

Briefly Stated - March 15, 2017

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

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.

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 Georgia Healthy Family Alliance Awards \$28,470 in First Cycle Community Health Grants To Support Good Works of GAFP Members

The Georgia Healthy Family Alliance (GHFA) awarded six Community Health Grant Award applicants \$28,470 in first cycle 2017 grants. Grant awards were made to GAFP member affiliated organizations that support GHFA program priorities including underserved populations and outreach programs that promote healthy practices consistent with the principles of Family Medicine. The application deadline for second cycle 2017 awards is May 14, 2017.

Visit <http://www.georgiahealthyfamilyalliance.org/grants/> for more information or to download the application. The 2017 first cycle Community Health Grant Recipients are:

"Woodson Park Academy Weekend Meal Bags" \$5000 Loretta Hicks, MD, Atlanta

Project will expand current school snack bags for weekends to provide an entire meal in addition to snack for each child. Insulated reusable lunch bags will avoid the school need to purchase brown paper lunch bags each week. This project supports the 'Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act' and former First Lady Michele Obama's initiative to eliminate childhood hunger.

Team Triumph Race For Disabled Georgians \$5000 Kristen L. Kettelhut Mercer, School of Medicine, Columbus

Project will provide physically-limited children, adults, and veterans opportunities to participate in endurance races throughout several communities in Georgia with the assistance of specialized wheelchairs and teams of able-bodied runners. Project mission is "to enhance the health and well-being of individuals with physical-limitations by fostering lasting, authentic relationships through the teamwork environment of endurance athletes."

Truth's Clinic 100 Mammograms for Women \$5000 Kevin Johnson, MD, Lawrenceville

Project will fund 100 mammograms for women who are at high risk for not receiving screening services, along with supporting the pharmacy program. Budget constraints at local hospital cut access to mobile mammography service leaving many women with no access to mammograms.

Urban Health Clinic's COPD And Asthma Project \$3500 Karla Booker, MD, Atlanta

Project will provide COPD and Asthma diagnoses, education, and care to underserved patients in the community. United Healthcare Workers (UHW) has a large percentage of patients who either have asthma or COPD. UHW will purchase a spirometer in order to perform pulmonary function tests, which are the gold standards to be able to diagnose and monitor asthma, COPD and restrictive airway diseases.

Rome Clinic's Log it, Learn it- Let's Stay Healthy \$4970 Leonard Reeves, MD, Rome

Project will provide clinic patients with chronic disease a way and means to be able to measure blood pressure and/or blood glucose at home on a consistent basis by providing them with home monitors/supplies and a log in. Doctors and nurses alike will have an opportunity to educate our patients based on the logs kept. It will provide us the ability to gather information to determine what the greatest education needs and to set up classes for patients in regards to nutrition, lab values, etc.

Physicians Care Clinic's Chronic Disease Management \$5000 Martha Crenshaw, MD, DeKalb County

Project will enhance services for the clinic's Chronic Disease and Diabetes Management Program by funding eight diabetes management classes, diabetes monitoring supplies: testing strips and glucometers to monitor blood sugar, nutrition materials to help patients improve nutrition and lose weight and exercise class passes to attend organized classes at DeKalb Medical Wellness Center.

These are only a few of the important programs your colleagues are lending their talents and time to statewide. Please consider making a contribution so that the Alliance can continue to support important projects like these. All donations are tax deductible. Make your Alliance contribution easily online at <http://www.georgiahealthyfamilyalliance.org/donate/> or contact Alliance staff at ksinkule@gafp.org or calling 800-392-3841.

Nominating Committee Seeks GAFP Board Applicants

The Nominating Committee is working to pull together a slate of candidates for the 2018 GAFP Board of Directors. GAFP leadership has a history of excelling at both the state and national levels and far outpaces other physician groups in innovative and new initiatives.

The Congress of Delegates will vote on the slate for the 2018 Board in late summer. (Residents and Medical Students will hold their own elections in the fall.)

If you are interested in becoming more active in the Georgia Academy, please consider applying. Your time commitment is 4 meetings a year (typically March, June, August and November) and being available to GAFP leaders, staff, and your district colleagues should issues emerge that require your leadership input and participation.

All Board members receive one free registration per year for either our CME Summer or Annual meeting as a token of our appreciation for your hard work.

Board members are asked to be the eyes and ears of your community and bring to the leadership issues important to family physicians from your hometown. **Please click this link, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3TR9NL7>, and respond by May 15 if you are interested in applying for the 2018 Board.**

Potential vacancies are listed below:

Officers

*President-Elect (automatically becomes President in November 2018 and Board Chair in November 2019)

*Vice President (1 year term)

*Treasurer (3 year term)

*Speaker (1 year term)

Vice Speaker (1 year term)

*Member of the Executive Committee and must be available for monthly conference calls and four face-to-face meetings in addition to attending the GAFF Board of Directors meeting.

