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MDAAP Executive Director's Digest – November 5, 2021

Virtual Free CME Event: "The Critical Role of Pediatric Clinicians in Achieving Best Practices in Atopic Dermatitis Assessment, Management, and Referral": Join us on **Monday, November 8, 2021**, at 6:00-7:30 p.m. ET for a webinar offering *free* CME credit. Register in advance at

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bmwFbjfWRSugkukFi0wEyw – and complete a pre-test (8 quick questions) at <https://integrityce.com/ADMDPretest>. This program will provide a case-based presentation featuring slides and interactive case studies. A question-and-answer session hosted by the faculty presenter will follow at the conclusion of the presentation. This event is provided by the MDAAP with Integrity Continuing Education, Inc., and is supported by an independent medical education grant from Sanofi Genzyme and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. See attached flyer for more information. [Attachment]

MDAAP Primary Care Town Hall Zoom Meeting – Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6-7p ET - Regarding the COVID-19 Vaccine and Kids: Please join us as representatives from the Maryland Department of Health will discuss:

- *The ordering and administering the Pfizer COVID 19 vaccine for 5-11 year-old children
- *A demonstration of the PROPS portal

Please register for this event at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5y45c0MiTzGmkSi6lwMqpw. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

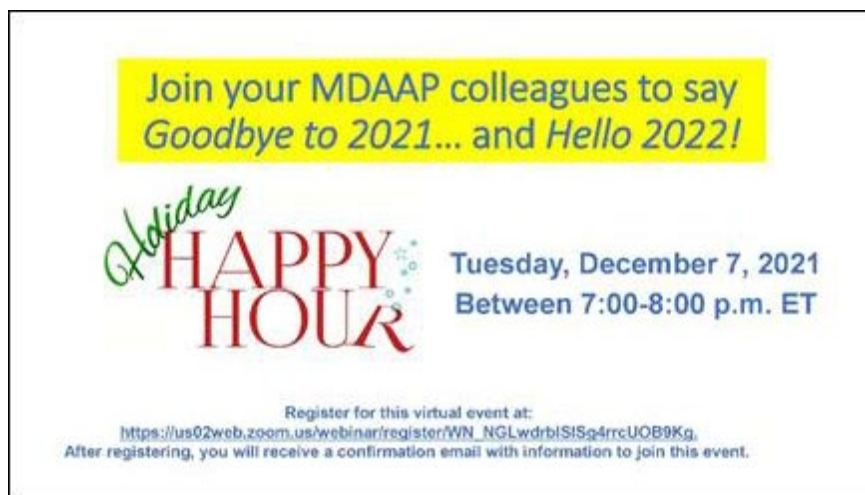
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- *Critical elements that define sex and labor trafficking.
- *Characteristics of sex and labor trafficking.
- *Common signs of human trafficking that medical providers may see in their practice.
- *Steps healthcare providers and their staff can take to learn more if a patient is showing signs that make them suspicious of a trafficking situation.

Register at <https://umaryland.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAscuqspz8rHNfdHQNIqbj->

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Virtual: MDAAP Holiday Happy Hour: Drop in when you can and join your MDAAP colleagues on **Tuesday, December 7, 2021**, at 7:00-8:00 p.m. ET – the second half of our MDAAP Chapter General Membership Zoom Meeting – for a Holiday Happy Hour to say Goodbye to 2021... and Hello 2022! Register for this event at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NGLwdrbISISg4rrcUOB9Kg. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information to join this event. *Wear your ugliest/funniest Holiday sweater or Christmas cap!*



MDH PSA Featuring MDAAP Member Natalie Spicyn! See your MDAAP colleague's COVID-19 vaccine PSA at [MDH_GoVAX_15PreRoll_Spicyn_1920x1080_v3_1.mp4 - Review Link - September 23, 2021 - Frame.io](#).

MDAAP Social Media: We have several social media accounts for you to check out:

*Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Maryland-Chapter-American-Academy-of-Pediatrics-122534764459078/>

*Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MarylandAAP>

*Follow us on Instagram: <https://instagram.com/marylandaap>

"Keep Everyone Safe During COVID-19" Posters Available: Developed by our MDAAP CDC Project Firstline Faculty Leader Susan V. Lipton, MD, MPH, FAAP, and produced from funding the MDAAP received via National AAP from the CDC's Project Firstline (<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline>), 17"x22" posters are available to help you reinforce COVID-19 safety principles with your staff and patients/families. The main goal of Project Firstline is to help every frontline health care worker gain knowledge and confidence around infection control principles and protocols. The aim is to ensure that health care workers feel they can confidently apply what they learn to protect themselves, their facility, their family, and their community from infectious disease threats, such as, but not limited to, COVID-19. Contact MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner at loretta@mdaap.org if you would like posters mailed to you. [Attachment]

MDAAP In the News

"Maryland eyes COVID vaccines at school clinics as eligibility for children approaches": See a recent article from The Baltimore Sun featuring MDAAP President Debbie Badawi – [Maryland eyes COVID vaccines at school clinics as eligibility for children approaches - Baltimore Sun](#).

