WIC program is effective, but needs more funding: Narkewicz

The Academy is encouraging expansion of the Women Infants and Children (WIC) supplemental nutrition program. AAP President Richard Narkewicz, M.D., said, Dr. Narkewicz spoke to about 500 WIC directors, federal USDA managers and other WIC administrators in February at the National Association of WIC Directors annual conference in San Francisco.

VP candidates discuss education and responsiveness

The AAP National Nominating Committee has named Birt Harvey, M.D., and Arthur Maron, M.D., as candidates for AAP vice president. In this final installment of election coverage, the nominees discuss two issues facing pediatrics.

Task force reviews guidelines for AIDS education

The AAP Task Force on Pediatric AIDS recently reviewed the recommendations of the Surgeon General's Workshop on Children with HIV Infection and Their Families. One set of recommendations, along with a commentary by an AAP task force member, is reprinted here.

Human rights abuses threaten child health, experts say

Physicians can and should help stop human rights violations around the world, said a pediatrician and children's rights advocate who will moderate a human rights symposium during the AAP Spring Session. "We can be wonderful advocates," said Jane G. Scheller, M.D., FAAP chairman of pediatrics at Tufts University School of Medicine and president of Physicians for Human Rights.

Slaw named first director of new sections division

Kenneth Slaw joined the AAP staff in February as the first director of the Division of Sections within the AAP Department of Education.

The world through children's art

Academy endorses JCAH seminars on ambulatory care and HMOs

Special Achievement Awards honor chapter projects

Choking child policy revised

Nutrition manual suggestions sought

Article examines bilirubin study

Families can tour New York during Spring Session

AAP members' families attending the 1988 Spring Session, May 7-12, in New York, can participate in several tours. There are separate programs for children and adults, but parents are invited to participate in the youth tours with their children.

Program updated

Chapter offers tours during Washington course

New vaccine might be safer, pediatrician says

A new acellular pertussis vaccine being researched could be safer than the currently used dead whole cell vaccine, said Ronald Gold, M.D., FAAP professor of pediatrics and chief of the Division of Infectious Disease at the Hospital for Sick Children in Ontario.

Chapter Newsline

States requiring AIDS education triples ... New York Chapter 2: New anti-smoking law passed ... Study ranks state Medicaid benefits

Health Alert

Attitudes toward obesity ... AIDS education ... Teen drinking and liver damage ... Where there's smoke ... Recalls and warnings ... Day care risks ... Children and hospitalization

Focus On Practice

A little knowledge can be dangerous. Physicians are encountering an increasing number of patients in private practice who believe that they know more about pediatric medicine than their doctors know. Dealing with uncoopera- tive parents is discussed.

Commentary

Stop shaking for treatment of apnea

Second Opinions

New AAP Section: Pediatric Plastic Surgery ... Developmental disability in children with AIDS ... Unfortunately stated? ... TV advertising: Food for thought?

Point of View

Leonard Rome, M.D., notes that medicine must face a pediatrician surplus while keeping children in mind.