AAFP Delegates- (must be eligible to attend AAFP Congress of Delegates)

AAFP Delegate (2 year term)

AAFP Alternate Delegate (2 year term)

Director – District 1 (3 year term) – **(Counties:** Baldwin; Bryan; Bulloch; Burke; Chatham;

Effingham; Evans; Glascock; Greene; Hancock; Jefferson; Jenkins; Johnson; Liberty; Long; McDuffie; McIntosh; Screven; Taliaferro; Warren; Washington and Wilkinson.)

Director- District 6 (3 year term) - **(Counties:** Bibb; Butts; Crawford; Houston; Jasper; Jones; Lamar; Macon; Monroe; Peach; Pike; Pulaski; Putnam; Spalding; Twiggs and Upson.)

Director – District 7 (3 year term) - **(Counties:** Bartow; Catoosa; Chattooga; Dade; Floyd;

Gordon; Murray; Polk; Walker and Whitfield.)

Alternate Director - District 3 (3 year term) - **(Counties:** Chattahoochee; Coweta; Fayette; Harris; Heard; Marion; Meriwether; Muscogee; Schley; Stewart; Talbot; Taylor; Troup and Webster.)

Alternate Director – District 6 (3 year term) - **(Counties:** Bibb; Butts; Crawford; Houston; Jasper; Jones; Lamar; Macon; Monroe; Peach; Pike; Pulaski; Putnam; Spalding; Twiggs and Upson.)

Antibiotic Stewardship

Antibiotic resistance is among the greatest public health threats today, leading to an estimated 2 million infections and 23,000 deaths per year in the United States. Although antibiotics are life-saving drugs that are critical to modern medicine, infections with pathogens resistant to first-line antibiotics can require treatment with alternative antibiotics that can be expensive and toxic. The most important modifiable risk factor for antibiotic resistance is inappropriate prescribing of antibiotics. Approximately half of outpatient antibiotic prescribing in humans might be inappropriate, including antibiotic selection, dosing, or duration, in addition to unnecessary antibiotic prescribing. At least 30 percent of outpatient antibiotic prescriptions in the United States are unnecessary.

The Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) convened to provide advice and guidance to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regarding the practice of infection control and strategies for surveillance, prevention, and control of healthcare-associated infections, and antimicrobial resistance. As a result, CDC has released the Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship to accompany the existing recommendations for hospital and long term care settings. The four areas of focus for outpatient settings are:

Commitment: Demonstrate dedication to and accountability for optimizing antibiotic prescribing and patient safety.

Action for policy and practice: Implement at least one policy or practice to improve antibiotic prescribing, assess whether it is working, and modify as needed.

Tracking and reporting: Monitor antibiotic prescribing practices and offer regular feedback to clinicians, or have clinicians assess their own antibiotic prescribing practices themselves.

Education and expertise: Provide educational resources to clinicians and patients on antibiotic prescribing, and ensure access to needed expertise on optimizing antibiotic prescribing.

Alliant GMCF received a contract from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to support the development of outpatient antibiotic stewardship programs in physician offices, urgent care centers, emergency rooms and federally qualified healthcare centers. Our focus will be to assist clinicians in ensuring that each patient receives **the right antibiotic, at the right time, at the right dose for the right duration** according to current evidence based guidelines.

Additional benefits to participation include:

1. Updated knowledge of appropriate antibiotic prescribing practices for common infections in seniors, thus lowering the overall cost of the care.

2. Available learning collaboratives, including topics, such as: appropriate antibiotic prescribing, patient engagement, antimicrobial resistance, etc.
3. Access to resources to educate patients about appropriate antibiotic usage.
4. Virtual technical assistance on workflow redesign and implementation of best practices to support appropriate antibiotic prescribing.
5. Overall cost of care will decrease, improving your value to insurers.
6. Completion of one *Improvement Activity* under the Merit Based Incentive Program (MIPS) of the Quality Payment Program (QPP)

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<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/rr/rr6506a1.htm>

http://www.alliantquality.org/sites/default/files/16_268900-a_coreelementsoutpatient_508.pdf

Save the Date for the 2017 GAFP Summer Meeting!

Save the Date for 2017 Summer CME Meeting at the Wild Dunes Resort, June 8th through the 11th.

Beat the rush and make your room reservation now! Room rates at the Wild Dunes Resort start at \$249 a night. To make your reservations, call 1-866-359-5593 reference the GAFP 2017 Summer Meeting room block or make your reservations online at the [Wild Dunes Resort](#) (GAFP room rates automatically applied).

Be on the lookout for additional meeting registration information in the coming weeks and check the [event page](#) on the GAFP Website for updates.