"Maryland organizations working to prepare to vaccinate children": See a recent article from WBAL TV featuring MDAAP Vice President Monique Soileau-Burke – [Many Maryland parents eager to get younger children vaccinated \(wbaltv.com\)](#).

"Contextualizing COVID-19 Deaths in Children": See former MDAAP President Scott Krugman's AAP Journal blog where writes about a comprehensive study looking at which children suffer the most severe consequence of COVID-19 infection – death. ([Contextualizing COVID-19 Deaths in Children | American Academy of Pediatrics \(aappublications.org\)](#))

Governor Hogan Press Conference – November 3, 2021: See MDAAP Vice President Monique Soileau-Burke speak about the COVID-19 vaccine for 5-11 year-olds. ([COVID-19 Vaccine Update - November 3, 2021 - YouTube](#))

"Maryland Ready to Vaccinate 515,000 Children, Ages 5 to 11": See a recent article from Montgomery County Media featuring MDAAP Vice President Monique Soileau-Burke - [Maryland Ready to Vaccinate 515,000 Children, Ages 5 to 11 | Montgomery Community Media \(mymcmedia.org\)](#).

"Maryland Health Providers Can Now Offer COVID-19 Vaccines to Younger Children": See a recent article from Maryland Matters featuring MDAAP Vice President Monique Soileau-Burke – [Maryland Health Providers Can Now Offer COVID-19 Vaccines to Younger Children – Maryland Matters](#).

"As shots begin to go into young arms, Md. wants COVID-19 vaccines available at schools": See a recent article from WTOPNews featuring MDAAP Vice President Monique Soileau-Burke – [As shots begin to go into young arms, Md. wants COVID-19 vaccines available at schools | WTOP News](#).

"Pediatricians, health departments prepare to vaccinate kids 5-11": See a recent article from WMAR Baltimore featuring MDAAP Vice President Monique Soileau-Burke – [Doctors, health departments prepare to vaccinate kids 5-11 \(wmar2news.com\)](#).

"Maryland Readies to Administer COVID Vaccine to Kids Ages 5 to 11": See a recent article from The Washington Informer featuring MDAAP Vice President Monique Soileau-Burke – [Maryland Readies to Administer COVID Vaccine to Kids Ages 5 to 11 - The Washington Informer](#).

From the MDAAP Anti-Trafficking Initiative Committee

Virtual Free CME Event: "Human Trafficking Training for Healthcare Providers": The MDAAP has started a new "Anti-Trafficking Initiative" Committee lead by Co-Chairs Anjali Garg, MD, and Nick Cuneo, MD, MPH. An initial project of the Committee includes a virtual training session – "Human Trafficking Training for Healthcare Providers" – on **Saturday, November 13, 2021**, from 9a-12p ET. In partnership with the University of Maryland School of Social Work, this virtual training session offering *free* CME credits includes:

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From the MDAAP Pediatric Council

Save-The-Date – Next MDAAP Pediatric Council Zoom on **Tuesday, November 16, 2021**, at 4:00-6:00 p.m. ET. Please register in advance for this meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZElduuqrT8qE9U0PcN99rpS3TMRb-rMIh4p>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

From the MDAAP Foundation

As you're starting to do your early shopping for the holidays...please consider supporting the MDAAP Foundation. Shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1762334 and AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases --- no fees or extra costs to you.

From the MDH

MDH MDPCP "COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Guide for Primary Care Practices" (October 27, 2021): This guide is designed to assist you with identifying eligible populations for COVID-19 vaccine boosters, timing of eligibility, and how to provide eligible patients with booster doses. See this resource at [COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Guide \(maryland.gov\)](https://www.maryland.gov/COVID-19-Vaccine-Booster-Guide).

From the CDC

"COVID-19 Vaccination for Children 5-11 Years Old": The federal government is committed to ensuring children age 5 through 11 have access to COVID-19 vaccines if authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and recommended by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Any COVID-19 vaccine for children age 5 through 11 is subject to the very same multi-step testing and approval process as all other COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 vaccines – including those routinely recommended for childhood vaccination. This page shares up-to-date information and resources to aid in the planning for COVID-19 vaccination among children ages 5 to 11. ([COVID-19 Vaccination for Children 5-11 Years Old | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/advis/COVID-19-vaccination-for-children-5-11-years-old))

“Longitudinal Trends in Body Mass Index Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic Among Persons Aged 2-19 Years – United States, 2019-2020”: The COVID-19 pandemic led to school closures, disrupted routines, increased stress, and less opportunity for physical activity and proper nutrition, leading to weight gain among children and adolescents. Among a cohort of 432,302 persons aged 2–19 years, the rate of body mass index (BMI) increase approximately doubled during the pandemic compared to a prepandemic period. Persons with prepandemic overweight or obesity and younger school-aged children experienced the largest increases. Obesity prevention and management efforts during and following the COVID-19 pandemic could include health care provider screening for BMI, food security, and social determinants of health, and increased access to evidence-based pediatric weight management programs and food assistance resources. ([Longitudinal Trends in Body Mass Index Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic Among Persons Aged 2–19 Years – United States, 2018–2020 | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](#))

