



PROGRESS NOTES

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UPCOMING EVENTS (See pages 6-7 for details on all events)

LA AAP Advocacy Day | 6/5/2014 | Baton Rouge, La

Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series | 6/7/2014 | New Orleans, La

2014 Red Stick Pediatric Potpourri | 8/22-24/2014 | Baton Rouge, La



2014 Legislative Session

The Chapter has created a webpage (www.laaap.org/2014session) with several quick links to assist in finding the information you are looking for. There you will find a link to find your legislators, committee rosters, and bill search tools. Weekly updates from the Session will be posted in the “Advocacy & Legislation” box on the homepage (www.laaap.org)

Throughout the session, the Louisiana Chapter will keep you abreast of what is happening with bills we will be watching. You may also receive requests to reach out to your legislator when a bill is of particular interest.

Week 8 Action Summary

To see a full list of actions taken on bills being tracked by the LA AAP, go to:

<http://laaap.org/images/2014LegislativeSession/Week8Report.pdf>

This was another very busy week for both the House and Senate Health and Welfare Committees. The chapter has sent out several action alerts over the last few weeks. Thank you to everyone who took the time to reach out to the legislators on the committees. It is vital that they hear from providers. Next week will be another busy week on the healthcare front. Several bills were passed out of committees this week and will likely be heard on the full floor in their chambers. This is another point during the process to make a difference. Please read the Call to Actions that follow and take a few minutes to act.

House Health and Welfare committee action:

HB 1161, Representative Lebas’ vaccine bill, was deferred in committee and was not heard

HB 688, Representative Bishops’ enhanced primary care case management model bill, was deferred in committee and was not heard.

HB 1065, Representative Pope’s optometrist bill, was amended during the committee hearing and passed favorably out of committee. The amendments approved mirrored the amendments on the SB 568. Despite the amendments made, the physician community does not believe this bill should become law. See the Action request below.

Senate Health and Welfare Committee action:

SB 497, Senator Heitmeier’s balanced billing bill, was deferred in committee and was not heard.

SB 541, Senator Mills’ medical marijuana bill, was defeated by a vote of 6-2 after two hours of debate and testimony.

SB 600, Senator Mills’ vaccine bill, was amended and passed favorably out of committee. Thank you to Dr. Megan Gardner (LA AAP Exec. Committee Member at Large) and Dr. John Vanchiere (LA AAP Vice President) for their testimony on behalf of the LA AAP. Additional testimony was offered by Dr. Jim Taylor (Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians) and Dr. Susan Bankston (Louisiana State Medical Society).

Following testimony and debate, Sen. Mills offered an amendment to limit the vaccines to individuals ages 14 and older. Although amendment covers most pediatric vaccines, the LA AAP continues to be opposed to this bill and asks for your support to defeat the measure. See the Action Request below.

CALL TO ACTION Requests

We expect the optometry bills and vaccine bill to be heard on the chamber floor next week. Some could be heard as early as Monday or Tuesday. You need to act now!

Vaccines: SB 600 (Sen. Mills)- The Senate Health and Welfare Committee passed an amended version of the bill out of committee on Wednesday, and it could be heard by the full Senate as early as Monday. In committee, the bill was amended to only include patients over the age of 14. We are still OPPOSED to this legislation.

We need your help to remind our Senators that immunizations are medicine. And a physician, not a pharmacist, should recommend the appropriate immunizations for each patient

Your voice is critical to helping to defeat this dangerous piece of legislation. Please ask your Senator to protect your patients and vote NO on SB 600!

For more specific talking points, go to:

<http://laaap.org/images/2014LegislativeSession/TalkingPointsVaccineBills.pdf>

Optometry scope of practice: Both the House and Senate Health and Welfare Committees passed amended version of the bill. We are still OPPOSED to HB 1065 (Pope) and SB 568 (Nevers). Please contact your Senator and Representative to vote NO to these two measures.

