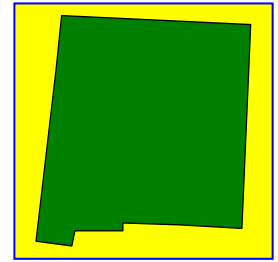


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NEW MEXICO CHAPTER FACTS.....

I already belong to the National AAP, why should I become a member of the New Mexico Chapter?

Advocacy

- Work for children and pediatricians in legislative and advocacy activities at the local level with our Legislative Advocacy Email Network.
- Increased opportunities for involvement in the legislative arena to positively influence the quality of pediatric practice and the welfare of children in New Mexico as well as promote the interests of NM pediatricians at the level of the AAP.
- Build coalitions with organizations like the NM Medical Society, Voices for Children, Envision New Mexico and the New Mexico Council on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry who all work toward improving children's health and well-being.
- Leader of the *Agenda for New Mexico's Children* - a nine-point manifesto containing actions our Governor and Legislators have been asked to act on and tackle during their tenure. These items aim to refocus state government on children and teens.

Leadership

- Opportunities to serve at the state executive/committee level and national AAP level. Participate in chapter committees to make a real difference by affecting the direction for the Pediatric Society and for children in this small state.

Networking

- Come to our educational meetings and discover what a wonderful group of pediatricians we (you) are. We all have interests in common, and our meetings are a great place to discuss and act on them.
- Participate in coalition building activities, esp. our Pediatric Council which successfully sits down with our local MCOs to address concerns in pediatric care.

Education

- Visit our website at www.nmpeds.org which has many resources about being a pediatrician in New Mexico, our projects, and opportunities to serve your community.
- Actively involved in quality improvement projects and concerns with our close ally Envision New Mexico.
- Attend one or both of our annual Continuing Medical Education programs which are designed with the New Mexico pediatrician in mind and prepare yourself for the future role of the pediatrician in the health care system and for the management of your practice to best benefit your patients and yourself.
- Receive our thorough and interesting chapter newsletter and email alerts/updates.

What has your Chapter done lately?

- We were chosen by NM Voices for Children as the *2007 Voice for Children in Health Policy* award winner.
- Our participation in the 2007 legislative session was successful with legislation such as the following being passed: 1. Child Helmet Safety Act, 2. Dee Johnson Clean Indoor Air Act, 3. Use of breast pumps in the workplace, 4. Liability coverage for retired physicians who volunteer their service, 5. Mandatory insurance coverage for HPV vaccine, 6. Rural practitioner state income tax credit, 7. Private insurance coverage for hearing aids for children, 8. Removal of GRT on hearing and vision aids, 9. Pre-K expansion, and 10. Early intervention service for children birth to three and infant mental health.
- At the end of 2006 we developed our Pediatric Council and as of August 17, 2007 we have held three Pediatric Council meetings and are in the process of finalizing both a universal prior authorization form for asthma medications and a universal prior authorization form for the administration of Synagis.
- Worked closely with many related organizations including advocates at the Washington AAP office to catalyze support from our federal legislators to vote for the full reauthorization of SCHIP.
- Held the 11th Annual Child Health Hotline with over 20 members answering questions from parents and caregivers from around New Mexico and held our biannual educational meetings in Albuquerque, Gallup and Cloudcroft designed specifically for the practicing pediatrician in New Mexico.
- We actively support the UNM Dept. of Pediatrics' *Child Health International Program*, dedicated to supporting resident physician education in international and medical service endeavors in the developing world. The NMPs has created a funding project to assist with this called the *International Child Health Resident Travel Grant Program* which aims to assist residents in pursuing these interests with small grants to help with travel expenses. The fund currently holds \$7525.

Annual Chapter Dues:

Voting Fellows	\$130	Allied Health Professionals	\$75	Residents/Medical Students	\$0
Chapter Affiliates	\$75	Candidate Fellows	\$130		

Whom do I contact?

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