Pediatric Academic Societies to feature advanced research in Denver

Find the most advanced research to help in daily practice and academics presented by top experts at the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) and Asian Society for Pediatric Research (ASPR) annual meeting April 30-May 3 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver. Four pediatric organizations comprise and co-sponsor the PAS: the Academy, American Pediatric Society, Society for Pediatric Research and Academic Pediatric Association.

Joint PAS/ASPR symposium and workshops will include several topics focused on differences and similarities of Western vs. Eastern pediatrics. Alliance societies also will host annual meetings or hold activities in conjunction with the meeting.

Nearly 50 tracks (educational topics) are presented in a variety of formats: Hot Topic, Mini Course, State of the Art Plenary, Topic Symposium, Special Interest Group and Workshop. Invited science lectures, sessions on the impact of health care reform implementation on children, children's environmental health after disasters, epigenetics and stem cell therapies in pediatrics round out a robust program.

On May 1, the Academy will host its AAP Presidential Plenary and Silverman Lecture. Lois Smith, M.D., Ph.D., professor and associate of ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School and Children's Hospital Boston, was selected to deliver the Silverman Lecture on retinopathy of prematurity. AAP President O. Marion Burton, M.D., FAAP, follows with the AAP presidential address.

Additional course highlights include:
- “Ethical Controversies in Pediatric Biobanks,”
- “Emerging Zoonotic-Human Viruses: Are They Really New?”
- “Bone and Beyond: Pediatric Bone and Mineral Disorders in 2011,”
- “Metabolic Syndrome/Obesity in the Eastern and Western World,”
- “New Frontiers in the Treatment of Infections in Children,”
- “Global Tobacco Control and Child Survival,”
- “Longitudinal Children's Studies: A Global Perspective,”
- “Making sense of the health implications of the Gulf Oil spill,”
- “The Adolescent Male: The Challenges of Providing Health Care and Promoting Health,”
- “Transition and Chronic Disease: The Long Hard Road from Childhood to Adulthood,”
- “Duty Hour Restrictions: The View from the Trenches,” and
- “Neonatology: The First Golden Minutes of Life of the Preterm Infant.”

Participants can earn a maximum of 42.5 AMA PRA Category 1 credits. Access the preliminary program at www.pasmeeting.org/2011denver/Schedules/Program_Information.asp. To register, visit www.pasmeeting.org/2011Denver/Reg_Housing/Index.asp. Submit registration by March 1 for early bird rates. Housing registration deadline is April 1.

RESOURCES

For more information on continuing medical education (CME) meeting registration, brochures and general meeting information, call the AAP Customer Service Center at 866-THE-AAP1 (866-843-2271). To enroll in a CME activity, visit www.pedialink.org/cmefinder or call 800-433-9016, option 3. Outside the United States and Canada, call 847-434-4000.