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Serve as the essential resource for the professional success of family physicians as leaders of the growing primary care workforce

Education
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See You in Indy!

Welcome to the summer issue of IAFP’s *FrontLine Physician*. As always, this issue offers updates important to Indiana family physicians, this time including a recap of issues related to your practice from this year’s state legislative session, an update on coding Medicare preventive visits from Joy Newby and a preview of this year’s Annual Convention at the Indianapolis Westin.

This issue also represents my last opportunity to share in *FrontLine Physician* as the president of the Academy. If you have ever considered participating more in the leadership of the organization, I can assure you that it is a very rewarding experience. Our board members, commission chairs, officers and past presidents are leaders from across the state, and, during my time as president, it has been a terrific comfort to know these people were there to support us. Our Academy staff is recognized by family medicine academies across the nation as leaders and innovators in how to best support an AAFP chapter. As it has been noted in these pages before, we are truly blessed to have the breadth of experience and insight reflected in our leaders.

This may be my last opportunity to share in this publication, but my job here is not over yet. Before handing the cromach of the president over to Dr. Schultz this July, I hope to see many of you at the Westin in downtown Indy for our Annual Convention, July 24-27. As in years past, our staff and the Commission on Education and CME have put together an exciting and relevant CME program and meeting. The business of the Academy will be reviewed and discussed at the All-Member Congress of Delegates on July 25 and 26. This year, we are happy to announce that we will be joined by AAFP President-elect Bob Wergin, MD, FFAFP, as well as author and thought-leader Peter Anderson, MD.

Finally, you and your family can enjoy Family Medicine Day at the Indianapolis Zoo on July 27. I hope your schedule will allow you to attend some or all of this year’s event.

Finally, I’d like to thank the Academy for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your president this past year. At each turn, I have been impressed with the staff and membership of our state chapter, as well as the national organization. In addition, our emerging members — students, residents and new physicians — are impressive in their own rights, with new ideas and infectious enthusiasm. I hope you enjoy this issue of *FrontLine Physician*, and as always, we want to hear from you. Feel free to email me at president@in-afp.org, or contact the IAFP office.

Welcome, New Members

Welcome and thank you to our new and transfer Active members who have joined or transferred to Indiana since May 1, 2013.

New Members
Musa Abdalla, MD, Terre Haute
Nabin Kumar Agrawal, MD, Marion
Susan Siebenmorgen Amos, MD, FFAFP, Terre Haute
Emily Ann Kapunan Andaya, MD, Indianapolis
Kimberland Sharesh Anderson, MD, Indianapolis
Anthony Christopher Arata, MD, Indianapolis
Aisha Aslam, MD, Munster
Emil A. Balasandiran, MD, FFAFP, Marion
Debra Balos, DO, Indianapolis
Christopher Adam Baltes, MD, Fort Wayne
Jessica Paige Barnhart, MD, Terre Haute
Courtney Nicole Bender, DO, Wadesville
Miranda Elizabeth Blevins, MD, Boonville
Seth A. Boddien, MD, Indianapolis
Marques LaRue Bolden, MD, Indianapolis
Scott Thomas Bormann, DO, Bargersville
Drew W. Bright, MD, Indianapolis
Mike David Buckwalter, MD, Indianapolis
Steven James Burch, DO, Westfield
Shane David Bush, MD, Valparaiso
Tyler James Callahan, DO, Indianapolis
Todd J. Capes, MD, Indianapolis
Aaron Scott Carlisle, MD, Carmel
Jessica Ann Carney, MD, South Bend
Casandra Miller Cashman, MD, Indianapolis
Maried Esther Celsik, MD, Muncie
David Lee Clayton, MD, FFAFP, South Bend
Michael John Cloud, MD, Mishawaka
Amy Lynn Corrigan, DO, South Bend
Cass R. Cortez, MD, Evansville
Richard Bryan Cox, DO, Linton
Tamera D. Crowe, MD, Louisville
Edith M. Cullen, MD, Goshen
Deborah J. Demaree, DO, Indianapolis
Manoj Kumar Dharival, MD, Indianapolis
Marcia Patricia Diaz, MD, Indianapolis
Catherine Nicole Dickinson, MD, Corydon
Brian Thomas Doyle, MD, South Bend
Annie Layne Drachenberg, MD, Valparaiso
Nicholas A. Dutro, MD, Fort Wayne
Diana Ebling, MD, Bloomington
Luke Stephen Ernstberger, MD, Muncie
Blaine W. Farley, MD, Fishers
Camra Beth Faulkner, MD, Indianapolis
Janine Michelle Fogel, MD, Indianapolis
Clayton Thomas Ford, MD, Evansville
Ryan P. Foreman, MD, South Bend
Natalie Joy Frentz, MD, Mishawaka
Janel Diane Gagnon, MD, Fort Wayne
Kristin Leigh Gerhardstein, MD, Indianapolis
Member News

