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## ARTICLES

**ABP to start time-limited certification of new physicians**

Pediatricians certified by the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) after April 30, 1988, will face time-limited certification exams every seven years under a new policy adopted by the ABP. . . . . 1

**Federal abuse center needed, but falls short of goals**

The National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN) has "fallen far short of its expectations and potential," but is a necessary agency for focusing federal attention on the issue of child abuse and neglect, an Academy spokesman recently told a Congressional subcommittee. . . . . 1

**Pediatricians avoid spotlight in highly publicized AIDS case**

Despite the national attention given to whether a 14-year-old AIDS victim in Kokomo, Ind., should be allowed to attend school, the pediatricians involved in his care have maintained a low profile. . . . . 1

**CDC soliciting reports of adverse reactions to HBPV vaccine**

To help evaluate the *Haemophilus influenzae* b polysaccharide vaccine, physicians and health departments are being asked to report any cases of *Haemophilus influenzae* b disease occurring after vaccination. . . . . 3

**Pediatric practices invited to join Denver-based research network**

A Denver-based research program is seeking pediatric practices in the United States and Canada to participate in its primary care research network . . . . 3

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**Risky Business: Good communication influences patient's decision to file lawsuit**

A patient, or parent, who is dissatisfied with their physician due to poor communication is much more likely to file a malpractice claim than a patient or parent who is satisfied — even if both patients have identical adverse medical occurrences . . . . . 4

**PolioPlus: Providing immunizations worldwide**

Rotary International's "PolioPlus" program is shortening the list of children in

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Pediatricians who would like to encourage their patients to "buckle up" for automobile safety can receive a free promotional kit for "Fred Flinstone's All American Buckle Up" campaign . . . . . 7

**NMA president looks to unified effort with Academy members**

A stronger bond between the Academy and the National Medical Association (NMA) would yield "nothing but advantages," 1985-86 NMA President Edith Irby Jones, M.D., recently told *AAP News*. . . . . 8

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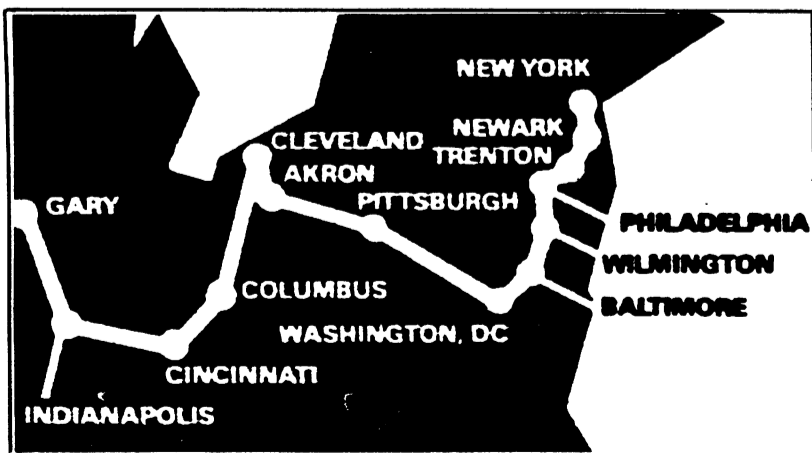
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