



MAINE PEDIATRICS - Summer 2021

Maine Newborn Hearing Program - Updates/Tools

There is a new point of care tool called the “Maine EHDI App” to help providers and parents navigate the guidelines for newborn hearing screening. The app also has a great “resources” section that provides information on local community resources here in Maine. The app, available for Android and Apple platforms, looks like this ----->



The *Risk Factors for Hearing Loss and Testing Recommendations* document has been updated and provides risk factors for hearing loss, timelines for full diagnostic testing and best practice protocol for the full diagnostic testing. The list of *Category A - Maine Pediatric Audiology Facilities - infants to 6 months* has also been updated. Both documents, along with other resources, can be found on their website: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/population-health/mch/cshn/hearing-screening/index.html> Choose “For Providers” list on the left side to access this document.

CDC Recommendation for MenB Vaccine for Adolescents and Young Adults

The CDC recommends meningococcal serogroup B (MenB) vaccination for adolescents not at increased risk, aged 16-23 years (preferred age 16-18 years), based on shared clinical decision-making. In the 2020 Immunization Schedules, individual clinical decision-making was replaced with shared clinical decision-making and are individually based and informed by a decision process between the healthcare provider and the patient or parent/guardian.

EDUCATE patients that while uncommon, meningococcal disease can progress rapidly and potentially lead to death—but vaccination is the best way to help prevent the disease. DISCUSS that in order to help protect against all 5 vaccine preventable serogroups, 2 different types of vaccines, ACWY and B, are needed. REMIND patients that MenB vaccines are typically covered by private and public insurance, at \$0 copay. DOCUMENT your discussion and the series completion info in the medical record.



Resilience Rx

We are happy to share a [podcast episode](#) featuring Dr. Gretchen Pianka, a Maine AAP member who is pioneering how primary care providers can use their unique relationship with families to foster resilience in their patients and the families they care for. In 2020, she launched [Resilience University](#) and she’s also a member of Tuft’s HOPE (Health Outcomes from Positive Experiences) Innovation Network. To view resources from Dr. Pianka, visit <https://resilience-university.com/>

Additionally, Dr. Pianka's '[Helping Patients and Families: One Messy Moment at a Time](#)' session is available on our website and upon successful completion of the post-test, 3 CME credits are available.

Technical Assistance Program to Enhance Treatment and Services for SUD and OUD

The Maine Medical Association- Center for Quality Improvement, in partnership with Maine DHHS, is launching the SUPPORT for ME Training and Technical Assistance initiative. This initiative is funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and is designed to support the Department’s goals to enhance Maine’s response to the opioid epidemic through increased access to vital treatment and services for substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD). This program is intended to engage primary care practice teams and prescribers who have already obtained a DATA-2000 DEA X-waiver and those who are interested in



newly offering MAT services to their patients. Navigate to this link for details: [SUPPORT for ME TA](#)



Maine Pediatric & Behavioral Health Partnership

The Mission of the Maine Pediatric & Behavioral Health Partnership is to educate, support and empower pediatric care providers through training and ongoing web-based and telephonic patient care consultations with behavioral health providers. The next educational session is on ADHD on

August 11th from 7:30-8:30am with speaker Dr. Robin Caron - [Pre-register for this webinar](#).

[View the upcoming sessions](#), or to learn more about the Maine Pediatric & Behavioral Health Partnership, visit <http://www.bhpartnersforme.org> or email Stacey.laflamme@maine.gov.

Member Spotlight: Michele LaBotz, MD

Dr. Michele LaBotz was featured on the *Today Show* in a segment on home trampoline safety, which included snippets of the AAP's policy statement on the topic. Way to go, Dr. LaBotz!

<https://www.today.com/video/trampoline-safety-what-you-need-to-know-116817477585>



10th Annual National Obesity Conference: Behavioral Health and Obesity- Healing Mind and Body

Join Let's Go! And leading national and local experts on September 23 and 24th to explore the link between mental health and obesity. This conference will expand your clinical knowledge, teach current best practice and provide information about new programs to support patients. [Register Now!](#)

Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS). Child Care Subsidy Program

The Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) helps eligible families pay for child care so they can work or attend school. Eligible Families, apply here: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/ec/occhs/step.htm>.

For a printable application (several languages available), email CCSP.DHHS@maine.gov, call (207) 624-7999, or visit a local DHHS Office https://gateway.maine.gov/dhhs-apps/office_finder/

World Breastfeeding Week: A Celebration of Mothers and Milk - August 1-7

A virtual, weeklong celebration to connect and support lactating parents and breast/chest feeding families. To see the schedule of events and register, visit www.mainebreastfeeds.org

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