Congratulations to
Dr. Richard Feldman
Richard Feldman, MD, program director at St. Francis Family Medicine Residency Program in Indianapolis, has been named the recipient of the 2014 Nikitas J. Zervanos Outstanding Program Director Award. This award is co-sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors (AFMRD).

The award recognizes Dr. Feldman’s contributions to the family medicine community and the organizations of family medicine, as well as his leadership and service as a mentor to residents, other program directors and family medicine teachers.

Dr. Feldman was recognized during the awards ceremony at the 2014 AFMRD meeting in Kansas City, Missouri. The IAFP congratulates Dr. Feldman on this achievement!

In Memoriam –
Mallik Chaganti, MD
We were shocked and saddened to hear of the death of IAFP member Mallik Chaganti, MD, of Rensselaer, and two of his young children. They were involved in a motor vehicle accident in northwest Indiana in April.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dr. Chaganti’s remaining family members and the members of his community, who will miss this popular family physician. Dr. Chaganti worked at the Clinic of Family Medicine in Rensselaer and was on the staff at Jasper County Hospital. He graduated from Andhra Medical College in India and completed his residency in Detroit.

Mark Your Calendar

IAFP Events
2014 IAFP Annual Convention
July 24-27, 2014
Indianapolis
Westin

IAFP Fall Conference
November 14-15, 2014
Indianapolis

AAFP Events
National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students
August 7-9, 2014
Kansas City, Missouri
Kansas City Convention Center

Congress of Delegates
October 20-22, 2014
Washington, D.C.
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IAFP Scientific Assembly
October 21-25, 2014
Washington, D.C.
Walter E. Washington Convention Center

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Mary Reilly, MD
Emergency Medicine

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**MC-FP SAM Study Group on Pain Management** — Easily complete the Knowledge Assessment portion of your SAM with the help of experienced faculty members.


**All-Member Congress of Delegates** — Your chance to take an active role in IAFP business and policy decisions.

**Social Events and Fellowship** — Meet old friends and make new ones as you enjoy time with other family physicians and their families.

**Family Medicine Day at the Indianapolis Zoo** — Two adults and two children can enjoy a whole day at the zoo free of charge, courtesy of your Academy — including lunch!

**Location** — The Westin Hotel is located in the heart of downtown Indianapolis. Museums, dining, shopping and entertainment options are steps away.
The Westin is located in the heart of Indianapolis’ thriving downtown area. Within walking distance of such attractions as the NCAA Hall of Champions; the Indiana State Museum; the Eiteljorg Museum; Lucas Oil Stadium; the Indianapolis Zoo; and all the unique shopping, dining and entertainment options Indy has to offer, your whole family is sure to enjoy the city this summer!

Enjoy these special social and business events

Annual President’s Banquet, Award Ceremony and Installation of Officers, Saturday, July 26. This evening is an exciting event for the whole family. An elegant dinner is held to honor our incoming and outgoing presidents. A special dinner is offered simultaneously for children. At 8:30 p.m., children may join their parents for a dessert buffet and dancing.

