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The Council of Pediatric Subspecialties advances child health through communication and collaboration within its network of pediatric subspecialties and liaison organizations.

CoPS Update- September 2019

Please distribute this update to the members in your organization.

- The CoPS Executive Committee met in Chicago for 1 ½ days last month to plan for the year ahead. In addition to planning our upcoming fall meeting, we have been working on a number of exciting initiatives. These include:
 - Workforce efforts (workforce survey development, physician scientist initiatives and the promotion of early exposure best practices, virtual pediatric workforce network)
 - Improving behavioral and mental health care for children with chronic disease
 - Discussions regarding length of fellowship training with the ABP
 - CoPS website redesign
 - Addressing pay discrepancy issues by subspecialty and gender

- The Transition Action Team wanted to call your attention to two meetings of interest to pediatric subspecialists:
 - **20th Annual Chronic Illness and Disability Conference: Transition from Pediatric to Adult-Based Care, Oct. 24-25, 2019**
 - - Transitioning Successful Models of Pediatric Complex Care into Adulthood - Eyal Cohen, M.D., M.Sc. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada

 - - Clinical pathway – Developing a standardized approach to transition across services at a large children’s hospital - Sophie Jan, M.D.

 - <https://www.texaschildrens.org/health-professionals/conferences/20th-annual-chronic-illness-and-disability-conference-transition-pediatric-adult-based-care>

 - The second meeting involves novel clinical trial design that will span the transition age group and involve pediatric subspecialties. **Introduced Novel Trial Design Aimed at Accelerating Enrollment Recruitment. Oct. 15-16, 2019, Bethesda, MD.**

- I-ACT for Children’s 1st Annual Pediatric Research Innovation Forum, Pooks Hill Marriott
 - Focus is on the inclusion of adolescents in adult clinical trials
 - This meeting will bring key stakeholders together to discuss the benefits and challenges of incorporating adolescents into adult clinical trials- and will produce recommendations for navigating the potential hurdles to advance the development of new treatments for this pediatric population.
 - The goal: To accelerate development and enhance the availability of medicines for adolescents that have been studied in- and are indicated for- this age group.

- The Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS) is pleased to announce the launch of the updated version of ***The Vaccine Handbook App***, which contains the new 8th (2019) edition of ***The Vaccine Handbook—A Practical Guide for Clinicians***. This authoritative, practical tool is available ***free of charge*** from the Apple iTunes App Store for iOS users(<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/the-vaccine-handbook-app/id1043246009>). Purchase of the print edition is not required).
 - **The Vaccine Handbook App** is a uniquely comprehensive source of up-to-date information for vaccine providers and educators. It draws together the latest vaccine science and guidance into a concise, user-friendly, practical resource for the private office, public health clinic, academic medical center, and hospital.
 - The updated version contains new recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and new developments relevant to vaccine practice. Since its launch in 2016 there have been over 21,000 downloads of **The Vaccine Handbook App**, making it one of the most widely utilized immunization resources. PIDS is able to offer the app ***free of charge*** through unrestricted educational grants from Sanofi-Pasteur and Merck & Co.

- **Reminder: The CoPS Fall meeting** will be taking place in Chicago **October 23-24, 2019**. (October 23 from 9am-5pm and October 24 from 8:30am-12noon). All Council representatives were sent a registration form; please ensure you register for the meeting. Please also be sure to book your hotel before September 27: [Reservations can be made here](#). We look forward to seeing you all there! We have an exciting agenda planned including discussions regarding pediatric subspecialty workforce, behavioral and mental health subspecialty projects and many more.

Mark your calendars! CoPS Spring Meeting: Monday, March 30, 2020 from 1-5pm preceding the APPD meeting at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina in San Diego, California.