Greetings from President Bradley Bursch, MD

Welcome to the December Edition of Our E-Newsletter!

Bradley Bursch, MD

We are happy to bring you our latest e-newsletter, specialists' articles, and news about our programs for 2016. We are particularly excited this year to announce the S. Michael Marcy, MD Memorial Lecture at the Parmelee. Michael Marcy, a past president of LAPS, was a mentor to so many of us on the board and to so many of the members of LAPS. The Lecture will feature renowned pediatric immunologist and infectious disease specialist, Margaret Fisher, MD and will be hosted at Providence Tarzana Medical Center on Thursday, May 5 and will address the timely topic of vaccines. On September 23-25, 2016, the 73rd Annual Brennemann Lectures will be held at a new location, the Disneyland Hotel. We think that the lectures this year will not be ones to miss.

This summer, with your help, the Eve and Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program continued to expose more high school students to the exciting possibilities of a future in medicine. Every year we are amazed by the quality of the applicants and each year we hope to give even more high school students this great opportunity. Please consider a contribution to this program as a tax-deductible charitable donation for 2015. Click here to donate.

The end of the year is a time for reflection. I am thankful for the encouragement, friendship and mentorship I have experienced through LAPS. I am proud to be part of an organization that for so many years has been engaged in the Los Angeles community, supporting the medical professionals who provide the care of so many children. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and hope to see you at the spring or fall lectures.

- Bradley Bursch, MD, FAAP
The 72nd Annual Brennemann Lecture this past October 9-11, 2015 at the Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel may very well have been our best. The weekend kicked off on Friday afternoon with lectures from three talented pediatric specialists from Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA. Dr. Marie Garcia-Lloret spoke on Non IgE-mediated food allergies as seen with breast milk colitis, Dr. Erina Lin shared information about the peanut allergy epidemic and the latest treatment guidelines and Dr. Gary M. Satou concluded with an update on pediatric congenital heart disease and its management. Nearly 50 students attended these talks and departed with a high serotonin levels especially with the Halloween candy provided!

On Saturday and Sunday, close to one hundred physicians and allied health professionals heard a dozen lectures from outstanding professors, (all who are LAPS members) from Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA and Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Utilizing her excellent teaching skills and her great sense of humor, Dr. Nina Shapiro discussed the timely ENT subjects of Tonsillectomy, Stridor, and Foreign Body Aspiration
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We look forward to hearing from YOU!

Remember that a One Year Membership is FREE to LAPS Members.

We are always looking to expand our organization. Please encourage your fellow Los Angeles doctors to become LAPS Members.

The highlight of this year's Brennemann was the inspiring Cliff Rubin Lecture. Dr. Robert Hamilton began by introducing Brett and Tracy Rubin who shared memories of their father, Cliff Rubin, their recently deceased mother Edythe and the Rubin family's long association with LAPS. As a Past President and Program Chair, Dr. Rubin worked tirelessly to bring wonderful CME events to LAPS until 2005. LAPS recognized and thanked the family for their continued support as well as their father's generous endowment of this lectureship before his death.

Dr. Hamilton then welcomed to the podium esteemed humanitarian, distinguished professor and LAPS member, Dr. Lee Todd Miller to address the topic of Global Health and the many learning opportunities it provides to pediatricians. The 45 minute power point presentation left us with an appreciation for living in a country with excellent medical care and the importance of helping other countries who need our medical assistance. You can read more about his work and the non-profit organization he founded, Partner's for Pediatric Progress in the Member's Giving Back Column in this Newsletter.

LAPS is now busy planning its Spring Parmelee Lecture Series, which will take place at Providence Tarzana Medical Center on May 5, 2016. LAPS is proud to announce that internationally recognized ID expert, Dr. Margaret (Meg) Fisher will present the 1st S. Michael Marcy, MD Memorial Lecture. Dr. Fisher is an awesome speaker and will be presenting, what is sure to be an exciting lecture on "Vaccines Are Not Just for Babies." Hope to see you there!

Ron Nagel, MD, FAAP
Program Chair
November 2015 is a time that will go down in the history books of major soccer – The U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF) made a bold move in effort to reduce injury in youth soccer. The USSF banned heading, the act of using the head to redirect the soccer ball, for athletes 10 years and younger and limited heading to only practice settings for the 11-13 year-old players. Heading is a task that requires excellent neck and trunk motor control and strength; children under the age of 10 may not have the coordination or muscle development to correctly initiate head contact with the ball. Additionally, young children sometimes fear the ball as it approaches their head, and are unable to implement proper technique.