All-Member Congress of Delegates — The IAFP will hold its All-Member Congress of Delegates on July 25 and 26. All members are invited and encouraged to attend the Congress. Every IAFP member is a delegate and has a vote and voice at the Congress. The Academy looks forward to YOUR participation in this year’s Congress of Delegates. Come make your voice heard!

Family Medicine Day at Indianapolis Zoo — Enjoy an exciting day at this world-class zoo courtesy of your Academy! Tickets include all-day Sunday, July 27, admission to the zoo and lunch in the Zoo’s Hulman River House from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission does not include parking. The zoo is located within walking distance from the Westin Hotel. Two adult tickets and two children’s tickets are free for IAFP members.

Exhibit Show — Call on them! Visit the Exhibit Show to learn about the newest clinical advances, practice management tips, office equipment and medical services.

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Visit www.in-afp.org, and click on Events.
Thursday, July 24
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Topics will include:
• Focus on Advocacy Issues: Update on New Prescribing Rules: The Latest Developments and What You Need to Know Now
• Panel Discussion and Q&A on Prescribing
• INSPECT Update
• POST (Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment) Update
• Injectable Strategies for the PCP: Overcoming Barriers to Optimize Type 2 Diabetes Management
• Focus on Cardiovascular Disease JNC 8 Blood Pressure/ATP Cholesterol Guidelines Update and Cardiovascular Disease – Pre-Op Evaluation of Surgical Patient
• Adolescent and Adult ADD/ADHD Update

Friday, July 25
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Topics will include:
• Keeping Current With COPD Management
• Focus on Complementary & Alternative Therapies: Acupuncture, Botanical Medicine, Nutritional Medicine
• Practice Management Tips for Physicians in Private Practice (and Those Who Want to Be!)
• Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (BPPV) Update
• Practice Management Tips for Employed Physicians

Town Hall Dinner: Integrating Nurse Practitioners into Your Practice – Robert Wergin, MD, FAAFP

Saturday, July 26
9:15 a.m.-5 p.m.

Topics will include:
• Panel Discussion on the Healthcare Marketplace: What You, Your Patients Should Know – Jason Marker, MD; Julia Holloway, MBA
• CME Keynote: The Value of Primary Care Peter B. Anderson, MD, author, The Familiar Physician
• IU School of Medicine: Update, Future Plans, and the Family Physician Workforce of the Future – Anantha Shekhar, MD
• Basic Musculoskeletal Manipulation Skills – Low Back Pain Workshop – Paul Evans, DO
• Ear Problems & Emergencies – Michael Fritsch, MD
• Physician Leadership: You Don’t Have to Have a Title to Be a BLT (Believable, Likeable and Trusted) Servant Leader: The Key Bottom Lines on Effective Leadership! – Mark Towers

Three-hour Coding & Billing Breakout with Joy Newby, CPC

Sunday, July 27
7:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Topics will include:
• Focus on Dermatology Viral Exanthems Spotting & Treating Drug Rashes – Lawrence Mark, MD
• Indiana’s Medical Licensing Board: Its Operations and What to Do if Called to Appear — Worthe Holt, MD

CME CREDIT
CME Credit Application will be made to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) for a minimum of 25 Prescribed credits. Updated credit verification certificates will be included in registrant packets on site. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

LIMITED SEATS!
Register early for our SAM Study Group on Pain Management Thursday, July 24, breakout session.
1:45-5 p.m.
• Explore the topic via interactive discussions
• Complete the Knowledge Assessment portion (60 questions) of your MC-FP Part II Self-Assessment Module and the IAFP will report the answers to the ABFM for you
• Earn 12 AAFP CME credits after this session by completing an online clinical simulation.

