 **2021 Spring Meeting**

**& Pediatric Update**

April 22-25, 2021  
Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort  Destin, FL

**Speakers, Topics, Objectives & Faculty Disclosures**

**Grant Allen, MD, FAAP,** Pediatrician, Infants’ & Children’s Clinic, Florence, AL;

**Kathy Monroe, MD, FAAP, MSQI**, Professor of Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics, University of Alabama School of Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Children’s of Alabama, Birmingham, AL

**Impacting Child Death Review and Prevention Across Alabama, One Pediatrician at a Time**

Objectives:

Upon completion of this live activity, the participant will be able to:

* Summarize the process for child death review in Alabama
* Discuss how to provide pediatric expertise in the child death review process in their community

**Cason Benton, MD, FAAP,** Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatrics, University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, AL;

**Elizabeth Dawson, MD, FAAP**, Pediatrician, Charles Henderson Child Health Clinic, Troy, AL

**“Hacks to Improve Early Screening & Referral: Alabama Pediatricians Reveal Secrets”**

Objectives:

Upon completion of live activity, the participant will be able to:

* Examine techniques to increase the reliability of the screening  and follow up in the areas of development, autism, social-emotional concerns and postpartum depression
* Discuss shared decision-making for effective ways to engage parents and caregivers in the referral  process, especially while navigating the pandemic
* Employ ‘real-world’ practice examples to make key practice changes and achieve measurable improvements in increasing the frequency and quality of early screening
* Describe better ways of tracking referrals for services

**Nefertiti Durant, MD, FAAP**, Associate Professor, Division of General Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, Division of Preventive Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

**Abnormal Uterine Bleeding: Differential Diagnosis, Assessment and Treatment**

Objectives:

Upon completion of this live activity, the participant will be able to:

* Review the differential diagnosis of abnormal uterine bleeding in adolescent girls
* Review the work up of abnormal uterine bleeding in adolescent girls
* Review the treatment of abnormal uterine bleeding in adolescent girls

**Scott Harris, MD,** State Health Officer, Alabama Department of Public Health, Montgomery, AL

**Alabama Update on COVID-Vaccine Distribution**

Objectives:  
Upon completion of this live activity, the participant will be able to:

* List COVID vaccination numbers in Alabama, including allocations and number of doses administered
* Cite the current prevalence of COVID in Alabama
* Discuss the known effects of vaccination on the pandemic

**Chip Hart**, Director, PCC Pediatric Solutions Consulting Group, Winooski, VT

**Your Practice Management Calendar**

Objectives:

Upon completion of this live activity, the participant will be able to:

* Recognize important practice management behaviors specific to pediatrics that are often delayed, ignored, or hidden from view
* Identify and prioritize commonly overlooked pediatric practice management tasks to complete
* Develop a weekly/monthly/quarterly/annual schedule of tasks required to run a pediatric practice in a safe and efficient manner

**Sean O’Leary, MD, FAAP**, Professor of Pediatrics, Position Sections of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and General Academic Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital Colorado, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, School of Medicine, Denver, CO

**Update on SARS-CoV-2 Vaccines**

Objectives:

Upon completion of this live activity, the participant will be able to:

* Describe the current COVID-19 vaccine candidates and their mechanisms of action
* Explain the process of licensure and approval
* Describe the safety monitoring systems that are in place to ensure safety of COVID-19 vaccines
* Discuss the reasoning behind the current plans for allocation of COVID-19 vaccines

**Sonja O’Leary, MD, FAAP**, Assistant Professor Department of Pediatrics, University of Colorado, Health Sciences Center, Medical Director, Denver Health School Based Health Centers, Department of Pediatrics, Denver Health, Denver, CO

**Impact of COVID-19 on Pediatric Patients: How Can Pediatricians Help?**

Objectives:

Upon completion of this live activity, the participant will be able to:

* Discuss the main challenges children have faced secondary to the COVID-19 pandemic by age group, including incidence of child abuse and worsening youth mental health
* Cite data sources that pediatricians can use for information specific to their practice
* Discuss how COVID has affected student learning, including the impact on virtual learning on youth
* Discuss the role of the pediatrician to address and help families navigate these challenges

**Rene Romero, MD,** Professor of Pediatrics, (CT), Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, Atlanta, GA

**Hepatitis C in Children and Adolescents**

Objectives:  
Upon completion of this live activity, the participant will be able to:

* Recognize the current epidemiology of HCV infection in the US and globally
* Describe the natural history of HCV infection in children and adolescents
* State the appropriate evaluation for HCV infection in children and adolescents
* Recognize how understanding the virology of HCV has led to the development of effective therapies
* Translate to patients the current approved therapies of HCV infection in children and adolescents, and properly monitor treatment to achieve goals of therapy

**Karen Santucci, MD, FAAP**, Professor of Pediatrics, Yale University School of Medicine, Professor of Emergency Medicine, Secondary Appointment, Yale University School of Medicine, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Greenwich Hospital, Greenwich, CT

**Top Ten Medical Liability Risks for the Pediatrician**

Objectives:

Upon completion of this live activity, the participant will be able to:

* Identify areas of high liability risk exposure in pediatric practice
* Recognize commonly held, but incorrect beliefs contributing to liability risk
* Demonstrate strategies to minimize liability caused by these myths

**Bradley Troxler, MD,** Associate Professor, Pediatric Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL  
**Spinal Muscular Atrophy and the Pediatrician**

Objectives:

Upon completion of this live activity, the participant will be able to:

* Discuss the types and presentation of spinal muscular atrophy in general pediatric practice
* Describe the genetic basis of SMA and the impact of the genetics on current generation therapies
* Highlight the novel therapies that have been developed for the treatment of SMA in the past five years

**Felicia Wilson, MD, FAAP,** Professor of Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Hematology/Oncology, University of South Alabama College of Medicine, Mobile, AL

**Evolving Treatment Paradigms in Sickle Cell Disease: What the Primary Care Provider Should Know**

Objectives:  
Upon completion of this live activity, the participant will be able to:

* Discuss the pathophysiological processes that lead to clinical manifestations and also serve as targets for emerging therapies
* Describe strategies for health maintenance utilizing current standards of care for screening and laboratory tests to assess disease severity and progression
* Employ evidence-based management of acute and chronic complications
* Review disease-modifying therapies as well as curative therapies to optimize quality of life