



Message from the Chapter East President:

Greetings All! We continue to care for our patients under unprecedented circumstances. We know everyone is contributing to the mission of caring for children, whether that be in uniform, as a civilian, and across the gamut of care delivery. We continue to strive to provide support via educational tools and augmenting programs that you may be implementing at your facilities. We can be reached at UniformedServicesChapterEast@gmail.com if you are looking for tools that may assist you.

The upcoming National Conference and Exhibition will look different this year, but the virtual platform will allow be a source of educational and collaboration opportunities. Keep an eye out for updates regarding pricing, schedule, and platform announcements.

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This week is World Breastfeeding Week – “Support Breastfeeding for a Healthier Planet”

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We celebrate World Breastfeeding Week every year during the first week of August. It commemorates the signing of the 1990 Innocenti Declaration by government policymakers, the WHO, UNICEF, and other global organizations in order to promote, protect, and support breastfeeding worldwide. This celebration universally encourages breastfeeding and spreads awareness on how mother’s milk improves the health of women and children around the world.



World Breastfeeding Week 2020 focuses on the impact of infant feeding on the environment and climate change and the importance of promoting, protecting, and supporting breast feeding for the health of the planet and its people. Breast milk is a natural renewable food source that is environmentally safe and

produced and delivered without pollution, packaging, or waste. While sometimes a medically required food, the formula industry has a greater negative impact on the environment as it requires electricity and water for production, generates waste products, and overall leaves a larger carbon footprint during the manufacturing process.

As society recognizes the importance of conservation, promoting and supporting breastfeeding is one of the simplest ways we can contribute to a healthier planet. Investment in breastfeeding medical education, improved antenatal breastfeeding instruction, better access to screened donor milk from regulated milk banks when supplementation is needed, and increased numbers of Board Certified Lactation Consultants are just some examples of how we can all support this global effort.

Mark your calendars:

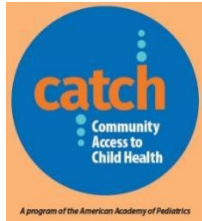
3rd Annual Childhood Cancer Summit **24 Sep 2020 (Virtual)**

The Summit will once again be hosted by the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology division of the Children’s Center of Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Murtha Cancer Center on 24 September 2020 from 0800-1200. The summit has served as a platform for highlighting the supportive efforts that cross disciplines and collectively establish patient-centered quality care, highlighting topics such as OncoFertility, Survivorship, and Transitions of Care. This year, the event will highlight Integrative Medicine in Pediatrics and Oncology. Invited subjective matter experts in wellness, nutritional medicine, palliative care, behavioral health, and therapeutic supportive services from Johns Hopkins University Children’s Center, New York Presbyterian, Georgetown University, and Walter Reed National Military Medicine, will provide insight into the most advanced practices for augmented outcomes in patient care, underscored by individual patient experiences. The conference is geared toward Pediatricians, Pediatric Subspecialists, Pediatric subspecialists, Behavioral Health Specialists, Psychosocial support providers, Palliative care experts, as well as other physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and registered nurses involved in any oncology care. This year the conference will be entirely virtual, and accessible to those across the military treatment facilities, with CME and CEU credits available. There is no charge, but advanced registration is requested. Please contact Mr. Sylvan McDowell at sylvan.a.mcdowell.ctr@mail.mil to be added to the email update list for additional information on the agenda, registration information, and web links.



Grants

1. Uniformed Services Chapter East is here to support our members interested in grant opportunities.



We are continuing to coordinate on a grant writing workshop, and plan to release the details when available. COVID-19 has impacted the normal pace of many programs and the ability to forecast specific initiatives.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please reach out to Dr. Molly Childers or Dr. Rebecca McConnell, our Chapter East Catch Grant Facilitators.

2. The Council on Children with Disabilities is offering six scholarship for pediatric trainees and / or early career physicians to attend the virtual AAP NCE (2-5 Oct). Deadline to apply is **14 Aug 2020**. Click [here](#) to apply or follow the url: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q3R8T8J>

CME



Earlier this week you received an email announcing part 2 of our summer cardiac CME. This week's session will occur on **6 Aug 2020** at 1530 EST and will be presented by LTC (Dr.) Joseph May and COL (Dr.) Michael Mulreany. See attached PDF for full details

- CME registration is optional
- Primary platform is Zoom
- eMurmur University App is also used to hear murmur examples