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## Great Lectures By An Outstanding Faculty Set for October 8-9 CAFP Scientific Symposium



*Dr. Diana Heiman*

Everything CAFP members need in Continuing Medical Education will be available to them during the 2014 CAFP Scientific Symposium on October 8-9 at the

Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT. The program will open with a keynote address by Dr. Kert Sabbath, a medical oncology and hematology physician from Waterbury, speaking on new anticoagulation recommendations and will conclude on Thursday with the Kathleen McShane Memorial Lecture

entitled “Hindsight is 20/20.” The McShane Memorial Lecture will be presented by Dr. Karen Santucci, the medical director and section chief of pediatric emergency medicine at the Yale/New Haven Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Diana Heiman, a former member of the CAFP and now associate professor and program director of the Johnson City Family Medicine Residency at East Tennessee State University, will speak on pre-participation exams. Kathleen Mueller, M.D., a past president of the Academy and medical director of the Center for Integrative Medicine at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, will speak on Vitamin D.

At 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, the first day of the Symposium, a four-person panel will discuss medical marijuana. The panel will include: Geri-Ann Bradley, RPh, dispensary owner of The Healing Corner; John Gadea, RPh, director of the Connecticut Department of Drug Control; Jonathan Kost, M.D., founder and medical director of the Hartford Hospital Pain Treatment Center; and Andrew Selinger, M.D., chairman of the Department of Family Medicine and clinical associate professor at the Frank Netter School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University. On Thursday morning, Dr. Wanda Filer, a member of the

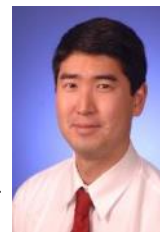
## Representing CAFP Members at Conferences Throughout the Year *By Edmund Kim, M.D., President*

Since last October I have had several wonderful opportunities to participate in various conferences as your president. This includes the Ten State Conference, the Family Medicine Congressional Conference, and the Annual Leadership Forum, all of which are annual conferences that focus on leadership development and issues affecting students, residents, and practicing physicians.

I think the most eye-opening conference was the Family Medicine Congressional Conference in Washington, D.C. where we were taught effective strategies on how to communicate with politicians and then met with our Congressional Representatives and/or their staff. While this process is interesting and challenging in itself, it remains as the process we have to work with to drive change. And while

so many physicians express frustrations with the current state of medicine, we must also be cognizant of how things are achieved in the world of politics so that we can be effective. I encourage all of our members to try to participate in a future Congressional Conference as a way to better understand the process by seeing it firsthand.

My more recent participation has been with the Connecticut State Innovation Model (SIM) grant as part of its Practice Transformation Taskforce. This grant aims to provide improved access to quality healthcare in advanced medical homes utilizing population management for



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## AAFP President Writes to the Wall Street Journal

*Editor's Note: AAFP president, Reid Blackwelder, M.D., has submitted the following letter to the editor to the Wall Street Journal on behalf of the Academy.*

Editor  
The Wall Street Journal

Your article, "The Challenges After Surviving a Childhood Disease" (Life & Culture, Aug. 12) attempts to tackle an important, and all too-common issue in our health care system: fragmentation of care.

Surprisingly, it offers up limited solutions to this issue. The most obvious and well-recognized solution is never mentioned: an ongoing relationship with a family physician.

In the increasingly fragmented world of health care, family physicians treat the whole person, over the entire life span. Specifically in response to this article, we care for newborns, infants, children and adolescents. Our pediatric patients experience a smooth, seamless care transition from childhood to adulthood, and from adulthood to advanced age. Unlike other specialties that are limited to a particular age group, organ, or disease, we integrate care for the entire family, at every age.

We do all of this in the context of the patient-centered medical home, which moves away from the flawed, decades-old model of episodic and fragmented care in favor of a proven system that provides comprehensive, coordinated primary care for individuals, families, and communities. Patients have an ongoing, active partnership with a personal primary care physician who leads a team of health professionals dedicated to providing proactive, preventive, and chronic care management. This ongoing, personal patient-physician relationship is the cornerstone of family medicine.

Patients all over the United States appreciate this level of comprehensive care. Approximately one in four of all office visits are made to family physicians. That is 214 million office visits each year - nearly 74 million more than the next largest medical specialty. The article attempts to raise an important issue, but ultimately does a disservice to readers by omitting the clear solution to the fragmented health care system: the family physician.

*Reid Blackwelder, MD*  
President  
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### New CAFP Members Welcome:

Sharmila Chatterjee, M.D.  
*East Haven, CT*

Thao Doran, D.O.  
*Storrs, CT*

Suzanne Tingley, M.D.  
*Groton, CT*

John Wilson, M.D.  
*New Haven, CT*



The AAFP Washington Tar Wars Awards Conference was according to Connecticut's winner, Matthew Embrey, "amazing." Matthew's poster, which won special recognition, was highlighted by the phrase "Be a Smart Cookie...Be Tobacco Free." He is pictured above with US Senator Richard Blumenthal and members of the Embrey Family. He also visited with US Senator Chris Murphy and met with Daniel Most, legislative assistant for Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty.

### Social Media & CAFP!

Join the Social Media Craze with CAFP! CAFP is on Facebook and Twitter!  
Like us on Facebook by searching for Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians.

Follow us on Twitter @CTAFPDOC.

CAFP looks forward to increasing communications with our members through social media.