COVID-19 Topics

Virtual: “Caring for People with Serious Illness during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Workshop on Lessons Learned and Future Directions”: The COVID-19 pandemic has illuminated and exacerbated challenges in caring for people of all ages with serious illness. The response to many of these challenges involved rapid innovation and as such provides valuable lessons learned that will likely significantly alter the field of serious illness care in the post-pandemic era. The NASEM Roundtable on Quality Care for People with Serious Illness will host a 3-part virtual workshop to provide a neutral venue for stakeholders in serious illness care to consider the lessons learned from the pandemic in order to continually improve care for people with serious illness in the future. [Sessions will be held on:](#)

[*Monday, November 8, 2021, at 12-3p ET – “Impact of and Response to the Pandemic”](#)

[*Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 12-3p ET – “Recovery and Resilience”](#)

[*Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 1-4p ET – “Prevention and Preparedness”](#)

For more information, see [Caring for People with Serious Illness during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Workshop on Lessons Learned and Future Directions | National Academies.](#)

Recruiting Participants for NIH Study: “COVID-19 and MIS-C Long-Term Effects in Children and Young Adults”: *Please share with your patients/families.* This study is for children and young adults who have recovered from COVID-19, including MIS-C. Researchers at the National Institutes of Health want to find out if there are any lasting symptoms and side effects in patients after they have recovered from COVID-19 and MIS-C. To learn more about this study, contact: niaidpedscovid@niaid.nih.gov. Questions? Contact Karyl Barron kbarron@niaid.nih.gov, (301) 402-2208. [Attachment]

2021 Children’s Mental Health Report - “The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Children’s Mental Health: What We Know So Far”: Even before the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, mental health professionals were struggling to meet the needs of the 1 in 5 children and adolescents with a mental health or learning disorder. Then the pandemic hit, bringing an upsurge in youth reporting mental health challenges. In this report, the Child Mind

Institute examines the growing body of research on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on children's mental health, including the results of a survey of thousands of parents. ([2021 Children's Mental Health Report - Child Mind Institute](#))

"Working Less to Provide More Care: How the Pandemic Has Affected Families with Young Children": Using data from the December 2020 wave of the Well Being and Basic Needs Survey, the Urban Institute recently released an illustration of how families with young children were faring in regards to material hardship and the impact of increased child care responsibilities. ([working-less-to-provide-more-care_0.pdf \(urban.org\)](#))

MDAAP Upcoming Meetings/Events – FMI, <https://www.mdaap.org/events-meetings/> - *Mark your calendars!*

Monday, November 8, 2021

6:00-7:30 p.m. ET

MDAAP/Integrity Continuing Education Webinar: "The Critical Role of Pediatric Clinicians in

Achieving Best Practices in Atopic Dermatitis Assessment, Management, and Referral"

Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bmwFbjfWRSugkukFi0wEyw – and please complete a pre-test (8 quick questions) at <https://integrityce.com/ADMDPretest>.

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Tuesday, November 9, 2021

6:00-7:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter Primary Care Town Hall Zoom Meeting

Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5y45c0MiTzGmkSi6lwMqpw.

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

7:30-8:30 p.m. ET – *Note Time Change!*

MDAAP Chapter Child Maltreatment/Foster Care Committee Zoom Meeting

Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctcOytrzkvG9P_1At3zgj3Dfvx6tFqmGOJ.

Saturday, November 13, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP/University of Maryland School of Social Work Webinar: "Human Trafficking Training for Healthcare Providers"

Register at <https://umaryland.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAscuqspz8rHNfdHQNIqbj-5sH9Y5FBGkKW>.

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Monday, November 15, 2021

7:30-8:30 p.m. ET

MDAAP "Advocacy 101" with Pam Metz Kasemeyer, MDAAP Lobbyist Zoom Meeting

Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtd-ihrjMuGdUP5MeIk_uY_Kg0Kz8knTFC.

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

1:00-2:00 p.m.

MDAAP Teen Safe Driving Coalition Zoom Meeting

Login at [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81616987890?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81616987890?pwd=M2w5S1diZzBsN0Vhb3NMamdxc0ZSUT09)

[pwd=M2w5S1diZzBsN0Vhb3NMamdxc0ZSUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81616987890?pwd=M2w5S1diZzBsN0Vhb3NMamdxc0ZSUT09) - Meeting ID: 816 1698 7890 - Passcode: 163954

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

4:00-6:00 p.m.

MDAAP Chapter Pediatric Council Zoom Meeting

Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZElduuqrT8qE9U0PcN99rpS3TMRb-rMIh4p>.

Thursday, November 18, 2021
7:00-8:00 p.m. ET
MDAAP Chapter Board of Directors Zoom Meeting
Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrcuqqpjIjGtPY50DInDjaL_N3DC5XCFNw.

Tuesday, December 7, 2021
6:00-8:00 p.m. ET
MDAAP Chapter General Membership Zoom Meeting
Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NGLwdrbISISg4rrcUOB9Kg.
Note: During 7:00-8:00 p.m. ET, we will hold our Virtual MDAAP Holiday Happy Hour! Drop in when you can and join your MDAAP colleagues. *Wear your ugliest/funniest Holiday sweater or Christmas cap!*

Thursday, January 20, 2022
7:00-8:00 p.m. ET
MDAAP Chapter Board of Directors Zoom Meeting
Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sdOuuqjojHNTQKhCFz-GTGU5IVLWp7fZZ>.

