



President's Bulletin – December 2018
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Dear SDBP members,

My children mellow out around the holidays, I am not sure why, but there is a clear calmness despite school exams and hectic schedules. I think that they find comfort in our family's traditions, enjoy spending more time at home, and get a break from the grind of school and sports. We do more projects around the holidays; for 17 years our kids have sold homemade peppermint bark, soaps, dog treats, and sweat pea seeds at the local craft fair. We make our annual holiday card a creative project that involves the entire family (last year we changed the lyrics from Hamilton's My Shot to tell our story ("I am not throwing away this card."), and on New Year's Eve we each journal about our year. I know that, for some, the holidays are stressful. I hope that you enjoy your family's traditions and remind your clients about the calming affects of routine, structure and spending quality time together.

This is what we the Board has been up to since my November Bulletin.

Workforce

- We have been exploring solutions to the Workforce issues and talking to members of the Society about innovative training and recruitment strategies and novel models of care. The Board sent a letter to all Committee, SIG, and Section co-chairs that in brief, identified workforce shortages as a key concern for our professions and clients. All Committees, SIGS, and Sections were asked to poll their membership about what they are currently doing to address workforce issues and also what would they like to be doing to address this problem. The board will use this information to guide our Action Plan for the society. Please contact me directly if you have thoughts or ideas about addressing this issue.

- In terms of Workforce solutions, the board has been working with a generous family that has donated \$50,000 over two years to pilot memorial scholarships/mentorship program for pediatric residents to attend our annual meeting. Once proven successful, there is the opportunity for this to be an ongoing donation. More to come on this generous family and the exciting program as it develops.

- I am sure many of you all saw this, but in case you didn't: The estimated prevalence of US children with a parent-reported ASD diagnosis was recently cited as 1 in 40, with rates of ASD-specific treatment usage varying by children's sociodemographic and co-occurring conditions. We better get the workforce ready.

[The Prevalence of Parent-Reported Autism Spectrum Disorder Among US Children](#)

Practice Issues

The board is working to update the membership of the planned changes in the CPT billing codes for 2019.

ADHD SIG

The ADHD Guidelines are moving forward. We are inching closer to the review process and the implementation and dissemination teams have started meeting. Remember it is not too late to get involved. For those who have not signed up, but may be interested to support this process, use the following link to sign up: ADHD Dissemination workgroup form: <https://goo.gl/forms/4RPbigKcTfXzX1Vf2>

Visibility

- Tanya Froehlich met with representatives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Evaluation and Inspections, who are conducting a study regarding follow-up care for Medicaid-enrolled children who are treated for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). As part of this study, they hope to draw conclusions about ways that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) could improve the rate of follow-up care for Medicaid-enrolled children who are treated for ADHD.

- JAMA-Peds recently published a handout on Sensory Processing. Paul Wang contacted editors from JAMA noting that we were surprised to see that this patient handout on sensory issues was written by a Critical Care/Pulmonary doc, and an Adolescent specialist. He reminded them that the SDBP are experts on this issue and we would like to collaborate on topics related to DBP care.

- Terry Stancin shared that the collaborative paper related to integrated care is finally in press in Academic Pediatrics. A few years back, the SDBP- were collaborating partners with AAP, AACAP, APA on this study examining claims data on insured children with chronic conditions.

[Mental Health Conditions and Health Care Payments for Children with Chronic Medical Conditions](#)

Journal

A recent article in our journal is getting broad press coverage. The entry is titled "Advertising in Young Children's Apps: A Content Analysis." It warns that apps that kids use are loaded with ads, many of which are inappropriate. As of the end of October there has been 206 downloads of the PDF and it has been picked up in 27 news outlets. Beyond the popularity of the report, it is an important reminder that parenting must extend to the digital world.

Link to the article: <http://bit.ly/2zeHiw9>

Link to the video: <http://bit.ly/2yFZlqj>

Becky Hazen has agreed to take the place of Carolyn Ievers-Landis as one of the co-chairs of the Research Committee.

Parting Note

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Warm Regards,
Damon
