AAP publications

- Two new books address topics for those who train or supervise child care workers or administrators: Reducing the Risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome — Applicable Standards from Caring for Our Children (order #MA0239) and Caring for Children with Special Needs — Applicable Standards from Caring for Our Children (order #MA0238). Both include excerpts from the 2002 book, Caring for Our Children — National Health and Safety Performance Standards: Guidelines for Out-Of-Home Child Care Programs, edition 2. Each publication is $19.95 for members ($24.95 retail).

To order, call (888) 227-1770 or visit the AAP Web site, www.aap.org.

- ADHD worksheets in bulk

Some of the most frequently used worksheets from the “Caring for Children with ADHD: A Resource Toolkit for Clinicians” are now available in packs of 50, or as a starter set of 50 of all nine forms. The kit is supported by McNeil Consumer & Specialty Pharmaceuticals.

For pricing, visit the AAP bookstore at www.aap.org/bookstore or call (888) 227-1770.

National Child Passenger Safety Week

AAP members with an interest in promoting the health and safety of children in child care and/or child passenger safety are invited to become involved in National Child Passenger Safety Week, Feb. 9-15.

A national curriculum and teaching materials to train child care providers about child passenger safety are being distributed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to more than 300 SAFE KIDS Coalition coordinators, who will provide the course to child care providers in their areas. Child safety seat inspections involving the newly trained providers also will be held.

The “Moving Kids Safely in Child Care” materials were developed by the Academy, along with Healthy Child Care America, NHTSA and the Health Resources and Services Administration/Maternal and Child Health Bureau. This initiative is a component of the Healthy Child Care America program (www.aap.org/advocacy/inccal/)

The National SAFE KIDS Campaign is providing assistance and funds to facilitate the development of local educational partnerships between SAFE KIDS and child care providers, and will track and evaluate the activities.

For information about activities in your state, contact the local SAFE KIDS coalition coordinator. Visit www.safekids.org, and click on Find Coalitions and Events Near You. New research about transportation practices in child care facilities and in-home child care is expected to be posted on the site in February.

Patient safety Web journal

A new Web-based, peer-reviewed journal showcases patient safety lessons drawn from actual cases.

AHRQ WebM&M (Morbidity and Mortality Rounds on the Web), www.webmm.ahrq.gov, allows physicians to anonymously submit cases of medical errors in a blame-free environment. Every month, five cases, including one in pediatrics, will be posted with commentaries from experts and a forum for readers’ comments.

The online journal includes interactive elements such as a spotlight case, an interactive learning module that can be downloaded for educational use.

AHRQ WebM&M is created by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and an editorial team at the University of California, San Francisco.

Pediatricians are invited to submit cases to Robert M. Wachter, M.D., editor, at webmm@medicine.ucsf.edu.

AAP call for NCE abstracts

The Academy is accepting abstracts for presentation at the 2003 AAP National Conference & Exhibition (NCE), Oct. 31 – Nov. 5 in New Orleans.

For more information on child passenger safety activities at the Academy and related resources, visit www.aap.org/family/cps.htm. For child passenger safety resources from NHTSA, access www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps.

Prematurity campaign

The Academy has joined other health care groups in support of a March of Dimes (MOD) campaign highlighting the problems of prematurity births.

The five-year MOD Prematurity Campaign aims to lower the rate of preterm births by 15% and increase public awareness of the problems of prematurity to 60%. Premature births have risen to nearly 12% nationally, the highest level in at least two decades, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

On a national level, the Academy will:

- collaborate on the development of education materials and presentations;
- provide advice and counsel throughout the campaign as a member of the campaign’s steering committee; and
- participate in advocacy efforts to improve federal support of prematurity-related research and to expand access to health coverage for pregnant women, infants and children.

Other campaign partners include the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the Association of Women’s Health Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses.

On state and local levels, AAP members are encouraged to:

- meet with MOD chapter or division representatives to determine the best strategies to accomplish campaign goals; and
- designate campaign speakers to address prematurity issues at conferences, Grand Rounds, train-the-trainer events and other meetings (with funding from MOD chapters).

Pediatricians are urged to talk with pregnant patients (or pregnant parents of patients) about the signs of preterm labor, especially for those who already are parents of premature children and are at increased risk of another preterm delivery.

For more information, contact Jim Couto, AAP Division of Hospital and Surgical Services, (800) 433-9016, ext. 7056.