For faculty information and a more detailed agenda, visit www.in-afp.org and click on Events. You can register online. Questions? Contact us at iafp@in-afp.org, or call 317.237.4237.

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Regulating Prescribing
Notably, efforts to make tramadol a Schedule III drug were tabled this legislative session. During legislative hearings, IAFP expressed concern with moving too aggressively on regulating pain management. IAFP indicated general support of efforts to curb prescription drug abuse but noted that scheduling tramadol may have unintended consequences and lead to the under-treatment of pain. IAFP’s message resonated with members, and this language was shelved for the rest of the session.

Several legislative attempts to schedule or make ephedrine/pseudoephedrine legend drugs were unsuccessful. IAFP testified against these efforts. But it should be noted, this issue may be a hot topic during the 2015 session.

Public Health
Two bills backed by IAFP’s Commission on Legislation will become law. Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 50 will prohibit a person less than 16 years old from using a tanning device at a tanning facility. SEA 245 will allow health care providers with prescriptive authority to prescribe auto-injectable epinephrine to a school or school district and allow certain individuals employed by the school to fill, store and administer the drug. The bill also provides civil immunity to the school employees and health care providers.

As introduced and backed by the attorney general’s office, SEA 408 would have set an inadequate clinical definition of neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) in Indiana law and would have mandated that hospitals screen and report instances of NAS without any mechanism for payment or reimbursement. During legislative discussions, providers educated legislators on the complexity of the NAS issue, and the legislation was scaled back to allow stakeholders the opportunity to review several important issues related to NAS and report to the General Assembly by November of this year. The workgroup will develop a standard clinical definition for NAS and a process for identifying NAS; identify the time and resources needed for hospitals to develop and implement NAS protocol; review existing and new data-reporting mechanisms; and identify whether payment methodologies exist, or are needed, for identifying and reporting NAS. Dr. Andy Shull is participating on the NAS workgroup on behalf of IAFP. We can expect legislation to result from the findings of this workgroup.

INSPECT Expansion
House Enrolled Act 1218 initially required all legend drugs to be reported into INSPECT by July 1, 2015. The legislation was modified and now requires the Professional Licensing Agency to study and report by October 1, 2014, on various issues relating to an INSPECT expansion. Among others, the issues include: the impact of including all legend drugs in INSPECT; an analysis of security concerns related to patient and provider privacy; and regulatory impact analysis and a fiscal impact analysis.

Health Care Delivery Reform
House Enrolled Act 1258 will require the Medical Licensing Board to establish a pilot program before August 1, 2014, for physicians to provide telehealth services to patients without an in-person patient/physician relationship. The MLB will set standards and procedures for physicians to follow when treating patients in the pilot program. IAFP has submitted an official request to the MLB seeking the opportunity to participate as a stakeholder in the discussions.

Scope of Practice
Senate Enrolled Act 233 will provide for the licensure of a new provider type — an anesthesiologist assistant (AA). In addition, this bill will provide licensure of diabetes educators and recognize certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) as advanced practice nurses. The MLB has solicited input from IAFP on the AA and diabetes educator regulations.

To read the rest of this article, please visit our website (www.in-afp.org), and click on “Advocacy.” Please note that we have password-protected certain sections of our website so that they are accessible to members only. If you have not received the login information in your IAFP Today email newsletter, please contact us at iafp@in-afp.org, or call 317.237.4237.
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This year, the IAFP’s popular Research Day took on a new format as we moved our focus on family medicine research to an afternoon-only program and offered some hot-topic CME in the morning. Over 120 IAFP members attended this event on May 8 at the Marriott North in Indianapolis.