From National AAP

Call for Innovative and Promising Practices for AAP Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program: The AAP EHDI program is now accepting applications for Innovative and Promising Practices featuring practical and innovative implementation strategies that contribute to the care of children who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH) and their families. Selected practices will be featured on the AAP EHDI web page ([Early Hearing Detection and Intervention \(aap.org\)](#)) and disseminated broadly to EHDI stakeholders, EHDI Chapter Champions and the AAP community. Complete the application at [Innovative and Promising Practices Application \(Page 1 of 3\) \(office.com\)](#) for an opportunity to share strategies from your program or practice, along with challenges and lessons learned.

Participants Sought for Spina Bifida ECHO Project: Pediatricians, pediatric specialists, and others that provide medical care to children with spina bifida are invited to participate in this series with the goal of increasing knowledge, skills and self-efficacy on effective strategies and best practices in promoting successful transitional care services and transitional care programs. The first session will be held on **Wednesday, November 10, 2021**. Find more information at [spinabifidatransitionsecho.pdf \(aap.org\)](#). Register at [AAP Spina Bifida Transitions ECHO Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#).

Nomination Call for Committee on Continuing Medical Education: The AAP Board of Directors is soliciting nominations to fill two committee member vacancies on the Committee on Continuing Medical Education (COCME) beginning January 2022. These are Board-appointed positions, and all nominations are due **Monday, November 29, 2021**. For more information about the current needs for these positions and process for submitting a nomination, please visit the Committee Member Nominations section of [Lead@AAP](#) at [Collaborate Login \(aap.org\)](#).

Pediatric Providers, Consider Joining Oral Health Project: The AAP, through a cooperative agreement with the CDC, has developed the Protect Tiny Teeth Toolkit ([Oral Health Campaign Toolkit \(aap.org\)](#)) to assist pediatric providers in addressing oral health during routine, non-urgent pediatric and prenatal visits. The AAP invites pediatric providers to participate in a 7-month quality improvement project to assess the ability to screen, counsel, and refer children to a dental home using the toolkit and a learning collaborative led by our Project Advisory Committee. Participating practices will be compensated \$4,000 and will be provided with the necessary Toolkit materials. (MOC Part 4 continuing education credit approval is pending.) Please complete the application by **Tuesday, November 30, 2021**, at [Protect Tiny Teeth Implementation Project Application Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#).

AAP Early Childhood Mental Health ECHO: Calling all pediatric primary care providers and practices, apply now to participate in an ECHO that will increase your knowledge, skills, and self-efficacy to integrate early childhood mental health care into practice. This ECHO will meet twice a month on Tuesdays from 11am-12pm Central Time. The first ECHO session will be held on **Tuesday, November 30, 2021**. For more information see [AAPEarlyChildhoodMHECHOflyer.pdf](#). To register go to [AAP Early Childhood Mental Health ECHO Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#). Questions? Contact Lisa Brock at lbrock@aap.org.

Free Online Course "Effective COVID-19 Vaccine Conversations": A new FREE online course, "Effective COVID-19 Vaccine Conversations," now is available via PediaLink. This free course aims to improve knowledge and competency among pediatricians and non-physicians to have effective COVID-19 vaccine conversations with patients and families, including the sharing of credible COVID-19 vaccination information and responding to misinformation. Register for this course at [Effective COVID-19 Vaccine Conversations - AAP](#).

New Code for Vaccine Booster Dose: On October 29, 2021, the Current Procedural Terminology Panel approved a new code for J&J's Janssen vaccine booster dose. The New code is 0034A. The product code (91303) remains the same. For more information, see the COVID-19 vaccine coding table ([COVID Vaccine Chart.jpg \(1125x1403\) \(aap.org\)](#)). Also, as a reminder, while we remain in a public health crisis for COVID-19, ICD-10-CM guidelines states "do not report code Z11.52, Encounter for screening for COVID-19. For encounters for COVID-19 testing, including preoperative testing, code as exposure to COVID-19." This means you would report Z20.822, Contact with and (suspected) exposure to COVID-19 instead. Find more information at [COVID 2020.pdf \(aap.org\)](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign Toolkit: The AAP has developed a COVID-19 toolkit ([COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign Toolkit \(aap.org\)](#)) to help pediatricians boost efforts to get children ages 12 and older vaccinated. The toolkit and other resources are part of a vaccine confidence campaign that includes national television and radio public service announcements, shareable social media content and animated science explainers.