For specific talking points, go to:

<http://laaap.org/images/2014LegislativeSession/TalkingPointOptometryBills.pdf>

Find your legislator: <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/FindMyLegislators.aspx>

Bayou Health/ Medicaid

Informational Bulletins

All bulletins: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1198/n/311>

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Happy May Birthdays

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5/2	Scott Bracey, MD, FAAP Michelle Brown, MD Erika Rabalais, MD, FAAP	5/19	Chris Leumas, MD, FAAP
5/3	Megan Gardner, MD, FAAP L'Issa Gates, MD, FAAP	5/20	Bradley Dowden, MD, FAAP Laura Rekedal, MD
5/5	Suzanne Foster, MD, FAAP Cecilia Nervez, MD, FAAP	5/21	Juan Fukuda, MD, FAAP Saima Khan
5/6	John Mata, MD, FAAP	5/22	Brent Nick, MD, FAAP
5/7	Judy Moreau, DO, FAAP Albert Richert, MD, FAAP	5/23	Meghan Howell, MD, FAAP J. Brent Prather, MD, FAAP
5/10	Karen Kern, MD Monique Vallee, MD, FAAP Alexandra Wright, MD	5/24	Amanda Talbot, MD
5/11	Stanley Bonis, MD, FAAP Jessica DeBord, MD, FAAP Giao N Do, MD, FAAP Anita Go, MD, FAAP Mitra Green, MD, FAAP	5/25	George Hescoock, MD, FAAP Stuart Landry, MD, FAAP Denise Woodall-Ruff, MD, FAAP
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5/15	Veronica Fabrizio, DO	5/30	Jamar Melton, MD, FAAP Cheynita Metoyer, MD
		5/31	Neera Chhabra, MD, FAAP Jean-Claude Comeau, MD, FAAP Pritesh Gandhi, MD, FAAP Savarra Mantzor, MD, FAAP



SUIDA Recipe - Cucumber Yogurt Dip

Cucumber-Yogurt Dip

Cool and creamy, this tangy cucumber dip flavored with garlic and packed with nine essential vitamins and minerals is the perfect complement to grilled meats and vegetables. Serve on the side with warm pita bread triangles for dipping, or also use as a condiment for fresh vegetables.

Ease: Easy

Prep time: 5 min

Cook time: 5 min

Yield: 3 servings

Ingredients:

1 cup lowfat plain yogurt
4 oz. lowfat cream cheese
1/2 cup diced, seeded cucumber
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon lemon zest

Optional garnish:

Cucumber, sliced thin
Julienne mint leaves

Directions:

Stir yogurt and cream cheese until smooth. Add remaining ingredients; stir to blend.
Serve with raw or blanched vegetables, such as carrots, celery, tomatoes or zucchini.

Nutrition Information:

Calories: 150
Total Fat: 8 g
Saturated Fat: 4 g
Cholesterol: 25 mg
Sodium: 170 mg
Calcium: 20% Daily Value
Protein: 9 g
Carbohydrates: 10 g
Dietary Fiber: 1 g



Upcoming Events

For more information and recipes visit www.southeastdairy.org
Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series | 6/7/14 | New Orleans, La

**Tulane Saturday Pediatric Series—Care of the Newborn
June 7, 2014**

Registration 9:00 am – 10:00 am
Conference 10:00 am - 1:30 pm



Presented by

**Tulane University School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics
and the Center for Continuing Education
Tulane University Health Sciences Center**

Location

**Ralph's on the Park
900 City Park Avenue
New Orleans, LA**

Topics will include:

Update on Infant Formula Choices
Screening for Critical Congenital Heart Disease in Newborns
Update on Newborn State Screening
Post-Partum Depression

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*.

Registration Fee is \$35

Online registration is open at <http://tulane.edu/cce/>

LA AAP Advocacy Day | 6/5/14 | Baton Rouge, La

Date: June 5, 2014
Time: 8:30 AM – 3:30 pm
Location: TBD
Baton Rouge, la 70802

A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

This seminar is designed to introduce participants to the legislative process and the tools necessary to successfully and effectively advocate for the specialty of pediatrics.

Topics Include:

- **2013 legislative Session Overview**
- **The Legislative Process**
- **Importance of Grassroots Involvement
And Healthcare Policy**
- **How the Pediatrician Can Make a Difference and
Be Effective When Lobbying**

Pre-registration deadline: Friday, May 30, 2014

To register, go to <http://www.laaapadvocacy2014.eventbrite.com>

A limited number of scholarships to assist with travel costs are available. Please contact Ashley Politz (ashley.politz@laaap.org or 225.379.7923) for more information.

2014 Red Stick Pediatric Potpourri | 8/22-24/14 | Baton Rouge, La

Date: August 22-24, 2014

Location: Embassy Suites (4914 Constitution Ave, Baton Rouge)



For all the details: www.laaap.org/2014potpourri

2014 Red Stick Pediatric Potpourri Is Gearing up!

The 2014 Red Stick Pediatric Potpourri has gone mobile using [Guidebook!](#)

We strongly encourage you to download our mobile guide to enhance your experience at 2014 Red Stick Pediatric Potpourri. You'll be able to plan your day with a personalized schedule and browse exhibitors, maps and general conference info.

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