

Briefly Stated - March 1, 2017

Register Now!! GCT2 Monthly Webinar: Healthcare Transitions: Transitioning Youth with Special Needs to Adult Healthcare – March 22nd

The GAFP coordinates and hosts 30-minute monthly webinars on topics that foster collaboration on practice quality improvement, facilitated efforts around cardiac care, diabetes management, motivational interviewing, behavioral health, and medication adherence. These educational CME webinars offer a streamlined, comprehensive approach to services that are needed and accessible to clinicians.

This month's webinar, *Healthcare Transitions: Transitioning Youth with Special Needs to Adult Healthcare*, will be held on March 22nd at 12:30 pm with Ms. Sharifa Peart, *Program Manager, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs* at the Department of Public Health. From this webinar, you'll learn more about the importance of having a transition plan, the difference between transitioning a young adult with disabilities and a young adult with a developmental disability, and how to use a multidisciplinary health care team to develop and implement the transition plan. Please click the link to register for the March 22nd webinar. <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/rt/6353936240793489921>

The GAFP serves as a partner of the Georgia Clinical Transformation Team (GCT2), a coalition of organizations who have aligned programs and services dedicated to connecting and collaborating to lead Georgia providers in transforming healthcare using technology and quality improvement processes.

An Opportunity to Have Your Voice Heard

The AAFP has developed Member Interest Groups (MIGs) to ensure that all AAFP members have a voice in an increasingly diverse organization. MIGs support members with shared professional interests.

To join a MIG visit <http://www.aafp.org/about/member-interest-groups/mig.html>, review the list of MIGs and click "Visit the Online Community" for those MIGs that interest you.

Current MIGs

Adolescent Health: Foster collaboration, communication, and support among family physicians engaged in adolescent health.

Community Health: Forum for providers interested in the intersection of primary care and public health.

Direct Primary Care: Increase awareness of the DPC model among family physicians and advocate for members currently practicing in this model or anticipate transitioning to it.

Emergency Medicine/Urgent Care: Promote workforce policies, educational goals, and credentialing standards consistent with the AAFP policy on family physicians in emergency medicine.

Global Health: Facilitate professional development in global health and opportunities for engagement in the broader global health movement.

Hospital Medicine: Serve as a voice for family physicians that practice hospital medicine. Advocate for educational resources specific to hospital medicine.

Independent Solo/Small Group Practice: Represent the interests of members who practice in independent solo and small group practices. Advocate policies that enable independent solo and small group practices to deliver the highest quality of care while remaining financially viable.

Lifestyle Medicine: Increase networking opportunities for members who have a passion to improve health through the focus on healthy lifestyle and foster communication and dialogue on debates in nutrition, fitness and other self-care areas.

Oral Health: Increase awareness of oral health resources for members so that they might serve their patients better and improve their overall wellness.

Point-of-Care Ultrasound: Work to improve access to education and resources to help incorporate Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) into family physician's practices and advocate for related education in medical school and family medicine graduate medical education.

Reproductive Health Care: Promote evidence based reproductive health care in family medicine.

Rural Health: Grow connections among members with a distinct interest in rural health, inclusive of rural practice topics and rural medical education issues.

School Doctor: Provide peer support and serve as a resource for family physicians who work with schools.

Single Payer Health Care: Investigate the current outlook on single prayer financed health care among members. Educate members on the ability to single prayer financed health care to streamline and simplify patient care and improve family physicians' professional satisfaction by greatly decreasing administrative complexities and burdens.

Telehealth: Provide education and support for the family medicine community on the many facets of Telehealth with a view toward enriching the practice of medicine and patient care.

Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative: Serve as a resource for members interested in practice enhancement and the activities of the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI). Establish a collaborative learning and problem-solving environment focused on practice enhancement.

Interested in Starting a MIG?

Do you have an interest that you feel needs to be addressed? Think about starting a member interest group. All you need to do is complete an application (go to <http://www.aafp.org/about/member-interest-groups/mig.html>). Applications are review by the AAFP's Commission on Membership and Member Services (CMMS).

For an interest group to be considered, it must be consistent with the AAFP's definition of a MIG (i.e., a forum of AAFP active members who have shared professional interests), further the AAFP's strategic objectives, and must not duplicate groups represented by the current Board-approved member constituencies. For the full criteria visit <http://www.aafp.org/about/member-interest-groups/mig.html>.

Member Benefit – Employment Contract Review for Residents

The Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Board of Directors has established a program which allows all GAFP resident members to have their employment contracts reviewed by an attorney from Sanders Law Firm, P.C. (<http://www.southernhealthlawyers.com/>). The benefit is especially important for GAFP residents who intend to remain in Georgia upon graduation from their respective residency programs: GAFP will pay for the legal review of the contract! If the resident has made the (unfortunate) decision to leave Georgia, GAFP has negotiated a reduced rate that the resident can pay directly to Sanders Law Firm, P.C. To be eligible:

1. You must be a current member of the AAFP/GAFP.
2. You must be enrolled as a PGY3 in training at a Georgia family medicine residency program.
3. You must contact The Sanders Law Firm P.C. directly (it maintains a list of GAFP Resident members):

Phone: (404) 806-5575

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Mr. Sanders has been working with the Alabama Chapter of the AAFP for many years on a similar project and has over eighteen years of experience reviewing employment agreements between physicians and their employers.