While these new heading recommendations from the USSF may help reduce risk to the brain, neck and spine, heading only accounts for a small portion of why concussions occur in soccer. Collision, rather than purposeful heading, has been found in recent studies to be the most likely cause for acute head injuries in soccer. Head-to-head, head-to-body part, and head-to-ground collisions in soccer account for most concussions.
The Eve & Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program

If you would like to learn more about the program, please visit

Summer Program Explanation and Activities

In this document you can find information about how you can become involved in this program by hosting students in your offices/practices.

We thank our many members and donors for their past support. (Please click here if you wish to view a list of our current donors.) We hope we can continue to count on you and your generosity. And for those that are not yet involved, we hope you will join us. Your efforts will forever change the face of the future of medicine in Los Angeles!

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Thank YOU!

DERMATOLOGY CLINIC
What's Your Diagnosis?

Clustered Vesicles in a 7 Year Old Female

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A 7 year old female presents with a 1 day history of rapidly-developing, fluid-filled vesicles on the right chest. The 2-3mm vesicles are clustered on a red base and appear to follow the distribution of her rib. She has no current fever or malaise and no recent illnesses. She has no history of underlying immunodeficiency. However, she did have an episode of bullous impetigo on her legs 2 months earlier. Her skin does not itch. However, the area is sensitive and she does complain of a deep ache in her right chest and abdomen area when she bends. The child thought that she might have banged herself while playing in the playground at school 2 days ago. Mom comments that the schoolyard does have poison ivy along the fenced-in area. Mom had a history of episodic cold sores on her lip, but has not had one recently. The child did not receive the varicella vaccine. She had a mild case of chicken pox at 6 months of age.

What's Your Diagnosis?

1. Cutaneous Herpes (Herpes Simplex)
2. Herpes Zoster (Varicella Zoster)
3. Allergic Contact Dermatitis
4. Bullous Impetigo

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Professor of Pediatrics, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, and Director of the Global Health Education Programs at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

In addition to the joys of caring for children, my professional passions have been in medical education and global health. Over the years it’s been an absolute privilege to be involved in the growth of countless medical students and residents. Farther from home, I’ve enjoyed opportunities to participate in medical education projects that have taken me to Egypt, Ethiopia, Zambia, South Africa, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, India, Peru, Brazil Thailand, China and Myanmar. About eight years ago I began exploring with friends and colleagues ways in which we could combine these passions, which led to the establishment of Partners for Pediatric Progress. Under the umbrella of the Center for World Health at the David Geffen School of Medicine, this non-profit project is committed to improving the health and care of children in some of the poorest regions of the world through a sustained commitment to their communities and caregivers.

Our first partnership was established in Mozambique, a country with over 10 million children and at the time only 10 Mozambican pediatricians. There were no pediatric surgeons, very few subspecialists, and only two pediatric ventilators in the country. The pediatric leadership at the main medical school and teaching hospital identified the greatest training needs in the areas of newborn medicine, critical care pediatrics and pediatric surgery. By supporting the training of local primary care physicians, surgeons and nurses, we’re committed to building local capacity and making a sustainable impact. To this end, we send faculty from the Departments of Pediatrics and Surgery at UCLA to work with their counterparts at Central Hospital of Maputo, and support reciprocal focused training experiences for Mozambican health care providers with us here at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA.

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Applications on NOW available for the
47th Annual Eve & Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program

The 47th Annual Eve & Gene Black
Summer Medical Career Program is underway!

Applications packets have been mailed and emailed to over 450 high school counselors in the Los Angeles area. The entire packet is also available online, including a fillable application, FAQs, facility requirements and checklists. The deadline for the application is February 24, 2016.

Every year LAPS receives 300-350 applications from qualified, deserving students. Unfortunately, our existing participating facilities are only able to accept approximately 70 students. It is not too late to become involved in the 2016 program, either by assisting an existing program by offering a rotation for some students or by hosting a few students at your location.

Please let us know if you are interested in being a part of this life changing program!
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2015

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2015

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