



UVA CHILD ADVOCACY UPDATE

Pediatric Day at the General Assembly 2011!

Despite snow and ice, over 50 residents, students, pediatricians and other child advocates came together in Richmond in January and learned how to meet with their legislators on behalf of children's health! Issues included coverage for autism, physical education in public schools, maintaining Medicaid reimbursement, and many others. Participants learned directly from state policy-makers, including Commissioner of Health (and pediatrician) Dr. Karen Remley and VA Chapter AAP President Dr. William Moskowitz. VCU received the VA Chapter Award for the most (8) residents participating. Participants also met with Senator Northam (pediatric neurologist) to learn more about the legislative process and how pediatricians can impact it. The day ended with a debriefing lunch led by Dr. William Hazel, VA Secretary of Health and Human Resources.



Dr. William Hazel at lunch debriefing.



Morning briefing with policy-makers.

Trying to Understand Health Care Reform?

Check out this Youtoons, "Health Reform Hits Main Street" from the Kaiser Family Foundation. It is a fun way to get a good overview of this legislation.
<http://healthreform.kff.org/the-animation.aspx>

Check Out Our New Community Resources for Families on Our Intranet Site!

A new intranet site is now available with up-to-date information on community resources that you can use to find resources or you can print them off and give them to families when needed. As part of the PL-2 Community Pediatrics rotation, residents collect and prepare fliers so that we always have up-to-date information available to your families no matter what service you are on. Currently, there is information available on the following:

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| Autism Resources | Discount Medications |
| Dental Resources | Mental Health Resources |
| Nutrition Resources | Smoking Cessation Resources |
| Early Intervention Referral Form | |
| Care Connection for Children Referral Form | |

In Epic, simply go to "Resources," go to "Portal," go to "Children's Hospital Intranet," then go to "For Housestaff" on the left menu and choose "Primary Care Resources." If you have ideas or other information that we should share here, email Dr. Diane Pappas.

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The VA Capitol, Richmond

Pediatric General Assembly Day, January 26, 2012!

Mark your calendars now to attend the Pediatric General Assembly Day on **January 26, 2012**. This is a great way to learn hands-on state legislative advocacy skills!

Child Abuse PPT From Grand Rounds Available!

Dr. Robin Foster's presentation on child abuse is available for those who missed it at: <http://www.medicine.virginia.edu/clinical/departments/pediatrics/education/conferences>.

Caring for Newborns Conference April 29!

"Caring for Newborns in a Busy Practice" will be held in Charlottesville on April 29, 2011 at the Jordan Hall Conference Center. Go to www.cmevillage.com to register.

Funds Available for Resident Projects!

If you are in need of some seed funding to get an advocacy project started or to participate in an advocacy educational opportunity, funds may be available through the Nancy Walton Pugh Child Advocacy Fund. Email dep6b@virginia.edu for details.

If you have other child health advocacy items to share, please send them to childadvocacy@virginia.edu.

