will run August 1 – September 15, 2021.

Your location dictates the number of project participants who may be referred to your site. For instance, areas in the state with higher population density will see more participants than those in rural areas.

Bonus – some of these individuals may be unknown to you; because of your participation in the project, however, they may wish to become a patient of yours!

How will SCSTRONG medical partners be compensated?

Providers will **NOT** file insurance nor invoice participants. **DHEC will reimburse you directly** based on the number of participants you see. All you'll need to do is email the reimbursement request form to DHEC.

How much will SC STRONG partners be reimbursed?

DHEC will reimburse you based on Medicare-determined rates listed below.

- In office new patient visit \$48.36
- Established patient visit \$34.46

For example, if a participant is unknown to your site, you can request a total reimbursement of \$48.36; if a project participant is a current patient, you will request a total reimbursement of \$34.46. Again – you do **NOT** file insurance nor invoice participants.

Will your site be listed as a general COVID-19 testing site if you participate in SC STRONG?

NO. Your location will only be provided [on the SC STRONG website](#) for the purpose of participating in the project.

What do you need to do to participate?

To become an SC STRONG partner or have any questions answered, please email SCSTRONGProviders@dhec.sc.gov, or call (803) 898-9136. Additional information on SC STRONG can also be found on the project website, <https://scstrong.sc.edu>.

Small Moments, Big Impact Free iPhone APP For New Mothers

I am writing on behalf of Dr. Barry Zuckerman, founder of Reach Out and Read, Medical Legal Partnership, & Healthy Steps, about Small Moments, Big Impact (SMBI). SMBI is a free iPhone app for new mothers and infants with the goal of promoting resilience and emotional wellbeing, especially for minority and low-income mothers. [SMBI Informational Packet](#)

Moira Szilagyi, MD, President-Elect of the AAP, said this about SMBI: “Thanks for doing this. Given all the additional stress, this is a gift for young families.” In a recent sample, 85% of mothers rated SMBI as very good or good. A Spanish version of the app is currently in the works. Please see the attached materials, including a recent article from the Colorado AAP newsletter, for further information about SMBI and feel free to contact Dr. Zuckerman (copied above) if you have questions.

The SMBI app is available in the App Store here: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/small-moments-big-impact/id1495749073>

All SMBI content is also available on our website here:

<https://smallmomentsbigimpact.com><<https://smallmomentsbigimpact.com/>>

Thank you,

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Say NO to Open Carry!

The people we love, the communities we live in will never be the same if Open Carry becomes the law in SC. We are 30 days from the end of the 2021 SC legislative session. We have 30 days to Stop Open Carry.

We have a very important opportunity to raise up the voices of the medical community to say NO to Open Carry! We updated the statement I sent out last week (to be more medically focused), and created an ONLINE statement, so YOUR contacts can sign their name themselves. If each of you can forward this widely, and recruit at least 20 people (or more...more is always better) to sign on to this statement, we can make a media splash (and perhaps schedule a press conference).

Now, all you need to do is forward this to colleagues and friends in the medical/mental health/emergency response (any corner of the field):

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/126RyyEOXf7-OAcWvODGmlt8IMU7giYSjdOPmXmcJ-54/edit>

They can quickly and easily sign their own name to the statement, so you need not do anything further. Please think of friends throughout SC, as we must spread this statewide, so we'll have a much larger impact. And please sign on to this yourselves as well.

Thanks to all of you for your help to STOP Open Carry!

Meghan Trezies

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Inflammatory Brain Disorders Conference May 13-14, 2021

I am the director of Foundation For Children With Neuroimmune Disorders and wanted to invite you and your colleagues to attend our Inflammatory Brain Disorders Conference May 13-14, 2021. The focus is pediatric patients. CME credit is available to all live attendees. A recording will be available as well. There is an excellent group of speakers from UCSF, Stanford, Columbia, and other highly regarded institutions.

The conference is being offered *free of charge* to all physicians thanks to a generous donor.

The schedule and speakers are listed below. Registration is available on our [website](#) but please be sure to scroll below the photos for free registration.

I hope you will be able to join us.