## Year of Conferences (continued from page 1)

80% of Connecticut's population within 5 years. While many of the details still need to be developed, I submitted a letter on behalf of the CAFP, with the Board's approval, in support of the concepts behind the grant. For more information regarding the SIM grant, please visit <http://healthreform.ct.gov>.

Lastly, I was honored by my graduating UCONN residents as this year's recipient of the David D. Schmidt Award, which is presented to the faculty member who promotes the highest ideals of Family Medicine. To me, this is truly a special award that makes me so proud to be a teaching physician, especially since eleven years ago I had no

thoughts about teaching. It has been so rewarding teaching today's students and residents to be tomorrow's physicians. So for those of you who have students or residents coming to your practices, I applaud you. For those of you who have thought about it but haven't started teaching yet, I would strongly encourage you to start as it can be so wonderfully energizing to you and your practice.

Finally, our Scientific Symposium is October 8 and 9. An absolutely fabulous educational program with top flight speakers will be offered. I cannot urge you too strongly to set aside time to attend. I hope to see you there.

## CCADV Seeks CAFP Representative

The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) is looking for a representative from the Academy to serve on its new advisory group. The CCADV staff will coordinate the group's work.

The committee will meet quarterly, and at least two of the four quarterly meetings will be conducted via conference call and members will serve a term of two years. Committee members should also be available at other times to respond to specific questions when it involves their area of expertise.

The purpose of the advisory group will be to:

- Provide leadership and guidance for healthcare providers regarding policy and practice recommendations for responding to intimate partner violence in various healthcare settings

- Assist in creating mutually beneficial partnerships between healthcare systems, providers, and CCADV member organizations

- Review findings of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee and the Child Fatality Review Panel to identify opportunities to implement recommendations included in their reports

The Healthcare Advisory Group will consist of up to fifteen members.

To learn more or express interest in joining the committee, contact Marie Kenney, Healthcare & Member Program Services Coordinator at CCADV, at 860-282-7899; or Mark Schuman, Academy Executive Vice President, at 860-243-3977.

## Great Lectures at Scientific Symposium (continued from page 1)

AAFP Board of Directors and founder and president of the Strategic Health Institute in York, PA, will discuss "Recognizing the Impact of Child Sexual Assault Across the Lifespan."

According to Drs. Sandra Hughes and Mod Pratinidhi, co-chairs of the Scientific Symposium, there will also be an educational session for office staff in which presenters will discuss "Top 10 Ways to Meet a Plaintiff Attorney" and a second presentation on diagnosing diagnostic error.

The co-chairs also pointed out that the Academy will again be posting all available presentations to the CAFP website at [www.ctafp.org](http://www.ctafp.org). Members are urged to download presentations prior to the Symposium. There will be internet access in the lecture room and charging stations will also be available.


### CAFP Mission Statement

The mission of CAFP is to promote excellence in health care and to improve the health of people of Connecticut through the advancement of the art and science of Family Medicine, the specialty of Family Medicine and the professional growth of Family Physicians.

## Of Note...

- **Dr. Dom Casablanca** has been named to the Reference Committee on Education of the 2014 AAFP Congress of Delegates.
- **Dr. Morton Glasser** of Willimantic has just completed 50 years in practice.
- **Mark Schuman**, CAFP Executive VP, attended the AAFP legislative summit. Also, **Mary Yokose** and Mr. Schuman will be attending the AAFP Chapter Executive Leadership Program in September.

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**AAFP Adopts Policy on Care Management Fees**

The AAFP Board of Directors adopted a new policy statement during their July meeting on care management fees (<http://www.aafp.org/about/policies/all/care-management.html>).

The policy identifies seven elements that the AAFP considers to be core activities covered by a per member per month care management fee within the context of a patient-centered medical home. AAFP will use the new policy in its advocacy efforts with public and private payers,

and as a starting point for identifying how to value care management fees.

The seven elements are:

- Non-physician staff time dedicated to care management
- Patient education
- Use of advanced technology to support care management
- Physician time dedicated to care management

- Medication management
- Population risk stratification and management
- Integrated, coordinated care across the health care system

The complete policy statement is available at <http://www.aafp.org/about/policies/all/care-management.html>.

Contact Kent Moore at [kmoore@aaafp.org](mailto:kmoore@aaafp.org) or ext. 4170 with questions.

**Lower Your Vaccine Costs with Atlantic Health Partners!**

Atlantic Health Partners offers CAFPP members the most favorable prices and terms on the entire portfolio of Sanofi Pasteur and Merck vaccines. With full availability of all products from the manufacturers you get the best prices on a wide range of pediatric, adolescent, and adult immunizations.

Atlantic also provides members incomparable customer service on all vaccine related issues including ordering, supply, reimbursement support and advocacy as well as other discount programs. Participation with Atlantic will help you strengthen your immunization efforts and practice performance, save you money on vaccines throughout the year, and enhance patient satisfaction with your practice.

We encourage you to contact Cindy or Jeff at 800-741-2044 or [info@atlantichhealthpartners.com](mailto:info@atlantichhealthpartners.com) to see how Atlantic Health Partners ([www.atlantichhealthpartners.com](http://www.atlantichhealthpartners.com)) can benefit your practice.

**Online Registration Open for 2014 Scientific Symposium**

New this year! Members can register online at [www.ctafp.org/register](http://www.ctafp.org/register). You may also register by mail or by calling the CAFPP Executive Office at 860-243-3977.

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