



# NEWS & NOTES

**For Members of the NYS AAP**  
*A Coalition of AAP NY Chapters 1, 2 & 3*

## Greetings!

With this very first issue of News & Notes your NYS AAP continues to work to keep you informed about state and federal news relevant to pediatrics, as well as opportunities to engage in trainings, events and surveys across the state. Now that we have moved from summer to autumn, the pace of engagement in policy, advocacy, training, and professionally focused conferences and events has quickened. News & Notes will help you keep up to date with these important events and choose participation in activities that are beneficial to you, your work and the children and youth in your practice and community.



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## Child & Adolescent Psychiatry for Primary Care (CAP PC): Overview & Event Updates

### *Overview:*

CAP PC is New York State's response to meet the public health need of its children and families with mental health needs. Primary Care Physicians can call our toll free number 1-855-227-7272 and connect with a child and adolescent psychiatrist for phone consultation support 5 days a week (excluding holidays) from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

### *Event Updates:*

Peter Jensen and the REACH Foundation have partnered with the Institute for Health Communication to produce an educational program on communication skills for child health care professionals on Saturday, November 7th from 8 am - 5 pm in Buffalo, NY. [More Information Here](#). This promises to be a very exciting, hands on program (similar to the REACH Mini-Fellowship that many of you have done). There is nothing like it out there! So come to Buffalo and partake in this one.

The following weekend, on November 14th, the Tourette's Association, New York Centers of Excellence Consortium, and Weill Cornell Medical College will be presenting [Tourette's and Tic Disorders for Clinicians in Ithaca](#). This is a free CME program with world experts on Tourette's!

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## **Webinar: "HPV and the HPV Vaccine in Adolescents"**

NYPATH (New York Promoting and Advancing Teen Health), Physicians for Reproductive Health and the New York City STD Prevention Training Center are pleased to announce an upcoming webinar entitled: "HPV and the HPV Vaccine in Adolescents". The webinar is designed for clinicians who provide healthcare services to adolescents and young adults.

*Date:* Wednesday, November 18, 2015

*Time:* 12:00-1:00 PM EST

*Speaker:* Allison Eliscu, MD, FAAP  
Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics,  
Division Chief of Adolescent Medicine  
Stony Brook Children's Hospital  
Stony Brook, New York

*Registration Required;* to register:

<https://prh.adobeconnect.com/hpvandadolescents/event/registration.html>

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## **New Yorkers Against Gun Violence (NYAGV) Statement on Walmart Decision to No Longer Sell Military Weapons**

Walmart's decision to stop selling military AR-15 firearms that are at the heart of a shareholder lawsuit by Trinity Church is a clear indication that economic pressure to influence the gun industry is effective. The decision is an acknowledgement that military purposed firearms, designed to kill quickly and efficiently on the battlefield, have no legitimate sporting function and do not belong in America's schools, malls, churches or movie theaters. This is an encouraging first step.

[Read More](#)

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## MSSNY EHR Survey

As government increasingly seeks to condition physician payments on the achievement of hard to define cost efficiency and quality targets, it has decreed meaningful use of electronic health records an essential component of demonstrating quality care. While this technology holds great promise to enhance care delivery, many physicians across New York and across the country have identified numerous obstacles to successfully incorporating EHR technology into their practice workflow, sometimes interfering with the delivery of patient care.

MSSNY's HIT Committee has prepared a survey to elicit your thoughts on how EHR functionality could be improved including identifying areas on which additional educational programs would provide meaningful value for practicing physicians.

Please take a couple of minutes to provide your insight on these very important topics.

[Click Here](#) to take the Survey.

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## Increasing Access to Care for Children and Youth with Epilepsy in New York

Maimonides Medical Center (MMC), in collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics, is implementing a program aimed at increasing access to care for children and youth with epilepsy in New York. The program will utilize Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes), a model of health care delivery and education, by linking expert specialist teams at the academic 'hub' (MMC) with primary care clinicians in local communities. Together, they participate in 13 virtual sessions (1 hour each) over the course of 26 weeks. These clinics operate similarly to virtual grand rounds and combine mentoring, didactics, and patient case presentations. CME is provided.

This is an excellent learning opportunity for local healthcare providers, where you can build your knowledge and skills in treating children and youth with epilepsy. [Click Here](#) for the Invitation Letter. If, after reviewing the letter, you would like additional information, or if you wish to attend the MMC TeleECHO clinics when the project is launched, contact Ruby Reynolds at 718-283-8668.