Becoming a COVID-19 Vaccinator Video Series: View the videos in this series to find answers to common questions about administering COVID-19 vaccine in pediatric practice settings. ([Becoming a COVID-19 Vaccinator Video Series \(aap.org\)](#))

AAP Immunization Initiatives Newsletter – October 2021: This issue includes: Influenza Recommendations for 2021-2022 Season; Coadministration with COVID-19 vaccine; Upcoming Meetings & Events; and COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence Resources. ([immunization_newsletter.pdf \(aap.org\)](#))

Funding Opportunities

2021 Racial Equity Collaborative Grant (Horizon Foundation): Howard County is not immune to systemic racism. Today, improving health and wellness for *all* people in Howard County means advancing racial equity. Simply acknowledging health gaps and the role race and ethnicity play, or just making statements, won't cut it. The purpose of this strategic opportunity is to both enhance commitment to racial equity and advance racial equity issues. Four grantees will be awarded \$75,000 per year for 3 years. For more information, go to [2021 Racial Equity Collaborative Grant - Request for Proposals - Horizon Foundation \(thehorizonfoundation.org\)](#). The deadline for applications is **Sunday, November 7, 2021**.

From the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: See [Funding and Engagement Opportunities - RWJF](#) for information about:

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows:* The RWJF Health Policy Fellows program strives to build and maintain strong and diverse leadership and a workforce skilled in health policy. The application deadline is **Friday, November 12, 2021.

**Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity:*

Evidence for Action prioritizes research to evaluate specific interventions that have the potential to contribute to dismantling and counteracting the harms of structural and systemic racism and improving health, well-being, and equity outcomes. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health:* Welcomes proposals that are primed to influence health equity in the future. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Learn the Specifics of Applying for the NIH Loan Repayment Program: The deadline to apply for the NIH Loan Repayment Program ([Home Page | National Institutes of Health | Division of Loan Repayment \(nih.gov\)](#)) is **Thursday, November 18, 2021**. If you are a qualified health professional with a doctoral degree who comes from a disadvantaged background conducting clinical research and/or who has an interest in health disparities, NIMHD encourages you to apply for the 2022 application cycle. The LRP offers loan repayment awards of up to \$50,000 per year in return for a commitment to engage in NIMHD and NIH mission-relevant health disparities or clinical research in non-federal research settings for at least two years.

Educational Opportunities

Virtual: "Third Annual Conference on Management of Chronic Pain in Children and Adolescents": This will be a single day virtual conference on **Saturday, November 6, 2021**, presented by keynote speakers as well as Johns Hopkins and Kennedy Krieger faculty and staff. The conference will focus on the importance of avoiding long-term management of chronic pediatric pain with opioid medications. The conference will present state-of-the-science information on medical aspects of acute versus chronic pediatric pain, and on vital differences in recommended management and treatment of acute versus chronic pain in children and adolescents. There is a registration fee of \$50. For more information and to register, go to [Third Annual Management of Chronic Pain in Children and Adolescents - Johns Hopkins University - Continuing Education \(CE\) - 80055852 - Third Annual Management of Chronic Pain in Children and Adolescents \(cloud-cme.com\)](#).

Virtual: CDC/IDSA COVID-19 Clinician Call – “The Latest on COVID-19 Vaccination in Children Ages 5-11” on Saturday, November 6, 2021: Register at [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#) to hear about:

*Vaccination in Young Children: Recap of Recent Decisions and the Data Underlying Them

*The Pediatric Infectious Disease Perspective

*Pediatric Vaccine Implementation – *with National AAP President Lee Savio Beers as a featured speaker!*

Virtual: “Evolving Crisis Standards of Care and Ongoing Lessons from COVID-19: Legal, Ethical & Equity Considerations”: This NASEM event will be held on **Monday, November 8, 2021**, at 12:00-2:15 p.m. ET. For more information and registration details go to [Evolving Crisis Standards of Care and Lessons from COVID-19: Workshop no. 4 Tickets, Mon, Nov 8, 2021 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite.](#)

Virtual: “Joining Hands to Keep Kids Safe during COVID-19”: As eligibility for COVID-19 vaccines continues to expand, families have many questions about how to best keep their children safe and healthy at school and home. Please join the American Hospital Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children’s Hospital Association on **Monday, November 8, 2021**, at 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET as pediatricians and hospital leaders discuss how doctors can work with parents to build trust in the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines for children, and offer key strategies to protect kids and keep them in school. *This event features National AAP President Lee Savio Beers.* See more information and registration details at [Joining Hands to Keep Kids Safe during COVID-19 \(office.com\).](#)

Virtual: MHCC Innovative Care Symposium – “Innovative Models for Managing Patient Populations” CME Event: This Maryland Health Care Commission event will be held on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021**, at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET. The Symposium will include presentations from local and national experts on the evolution of quality measurement and value-based care delivery models and multi-disciplinary team approaches to managing high-risk and high-utilizer patients. Register at [Registration Form \(google.com\)](#). Questions? Contact Anene Onyeabo at anene.onyeabo@maryland.gov or 410-764-3460. [Attachment]

Virtual: “Promoting HPV Vaccination During the Era of COVID-19”: This event on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021**, at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET will present an overview and discussion highlighting the current work being done in the Greater Philadelphia region to elevate HPV vaccinations. The COVID-19 pandemic caused unprecedented disruptions in health care, including HPV vaccination. With adolescents also eligible for COVID-19 vaccines, how do health care providers continue to promote HPV vaccination while navigating the new waters of COVID-19 vaccines? To register, email rebecca.carper@cancer.org. [Attachment]

Virtual: “Covering All Children — The Path Forward” Congressional Briefing: First Focus on Children ([First Focus on Children | Making Children and Families the Priority](#)) is hosting this event on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021**, at 2:00-3:00p ET. First Focus on Children is a bipartisan advocacy organization dedicated to making children and families the priority in federal policy and budget decisions. Our organization leads a comprehensive advocacy strategy, with its hands-on experience with federal policymaking and a commitment to seeking policy solutions. While much progress has been made in health care coverage for children, there is still more to do to ensure that over 4.3 million uninsured American children have access to health insurance. COVID has taken a serious toll on the mental and physical health of our uninsured children and

children of color have been disproportionately impacted. Register at [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#). Questions? Contact Elaine Dalpiaz at [Elaine Dalpiaz | First Focus on Children](#), (202) 657-0670.