This year's Summer CME Meeting we will offer three ABFM Knowledge Self-Assessment Modules (KSAs), in an effort to help you fulfill the Maintenance of Certification, Part II – Self-Assessment and Lifelong Learning using the ABFM's new point system. The KSAs on Mental Health, Pain Management, and Maternity Care will be offered in a study group setting, and the GAFP staff will report your answers to the ABFM and AAFP. Each KSA is worth 8 CME credits. Take advantage of the opportunity to earn up to 35 CME credits during the Summer Meeting! We look forward to seeing you in June!

*Application for CME credit has been filed with the American Academy of Family Physicians. Determination of credit is pending.

If you have any questions about the meeting, feel free to contact Tenesha Wallace at twallace@gafp.org or 800-392-3841.

GAFP is seeking a Family Physician Who is Exemplary in Supporting Georgia's Maternal and Health Population

We are looking for YOU or a colleague to let us know about what you are doing in your community. Please email Tenesha Wallace (twallace@gafp.org) with the name of your nominee and a few sentences about what makes them unique in their support of healthy moms and children. The award will be presented at our Summer CME meeting in June. Please send us a response no later than April 20th.

The Georgia Academy, in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, is seeking nominees for members who have supported Georgia's mothers and children above and beyond the scope of family medicine. Last year's awardee was Dr. Andrea Videlsky of Marietta who has co-founded the Adult Disability Medical Home Clinic. The clinic provides resources to adults with down syndrome and their families.

2017 GAFP Student Workshop at the March Conclave



The GAFP hosted a Student Workshop for medical students around the state. On March 4, 2017 during the 2017 GAFP March Conclave, students from around Georgia gathered for a "Day in the Life of a Family Doc" lunch panel and hands-on skill training workshops led by GAFP members. Followed by a residency recruitment fair with 7 residency programs from around the state of Georgia. The students finished the day with a group dinner at Maggiano's with family physician leaders sharing with medical students their "Magic Moments of Family Medicine".

The Medical students who attended were: Dontre' Douse (Mercer School of Medicine- Savannah), Jack St. Jean (Morehouse School of Medicine), Annie Robinson (AU/UGA Partnership), Danielle Warner (PCOM), Sun Hee Shin (Medical College of GA), Alcha Strane (Morehouse School of Medicine), Macy McNair (Morehouse School of Medicine), Rebecca Kim (Medical College of GA), Kyla Mohler (Medical College of GA), Seokyeong Yee (PCOM), Carmen Collins (Medical College of GA), Tiffany Wang (Emory School of Medicine), Alayna Collier Dukes (Mercer School of Medicine-Macon), Ijeima Okoye (Medical College of GA), Tedra Thomas (Morehouse School of Medicine), Robert Even Smallwood (Medical College of GA), Eunmi Hur (Medical College of GA), Mary Rollins (Medical College of GA), Christiana Dorsey (Morehouse School of Medicine), Dominiq Okoduwa (Ross University), Carmen Thunem (Emory School of Medicine), Chivon Brown-Stubbs, and Daniel Kim.

Chapter President, Eddie Richardson, MD pictured with Medical Students and GAFP members after accepting his presidential plaque during the Medical Student Meeting.

Dr. Jackie Dubose, Dr. Jessie Lawrence and Dr. Dahl-Smith from Augusta University -Medical College of Georgia are geared up for Medical Students

Becky Owens and Dr. Theresa Kowalski represent Phoebe Family Medicine Program

Medical students, Robert Smallwood, Mary Claire Rollins, and Jack St. Jean pictured winning Amazon Gifts Cards during the Residency Recruitment Fair raffle prize

The GAFP would like to thank the following GAFP leaders & residency programs who participated: Julie Dahl-Smith, MD, Kevin Johnson, MD, Theresa Kowalski, MD, Eddie Richardson, MD, Wayne Hoffman, MD, Michelle Cooke, MD, Phoebe Residency Program, Emory School of Medicine, Columbus Family Medicine Program, Morehouse School of Medicine, Floyd Family Residency Program, Gwinnett Family Residency Program and Augusta University-Medical College of GA.

The AAFP wants to recognize residents for their leadership

Apply for the AAFP Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education

The AAFP Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education recognizes outstanding family medicine residents for leadership, civic involvement, exemplary patient care, and aptitude for and interest in family medicine. Recipients are awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and transportation with two nights of lodging to receive the honor in person at the 2017 AAFP Family Medicine Experience (FMX) in San Antonio, TX.

Be recognized for your contribution to family medicine. Deadline to apply is April 14!

Eligibility requirements:

- Current AAFP resident member (Not a member? Join today!)
- Eligible to practice family medicine in the United States
- In second year of an ACGME-accredited family medicine residency or in first year of an AOA-approved family medicine residency after completing an AOA-approved rotating general or family medicine internship

Selection criteria:

- Demonstrated leadership ability
- Community involvement/social commitment
- Exemplary patient care/interpersonal relationships

For more information about the AAFP Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education, please contact Terresa Winch at twinch@aafp.org or call (800) 274-2237, ext. 6831