Our morning session consisted of continuing medical education topics that had been rated Best-of-the-Best among the Indiana University School of Medicine’s Department of Family Medicine’s ongoing series of didactic topics. Presentation topics were: Abnormal Uterine Bleeding, Developmental Pediatrics in Primary Care, Hyperlipidemia Guideline Update and Hypertension Guideline Update. Presenting faculty members were Morhaf Al Achkar, MD; David Fryman, MD; Jeffrey Kons, MD; and Bonnie Wong, MBBS. The IAFP is grateful to the Department of Family Medicine for its assistance and support of this event. Thank you to Dr. Carrie Anderson of Indianapolis for moderating the morning’s CME program.

Our afternoon program consisted of the 2014 IAFP Research Day. IAFP members from across the state were invited to make 10- to 15-minute presentations and display posters detailing their original research projects and performance improvement initiatives. We also heard several case presentations about patients who have presented with unusual and/or rare diseases. A panel of judges awarded cash prizes at the end of the day. This year, we received a total of 28 abstracts from seven residency programs — up from 21 submissions last year. Thank you to Dr. Meg Wilson of Fort Wayne for moderating the afternoon’s CME program.

Congratulations to our prize winners:

**Performance Improvement Oral Presentations**

- **First Prize**
  “Some Like It Hot”: Changing The Culture in a Community Family Medicine Residency for Consistent Temperature Taking at Every Visit

- **Second Prize**
  ER Performance Improvement
  Primary Author: Daniel Miller, MD
  Co-Authors: Greg Dowling, MD; Chris Ley, MS, RN, NEA-BC; Aaron Coray, DO
  Fort Wayne Medical Education Program, Fort Wayne

**Original Research Oral Presentations**

- **First Prize**
  Use Of Nitrates With ACE Inhibitor or ARB for Prevention of Diabetic Nephropathy
  Primary Author: Joshua S. Krumenacker, MD, PhD
  Co-Authors: Shaun Grannis, MD; Morhaf Al Achkar, MD
  Indiana University Methodist Family Medicine Residency Program, Indianapolis

- **Second Prize**
  Prevalence of Iron Deficiency In Early Pregnancy
  Primary Author: Sarah Turner, MD
  Co-Authors: Jed Tompkins, DO; Ravi Raju, MD; Steve Schwieeterman, MD
  Fort Wayne Medical Education Program, Fort Wayne

**Oral Case Presentations**

- **First Prize**
  A Rare Form Of CJD Diagnosed with Recent Radiological Advances
  Primary Author: Julia Ishak, MD
  Co-Authors: Steve Schwieeterman, MD
  Fort Wayne Medical Education Program, Fort Wayne
Second Prize

Is It Myxedema Coma Or Neither Myxedema Nor Coma?
Primary Author: Alicia Almeida, MD
Co-Authors: Seema Kengeri, MBBS; Morhaf Al Achkar, MD
Indiana University Methodist Family Medicine Residency Program, Indianapolis

Poster Presentations

Latent Tuberculosis: Utilizing Prenatal Visits To Identify Women At Increased Risk Via Appropriate Screening Technique
Primary Author: Tiffany Meador, MD
Co-Author: Maurice Henein, MD
St. Vincent Family Medicine Residency Program, Indianapolis

Staphylococcus Lugdunensis Endocarditis in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: When Coagulase Negative Staph Matters
Author: Adam Amos, MD
Indiana University Ball Memorial Hospital Family Medicine Residency, Muncie

Thanks to our judges:
• Dr. Debbie Allen, Indianapolis
• Dr. Tricia Hern, Indianapolis
• Dr. Ray Nicholson, Evansville

Thanks to the IAFP’s Research Day Committee who helped plan the day.

Thanks to our exhibitors:
• American Health Network
• Franciscan St. Francis Health
• MMIC
• OurHealth
• U.S. Army Medical Department

A prize drawing was held at the end of the day for two Simon Mall gift cards. Congratulations to our winners: Jomil Villasmil, MD, and Senaka Ratnayake, MD.