Virtual: Bloomberg American Health Summit 2021 - "Public Health Visible": This event will be held on **Wednesday, November 10, 2021**, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET. The 2021 Bloomberg American Health Summit will examine how the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed to the broader public the far-reaching and life-changing role that public health plays in our daily lives — from accessing care and delivering vaccines to expanding the availability of healthy food to developing new and equitable solutions to public safety. The schedule is available at [2021 SummitDaySchedule Nov10.pdf \(jhu.edu\)](#). Register at [2021 Bloomberg American Health Summit | Bloomberg American Health Initiative \(jhu.edu\)](#).

Virtual: "From the Classroom to the Boardroom: Addressing the Increase in School Violence": Join this event on **Wednesday, November 10, 2021**, at 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET to participate in a discussion about this dangerous trend and how communities can restore safety and return to learning. This event will explore challenges and needs that range from social-emotional and mental health to safety and supervision, and uncover opportunities for improvement, from policy and programming to positive community engagement. For more information and to register see [From the Classroom to the Boardroom: Addressing the Increase in School Violence - webinar.net](#).

Virtual: "FACTUALITY: A 90 Minute Crash Course on Structural Inequality in America": Hosted by the UMBC Maryland Early Childhood Leadership program on **Saturday, November 13, 2021**, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. ET, FACTUALITY is a facilitated dialogue, crash course, and interactive experience, that simulates structural inequality, in America. For more information see [FACTUALITY | Facilitated Dialogue Experience available online \(factualitythegame.com\)](#). Register at [Factuality: A DEI Experience \(google.com\)](#).

Virtual: "Train the Trainer - This is what Safe Firearm Storage Leadership looks like in Healthcare": Doctors for America will be hosting an intensive virtual training for those interested in becoming leaders in their own institutions around safe firearm storage and extreme risk protection orders on **Saturday, November 13, 2021**, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. ET. Up to 4 hours of CME is anticipated for partial or full attendance at this event. This event is free for DFA members, medical students, and residents; and \$25 for non-members. FMI: [Clinical Training and Advocacy Resources for Gun Safety Interventions \(drsforamerica.org\)](#).

Virtual: "State Strategies to Strengthen Infant-Toddler Care as Public Pre-k Expands": Join this event hosted by ZERO TO THREE on **Tuesday November 16, 2021**, at 2:00 p.m. ET for a discussion about how states can protect and expand infant-toddler care, ensuring that families have affordable access to a full continuum of high-quality early care and education. Register at [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#).

Virtual: "Advancing Behavioral Health Equity: CLAS Standards in Action": Presented by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the HHS Office of Minority Health, join this event on **Tuesday, November 16, 2021**, at 2:30-3:30p ET highlighting "real world" examples of behavioral health service providers using the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services. Register at [Meeting Registration - Zoom \(zoomgov.com\)](#).

Virtual: Workforce Grand Rounds Webinar Series: "Healthcare Workforce Resilience": What is healthcare resiliency and why is it so important for current and future clinicians? Join this event on **Tuesday, November 23, 2021**, at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. ET to learn about the triggers within healthcare culture, as well as strategies for fostering resilience, implementing resiliency ideas and programs, and how to get employer support. Join on the date/time for the webinar at [Launch Meeting - Zoom \(zoomgov.com\)](#).

Virtual: "TAKING AIM: Autism Identification and Management in Pediatric Primary Care": Hosted by the New Jersey Chapter AAP, join this event on **Tuesday, November 30, 2021**, at 7:00-8:30 p.m.. All are welcome and registration is free – for more information go to [Business Conference Flyer \(8.268 x 15 in\) \(njaap.org\)](#). Questions? Contact Felicia Taylor at ftaylor@njaap.org or 609-631-5185.

Virtual: "Learning Series: Advancing Equity in Maternal & Infant Health": HRSA's Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services', Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health is hosting a three-part series to define health equity, highlight disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes among disproportionately affected populations, and identify systemic issues that are contributing to these health disparities. Session 1 was held on November 2, 2021. Session 2 will be held on **Tuesday, December 7, 2021**, at 2-3 pm Central Time – and Session 3 will be held on **Tuesday, January 11, 2022**, at 2-3 pm Central Time. More information and registration information is available at [Learning Series: Advancing Equity in Maternal & Infant Health Tickets, Tue, Nov 2, 2021 at 2:00 PM | Eventbrite](#).

