



Message from the Chapter East President

Hello members of Chapter East! Hoping you are all looking forward to the AAP NCE coming up and wanted reach out with some updates from national AAP and pick your brains on what is happening at your locations with our military children

Rather than send out another one-time questionnaire again, I have a link to an open [survey](#) for you to continue to make suggestions. You can also always use the Facebook page or our email. Can be a simple comment on what your “crazy-makers” are in caring for our vulnerable population, something you would like to learn more about, maybe a great program you would like to implement and want to collaborate with others or think it would be a good funding opportunity for our chapter.

We are seeking dedicated pediatricians or pediatric specialists who are interested in joining our Executive Board as well. Don't have time to dedicate to that but are passionate about a particular area of military medicine? Let us know and we can get create a group or committee to get more people in touch about that topic.

Nationally there is a lot going on, some recent updates from the last 2 weeks:

- COVID news:
 - o CDC Fall COVID Vaccine Operational Planning Guide
 - updated to include bivalent vaccines
 - o Updated health care setting infection prevention and control recommendations
- New Study on Aluminum in Vaccines and asthma
 - o Encourage you to read this yourself to be able to answer parent questions, speak to limitations of the study
 - o Does not change vaccine recommendations
- AAP return after COVID recommendations- addition of virtual follow up
- AAP presence at the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health
 - o Initiative to reduce nutrition insecurity
- AAP Adolescent Immunization Visual Guides- speaking points and infographics
- New Center of Excellence on Social Media and Youth Mental Health

Our award winners for the Young Outstanding Pediatrician will be announced at the NCE! I will be only able to join virtually, but some of our executive board will be there in person. See below for the NCE discount code.

Hope you are all well,
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Questions about EFMP and why it is so important or what needs to be included??

Upcoming CME opportunity in collaboration with central cell of the Air Force. We are also trying to include information about the new E-EFMP Army process.

Dates coming soon.

Send your questions ahead of time to our survey link so we can have the information ready.



Dr. Alden Oral History Project



AAP HQ, Itasca Illinois

The AAP Gartner Pediatric History Center houses the oral history project. As part of the project interviews are recorded and transcribed; the full collection can be accessed at [Oral Histories \(aap.org\)](https://www.aap.org/oral-histories). Over three days in July COL (ret) Tom Burklow (former Chair of WRNMMC Pediatrics), Lt Col Nitasha Garcia (Immediate Past President Chapter East), and Ms Jackie Burke (AAP Sections Manager) had the honor of interviewing Dr. Alden at AAP Headquarters in Itasca, Illinois. On the last day Mrs. Alden graciously joined the conversation. The interview was the culmination of months long work with the uniformed Services Chapters and Section. The aim of the interview was to capture highlights of Dr.

Alden's storied career. It was a unique opportunity to hear his perspectives on his upbringing in Iowa, his Army career/service as a neonatologist and his continued work after military service with the AAP, World Health Organization, and the International Pediatric Association (to name a few).

Through it all he has had the steady support of his family where they navigated many PCS's, some family tragedies, and many family triumphs. The full transcript will be available later this year. Be sure to check it out so that you can learn about his cows. 😊

Lt Col Nitasha Garcia
Immediate Past President USCE



Dr. and Mrs. Alden outside AAP HQ. This bench has an inscription honoring Dr. Alden and his work as the former AAP Chief Executive Officer.

NCE October 7-11, 2022

Anaheim, California

AAP Section on Uniformed Services Seminar **October 9**

Don't forget to sign up next week if you haven't already.
[Conference Registration – AAP Experience](#)

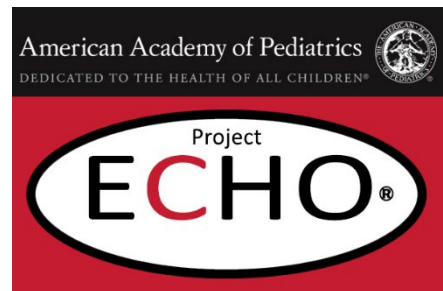


The AAP recognizes that getting approval for NCE is tough being so close to the new fiscal year. The AAP will offer the early bird pricing even though that deadline has past. When registering **use the code MIL22 for FAAPs and MAH22 for any allied health professionals** and you will get the lower price between now and the start of the conference, even if you register on-site.