Richard D. Sanders represents a variety of healthcare providers on a broad range of issues, including business transactions, fraud and abuse compliance (Anti-Kickback Statute and Stark), Certificate of Need (CON) issues, medical staff credentialing, Medicare reimbursement, antitrust policy, and legislative activities. He also assists providers in their relationships with federal and state regulatory agencies. After graduating from Duke University in 1992 with a double-major in political science and history, Rich earned his Juris Doctor degree from the Emory University School of Law in 1996. In 2013, Rich was rated as a "Top Rated Lawyer in HealthCare Law" and has a AV Preeminent® peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell™.

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Referring Patients to the New Diabetes Prevention Program

The 2017 Standards of Medical Care from the American Diabetes Association contains updated criteria for prediabetes screening as well as a Risk Test that can help determine if additional screening is needed. http://professional.diabetes.org/sites/professional.diabetes.org/files/media/dc_40_s1_final.pdf

You can bill for prediabetes and diabetes screening and referral activities. Billing codes can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/prevention/lifestyle-program/deliverers/billing.html>

For patients diagnosed with prediabetes, there are resources to help: National Diabetes Prevention Program (National NPP) or Alliant Quality's Everyone with Diabetes Counts (EDC) program. The

National NPP is a partnership of public and private organizations working to reduce the growing problem of prediabetes and type 2 diabetes. The partners work to make it easier for people with prediabetes to participate in evidence-based, affordable, and high-quality lifestyle change programs to reduce their risk of type 2 diabetes and improve their overall health. Currently there are 18 cities in Georgia with locations that have been recognized by the CDC for meeting the standards to provide a Diabetes Prevention Program. Some of these cities have multiple locations. To find a program in your area, click this link https://nccd.cdc.gov/DDT_DPRP/Programs.aspx

Alliant Quality's EDC program provides free evidence-based 6-week diabetes workshops in communities throughout Georgia that are facilitated by trained diabetes Peer Educators. Alliant Quality also provides free training to become certified as a diabetes Peer Educator so that the program can be embedded in the community, practice or hospital. In addition, if your practice is interested in becoming an AADE-accredited or ADA-recognized site, Alliant Quality has tools and resources to help support you along that journey. For a list of EDC diabetes classes or to review the EDC program in general, please visit our website at <http://www.alliantquality.org/content/diabetes>

What better time is there to get patients motivated and started on how to consider changes they can make to improve their health than in March? March 24th is Diabetes Alert Day – a way to help patients understand the Risk Factors for developing diabetes and for them to take the ADA's Type 2 Diabetes Risk Test. In addition, March is National Nutrition Month - a nutrition education and information campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Click this link from the Academy for tips, handouts, and tools: <http://www.eatright.org/resources/national-nutrition-month>

For further information contact Jeana Partington, MS, BSN, RN, CPHQ, CPPS ~ Task Lead, Diabetes Care at Alliant Quality, the QIN/QIO for Georgia EDC@alliantquality.org

Members in the News!

Georgia Healthy Family Alliance President, Dr. Evelyn Lewis&Clark, of Newnan has been chosen as one of the 2017 Top Blacks in Healthcare honoree. BlackDoctor.org, in partnership with The George Washington University, chose Dr. Lewis in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments and career service. Dr. Lewis' work to impact the health disparities of African Americans by offering culturally relevant solutions to preventable diseases will be celebrated amongst distinguished peers at the 4th Annual Top Blacks in Healthcare Awards Gala on April 27, 2017.

Evelyn Lewis, MD, has over 25 years of experience in the United State Navy and earned her medical degree from the University of the Health Sciences at the Chicago Medical School. She completed a two-year faculty development fellowship at Madigan Army Medical Center and Pacific Lutheran University with a Masters degree in the Social and Behavioral sciences. Dr. Lewis has been recognized for her expertise in the areas of cultural competency, health, and healthcare disparities. She is passionate about increasing patient's awareness of disease, treatment and management; increasing physicians' awareness of the special needs of minority populations; and increasing access to quality healthcare.

Dr. Lewis will be joining an elite club of dignitaries such as Dr. Regina Benjamin, 18th U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Samuel Ross, CEO of Bon Secours Baltimore, and Michael Sneed, VP Global Corporate Affairs of Johnson & Johnson.

Georgia Academy of Family Physicians (GAFP) is excited for Dr. Lewis, and appreciates her hard work with our Alliance and her work on Warrior Centric Health.