FYIs

Johns Hopkins Provider Survey on HPV Vaccine Hesitancy: As a provider on the frontlines of HPV vaccination, you are invited to participate in a 12–15-minute survey ([Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management](#)) regarding your opinions and attitudes towards parents who are hesitant about the HPV vaccine. Hopkins researchers are reaching out to pediatric and primary care providers in Maryland to better understand your experiences recommending the HPV vaccine. Your answers will help them develop interventions to increase HPV vaccination rates in our state. For each completed survey, they will donate \$15 to the Ronald McDonald House Charity. Hopkins researchers are also conducting 1-hour virtual interviews about your experiences with vaccine-hesitant parents. Those who are eligible and complete the virtual interview will be compensated with a \$100 gift card. This study is being led by co-Principal Investigators Dr. Anne Rositch at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Dr. Anna Beavis at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. [Attachment]

Children's Mental Health Matters! Campaign Fall Launch Virtual Meeting: Join this event on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021**, at 12-1 p.m. ET via Zoom. A child's mental health is priceless. According to a 2021 report released by Child Mind Institute on the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on children's mental health, about 70% of both children and adults reported some degree of mental discomfort, result in loneliness, irritability, or fidgetiness. Of those children, 55% felt more "sad, depressed or unhappy," versus 25% of adults. By equipping adults with resources and improved understanding, we have the opportunity to change the trajectory of children's lives. This year, join the Children's Mental Health Matters Campaign and help support children and families across Maryland! For more information and to register, go to [Children's Mental Health Matters! Campaign Virtual Fall Launch Meeting Registration, Tue, Nov 9, 2021 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#).

Nominate a colleague or mentor for a SAHM Award: Nominate a committed adolescent health professional who merits recognition. The Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine Awards Committee is accepting nominations for the following prestigious awards until **Thursday**,

November 11, 2021:

**Outstanding Achievement Award* [Outstanding Achievement Award – SAHM \(adolescenthealth.org\)](#)

**Hilary E.C. Millar Award for Innovative Approaches to Adolescent Health Care* [Hilary E.C. Millar Award for Innovative Approaches to Adolescent Health Care – SAHM](#)

**Career Development Award* [Career Development Award – SAHM \(adolescenthealth.org\)](#)

Impact of Healthcare Algorithms on Racial Disparities in Health and Healthcare:

Comments are requested by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality by **Monday, November 15, 2021**, at [Key Questions Comment Form for Impact of Healthcare Algorithms on Racial Disparities in Health and Healthcare | Effective Health Care \(EHC\) Program \(ahrq.gov\)](#). Healthcare algorithms are frequently used to guide decision making for the direct care of patients and for population management. An AHRQ project is reviewing published research on: how algorithms and algorithm-informed decision tools can introduce racial or ethnic bias into care; how the use of algorithms affect racial/ethnic disparities in access to and quality of care and health outcomes; strategies to avoid bias in algorithms; and standards for the development of equitable algorithms. AHRQ is accepting public comment on the key questions ([Impact of Healthcare Algorithms on Racial Disparities in Health and Healthcare | Effective Health Care \(EHC\) Program \(ahrq.gov\)](#)) that will inform this evidence review.

Maryland Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board: The Maryland Department of Health is currently accepting applications and nominations for physicians to serve on the Maryland Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board beginning January 2022. The DUR Board is comprised of up to twelve (12) licensed and actively practicing physicians, pharmacist and advanced practice providers with prescriptive authority in Maryland. Members are appointed by the Secretary of MDH and serve a term of three (3) years from the date of their appointment with the option to serve an additional three (3) year term. Further information concerning duties and powers of the board can be found in Volume 48 Issue 20 (September 24, 2021) of the Maryland Register at <http://www.dsd.state.md.us/MDR/mdregister.html>. All interested applicants are required to submit a formal application through the MDH's Office of Appointments and Executive Nominations application link for DUR Board at <https://mdhappointments.health.maryland.gov/BoardAppointments>. The deadline to submit applications has been extended to **Monday, November 15, 2021**. Questions? Contact Lynn Frendak at lynn.frendak@maryland.gov or 410-767-5945.

Virtual: "Provider Panels: The Credentialing Process": The Maryland Insurance Administration is hosting a virtual event on **Wednesday, December 1, 2021**, at 1:00 p.m. ET to help healthcare providers better understand the credentialing process. This webinar will review the pertinent provisions of the laws, provide an overview of the application process, explain the particular time frames that providers can expect when going through the process, prohibited and permitted reasons for denials or terminations, and the role of the Maryland Insurance Administration in this process. For more information see <https://insurance.maryland.gov/Consumer/Documents/publicnew/Provider-Panels-The-Credentialing-Process-Flyer.pdf>. Questions? Contact Joy Hatchette at joy.hatchette@maryland.gov or (410) 468-2029.