AAP Resources to highlight:

1. Pediatric Dermatology Case of the Month
[Pediatric Dermatology Case of the Month \(aap.org\)](#)
2. Project ECHO: <https://www.aap.org/en/practice-management/project-echo/get-involved/> Now recruiting for:
 - a. Systems of Care for Healthy Mental Development
 - b. Rural Pediatrics: Obesity
 - c. Rural Pediatrics: Anxiety/Depression
 - d. Infection prevention and Control Quality Improvement
3. New Medical Complexity Page: [Children with Medical Complexity \(aap.org\)](#)
 - a. Care Improvement Initiatives
 - b. Practical Clinical Resources
 - c. Resources to Support Families
4. New breastfeeding policy statement
 - a. The AAP outlined its recommendations and evidence of significant health benefits to infant and mother within an updated [policy statement](#) and [technical report](#).
 - b. The updates include a recommendation to support parents who choose to breastfeed their infant to age 2 and beyond.
5. AAP Vaccination interactive Map: <https://immunizations.aap.org/>
6. Family Media Plan: #DoGoodDigital
 - a. New tool helps parents create a personalized Family Media Use Plan: [Media Plan](#)



7. CHD Awareness Toolkit:
<https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/congenital-heart-defects/congenital-heart-defects-toolkit/>
8. AAP On-Call Pediatric Podcast: available on apple podcasts, google, Spotify or
<https://www.aap.org/en/pages/podcast/>

Supporting our next generation of pediatricians

The AAP Uniformed Services East Chapter has opened up opportunities for scholarships for students interested in joining our community of military pediatricians. We are providing financial assistance to medical students interviewing for pediatric residency programs at which they have not been able to complete a military-funded Active Duty rotation. Each scholarship provides \$200 of funding to support his/her residency interview-related travel/lodging/dining expenses.

Interested medical students in this interview season can complete the application found on our website and email application to unifservcheasttreasurer@gmail.com



MOCA Updates:
Come to our website in October for highlights of MOCA changes

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Chapter East CME:

- Upcoming CME on EFMP
- Follow our website and/our Facebook page for announcements on details once they are finalized:
 - www.chaptereastpeds.com
 - <https://www.facebook.com/UniformedServicesChapterEast/>

Other AAP CME opportunities: through PediaLink and shop.aap.org

- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Education Series- free series on PediaLink, 5 modules and each worth 1 MOC Part 2 credit.
- Building Positive Parenting Skills Across Ages
- Caring for Children and Adolescents with Tourette Syndrome Online Course.
- [Innovative Strategies](#) for Improving Developmental Surveillance and Screening, MOC Part 2 credit
- More virtual and Live options: <https://shop.aap.org/professional-education/live-activities/>

Find more opportunities for CME and MOC through free opportunities brought together by the ACCME at CMEpassport.org including opportunities supported by other AAP chapters.

JOIN OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

– CATCH Grant Facilitator

- We currently have a vacancy for CATCH Grant Facilitator.
- The role of a Chapter CATCH Facilitator is to encourage and support pediatricians in Chapter East as they work with communities to ensure that all children have medical homes and access to needed health care services.



– VICE PRESIDENT

- Works closely with the President for 2 years, taking lead in CME events and filling in for presidential duties in absence of President.
- The Vice President is in charge of maintaining the Chapter's strategic plan. They will progress to serve as the next Chapter President.

– SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIR

- A new position we are building to enhance communication between members.

To apply: Must be a national member as well as a chapter member. Please send a letter of intent and copy of your CV to our Executive Director, Carolyn Famiglietti, at carolyn.famiglietti@gmail.com



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