Meet the New IAFP Intern

Kyle Knight

Kyle Knight is a junior studying political science and history with a business minor at Indiana University. He is interested in either studying law or becoming a teacher after finishing his undergraduate degree. Kyle has an older sister and brother-in-law, Kelly and JT Larson, and an older brother, Scott Knight, who interned last summer at the IAFP. Kyle’s dad, Dr. Clif Knight, recently accepted a job with the AAFP, and his mother is currently finishing up her time with IPS, where she is an audiologist, before moving out to Kansas City. Kyle is excited to work with the IAFP this summer and plans to help make the Annual Convention the best one yet!
Congress legislated coverage for two preventive visits for Medicare beneficiaries:

- Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE), also referred to as the Welcome to Medicare Visit
- Annual Wellness Visit
  - Initial
  - Subsequent

Even though these services have been covered for several years, physicians continue to have questions about who is eligible for a Medicare-covered visit, what services are included in the visit, who can perform the visit, etc. Given all the questions surrounding these visits, we were asked to provide information about each visit.

**Medicare Part B Eligibility**
While Medicare Part A is typically premium-free to anyone eligible for Social Security or railroad retirement benefits or anyone who would be eligible for such benefits if the worker’s quarters of coverage (QC) from government employment were regular Social Security QCs, Medicare Part B is voluntary, and a beneficiary may refuse enrollment because the beneficiary is required to pay a premium for the coverage.

Depending on the beneficiary’s circumstances, e.g., continues active employment and is covered under the employer’s group health insurance, a beneficiary may choose to delay enrollment in Medicare.

The effective dates for Parts A and B are noted on the beneficiary’s Medicare card. This information is also included on CMS Secure Net Access Portal (C-SNAP), the Wisconsin Physician Services (WPS) eligibility, patient information and claims data.

**Coverage for the IPPE and AWV**
All new Medicare beneficiaries who are within the first 12 months of their first Medicare Part B coverage period may get an IPPE. Thus, if a beneficiary enrolled in Medicare in June 2013, the Welcome Visit must be performed no later than May 31, 2014. This is a one-time benefit.

Medicare covers an AWV for beneficiaries who
- Are not in the first 12 months of their first Part B coverage period
- Have not received an IPPE or AWV within the past 12 months

At least 11 months have passed following the month in which the IPPE or the last AWV was performed and billed to Medicare.

Medicare pays for only one initial AWV per beneficiary per lifetime and pays for one subsequent AWV per year thereafter.

Members can access C-SNAP to confirm the date when the patient is eligible for their next AWV.

The IPPE is meant to be an introduction to Medicare and covered benefits. The intent of the both visits is to help Medicare beneficiaries stay well. Physicians should focus on health promotion and disease prevention and detection.

Joy’s first recommendation is to always use the term “visit.” Never refer to these preventive visits as an “examination.”

**Deductible and Coinsurance/Copayment**
Medicare waives both the co-insurance/co-payment and the Medicare Part B deductible for the IPPE and AWV. Thus, the patient has no out-of-pocket expense for these services.

**Who May Perform the Preventive Visit?**

**IPPE**
Either a physician (a doctor of medicine or osteopathy) or a qualified nonphysician practitioner (a physician assistant, a nurse practitioner or a certified clinical nurse specialist) must furnish the IPPE.

The provider performing the IPPE must be shown as the billing provider on the claim (Item 24j or its electronic equivalent). Services performed by a qualified nonphysician practitioner cannot be billed by the supervising/collaborative physician because “Incident to” rules are not applicable.

**AWV**
A health professional can perform the IPPE. For purposes of the AWV, this term includes:
- A physician (a doctor of medicine or osteopathy)
- A qualified nonphysician practitioner (a physician assistant, a nurse practitioner or a certified clinical nurse specialist)
- A medical professional (including a health educator, a registered dietitian, a nutrition professional or another licensed practitioner), or a team of such medical professionals who are working under the direct supervision of a physician (physician must be physically present in the office, but is not required to have a face-to-face encounter unless the physician is practicing in a Rural Health Clinic)

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