Home Visiting Regulations-Maryland Medicaid: Public Comment: The Maryland MIECHV Team is soliciting public comment on proposed Medicaid regulations that will assist with funding home visiting services for eligible families. Comments may be sent to Jason Caplan, Director, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, Maryland Department of Health, 201 West Preston Street, Room 512, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-767-6499 (TTY 800-735-225), or email to mdh.regs@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-767-6483. Comments will be accepted through **Monday, November 22, 2021**. Questions? Contact M. Claire Gregory at claire.gregory@maryland.gov or (410) 767-0657. [Attachment- MarylandRegister-Issue 22 (10-22-2021)]

BHA/MedChi Behavioral Health Webinar Series: Helping the Helpers and Those They Serve: The MDH Behavioral Health Administration BHA and MedChi are jointly sponsoring a webinar series. These webinars are for Maryland's behavioral health and medical health care workers of all disciplines, whether working in community or hospital settings. They are designed to enhance both health care worker self-care and resultantly the care they provide, as health care workers combat numerous stressors including the COVID-19 pandemic, social justice issues, and other stressors that can potentially impact delivered care. CMEs are available at no cost. Upcoming webinars are open for registration. All webinars are from 5:00-6:00 p.m. ET:

***Thursday, December 9, 2021:** Coping with the Behavioral Health Impact of the Pandemic

To register and for more information and archived recordings and slides go to [bha/medchi behavioralhealthwebinarseries \(maryland.gov\)](https://bha.medchi.org/behavioralhealthwebinarseries).

Kennedy Krieger Institute Research Study - Looking for parents and guardians of school-age children with intellectual or developmental disabilities: Please consider sharing this information with your patients/parents! The goal of this study is to learn from parents their concerns about their child with IDD returning to in-person learning during COVID-19. [Attachment]

Human Trafficking PSA Posters: Across Maryland, human trafficking often goes unnoticed. To raise awareness, public service campaigns announcements were developed to highlight critical elements of human trafficking. These infographics:

- *Hidden in Plain Sight
- *Just Down the Street

can be used help recognize the signs of sex and labor trafficking, spread awareness, and put an end to it. Developed by the University of Maryland, School of Social Work, these infographics also raise awareness of common trafficker recruitment tactics and encourages people to speak up when they suspect human trafficking using the 3 Cs: Be Compassionate, Be Cautious, and Make the Call. To obtain copies of these 11"x17" posters or to request additional resources, contact Rochon Steward, rsteward@ssw.umaryland.edu, (410) 706-6242. [Attachments]

"Helping Families Manage ADHD in Primary Care": MD BHIPP's October 8, 2021, Resilience Break discussed Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), one of the most common disorders to emerge in childhood. Parent concerns about a child's ADHD commonly present in primary care settings, and concerns regarding children's inattention and/or hyperactivity/impulsivity are a frequent source of questions to the BHIPP consultation line. The event examined strategies for in-office behavioral and psychosocial interventions for ADHD in the primary care setting. To view the full session recording, slides, and related resources go to [BHIPP Resilience Breaks \(mdbhipp.org\)](https://mdbhipp.org).

The Prenatal-to-3 System of Care in Maryland: The prenatal to age 3 (PN-3) period is the most rapid and sensitive period of development, and it sets the foundation for long-term health and wellbeing. All children deserve the opportunity to be born healthy and raised in nurturing, stimulating, stable, and secure care environments with limited exposure to adversity. Unfortunately, many children lack the opportunities they deserve, and these disparities are often influenced by state policy choices. ([Maryland - Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap 2021 \(pn3policy.org\)](https://pn3policy.org))

Pediatrician Needed – Baltimore City, Maryland (10/25/21)

Pediatrician Position available at well established Pediatric practice in Baltimore City close to County inside Hospital compound with plenty of parking spaces. Looking for a motivated Team player, Female Pediatrician who is willing to learn from others and adapt to the current changing environment of a private medical practice. Candidate should be BE/ BC, Offering Part-Time or Half-Time 30hrs per week position during first year. Decent call schedule 1 is to 4 or 5 weekends sharing with other Pediatric Practice. Competitive Salary. Clinic Hours: 8 Am to 4:30 Pm, Clinic opens Only Week days. Offering full benefits for those working 30 hrs per week including 401(k) with profit-sharing. Potential to become a partner in three years. Please send CV to Pediatrics22021@gmail.com, Attention: Chan Aung, MD., FAAP. Director of Pediatric & Adolescent Medical Practice. Phone : 443-444-5709.

Pediatrician Wanted to join Main Street Pediatrics, Towson, Maryland (10/26/21)

Main Street Pediatrics is a private Pediatric practice consisting of 12 Board Certified/Board Eligible Pediatricians in two locations- Towson and Owings Mills- in suburban Baltimore, Maryland. The Towson physicians are looking for a new Pediatrician to join them. They are a dedicated, caring group that provides excellent, compassionate care to their patients whose age range from premature infants to graduating college students. They believe in providing comprehensive care with special emphasis on the psychosocial needs of all their children and their families. Their group fosters collaboration between all members including those new to practice as well as those with over 30 years of practice. There are opportunities to teach clinical skills to Johns Hopkins University medical students as well as precepting Pediatric residents. The typical work week is 4.5 days with equal rotation of on call night and weekends (every 7th weekend). They are looking for someone who plans to continue in the area and may be interested in becoming a future partner of the group. Their website is www.mainstreetpeds.com. If interested, please contact Dr. Debbie Bittar at debbiebittar@gmail.com.

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