Anna Conkey

Director, The Foundation For Children With Neuroimmune Disorders

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Inflammatory Brain Disorders Conference 2021

(Virtual) May 13-14, 2021

Hosted by Foundation For Children With Neuroimmune Disorders

May 13, 2021, 10:00 am CST – 6:15 pm CST

Keynote: Sam Pleasure, MD, PhD

Glenn W. Johnson, Jr. Memorial Endowed Chair

Professor, Department of Neurology, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)

Director Neuroscience Graduate Program, UCSF

Joined by Claire Johns, MD, second year medical resident at UCSF

Neuropsychiatric Presentation in Pediatric COVID-19 Patients Associated with Anti-neural Autoantibodies

10:00 am – 11:00 am, CST

Richard Frye, MD, PhD

Chief of the Division of Neurodevelopmental Disorders at Phoenix Children's Hospital

Professor, Department of Neurology, Barrow Neurological Institute at Phoenix Children's

Professor, Pediatric Neurology, The Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine, Scottsdale, AZ

Metabolic and Mitochondrial Considerations in Neuropsychiatric Deteriorations

11:00 am – 11:45 am, CST

Jennifer Frankovich, MD

Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Rheumatology, Stanford University School of Medicine

Co-Director, Stanford Children's Immune Behavioral Health Clinic

Director, Stanford Immune Behavioral Health Research Program

Rheumatology & Psychiatry- What We Can Learn From Overlapping Conditions

11:45 am – 12:45 pm, CST

Dritan Agalliu, PhD

Associate Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology in Neurology

Columbia University

The Role of the Adaptive Immunity and Genetic Risk Factors in Vascular and Neuronal Dysfunction in Post-Infectious Autoimmune Encephalitis

12:45 pm – 1:15 pm, CST

Christopher Bartley, MD, PhD

Immunopsychiatrist in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)

Autoantibody Discovery in Psychotic Spectrum Disorders

1:15 – 2:00 pm, CST

Hrissanthi (Chris) Ikonomidou, MD, PhD

Chief, Section of Pediatric Neurology, University of Wisconsin American Family Children's Hospital

Faculty, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

A Neurologist's Perspective on PANS: Case Studies

2:00 – 2:30 pm, CST

Wei Zhao, MD, PhD

Professor and Chief, Division of Allergy and Immunology

Virginia Commonwealth University

Plasmapheresis in Treatment of PANS

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm, CST

15 minute break

James Adams, PhD

Director of the Autism/Asperger's Research Program
Arizona State University

Microbiota Transplant for Autism

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm, CST

Souhel Najjar, MD

Chair of Neurology at Lenox Hill Hospital and Staten Island University Hospital
Chair and Professor of Neurology at the Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine

The Diagnostic and Therapeutic Challenges Inherent to the Diagnosis of Neuropsychiatric Syndrome of Suspected Immune Origin

4:00 -5:00 pm, CST

Cynthia Kappahn, MD, MPH

Medical Director, Eating Disorders Program
Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Stanford
Clinical Professor, Division of Adolescent Medicine
Stanford University School of Medicine

Disordered Eating in PANS

5:00 – 5:15 pm CST

Elizabeth Mellins, MD

Professor of Pediatrics, Pediatric Rheumatologist and Molecular Immunologist
Stanford University School of Medicine

Monocyte Research in PANS

5:15 pm – 5:35 pm CST

Erin Masterson, PhD

Epidemiologist, University of Washington, School of Public Health

Preliminary Findings from the International PANS Registry Epidemiology Study

5:35 pm – 5:55 pm CST

CLOSING SPEAKER IS NOT FOR CME:

Carlos Bustamante, PhD

Professor of Biomedical Data Science, Genetics, and Biology
Stanford University

Vision for an International Research Collaboration to Study Neuroimmune Disorders

5:55 pm CST - Closing

May 14, 2021 11:00 am CST – 3:30 pm CST

Day Two: Clinical Pearls & Practical Advice in Treating Inflammatory Neuropsychiatry Diseases

Andrew Baumel, MD

Pediatrician, Framingham Pediatrics

A Pediatrician's Perspective on Treating Mild to Moderate PANS

11:00-11:20 am CST

Ruy Carrasco, MD

Rheumatology, Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO) at Presbyterian Healthcare Services

Clinical Work up and Treatment of Rheumatological Diseases That Have Psychiatric Co- Morbidities

11:20-11:50 am CST

Short break

Theresa Willett, MD, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor, Pediatrics - Immunology, Allergy Medical Director, SCH Immune Behavioral Health Clinic Stanford University School of Medicine

Clues from the Clinical Exam

12:00 pm-1:00 pm CST

Short break

Hayley Gans, MD

Clinical Professor, Pediatrics—Infectious Diseases, Stanford University School of Medicine

The Link Between Infectious Diseases and Neuroimmune Disorders

1:15-1:45 pm CST

Short break

Margo Thienemann, MD

Clinical Professor of Psychiatry
Stanford University School of Medicine

Psychiatric Medication Management in Inflammatory Psychiatric Disease With a Focus on PANS

2:00-2:30 pm CST

Cynthia Wang, MD

Pediatric Neurologist, Assistant Professor, University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center

Neuropsychiatric Symptoms in Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis

2:30-3:00 pm CST

Q&A Panel with aforementioned speakers

3:00-3:35pm CST

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