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Briefings focus federal attention on pediatric AIDS

When more than 100 U.S. Senate and House staff members recently participated in two briefings on children with HIV infection, observers noted that the standing room only attendance showed a strong need for credible information on pediatric AIDS. The briefings also demonstrated that results can be gained when organizations work together in coalitions. 1

Children need special help when loved one dies

When Michael Dalton's wife died of cancer, he had more than his own grief to deal with. His 3-year-old son's life had always been filled with death. For help, he turned to the Dougy Center, a group that helps children deal with grief. 1

New video helps families avoid accidents

Accidental injuries are the leading cause of death in children younger than 5 years old. To combat these preventable deaths, a new videotape program — "Baby Alive" — has been produced and approved by the Academy to teach viewers how to save a child from injury. 2

Task force suggests AIDS care financing alternatives

The AAP Task Force on Pediatric AIDS recently reviewed the recommendations of the U.S. 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. 3

Dues option can help some FAAPs pay less

A new option is available to pediatric couples that can save them money on their annual AAP dues. 3

Safety seat guide update available 3

Physician, reporter speak out on DTP story

A journalist and a pediatrician discuss a Philadelphia television news story that led to a local pertussis vaccine scare. 4

Risky Business: Good rapport keeps pediatrics a low-risk specialty

Charles Moloney, M.D., FAAP, discusses why pediatrics is a low-risk specialty. 5

A Closer Look: Coalitions

Academy involvement in coalitions is discussed. 6

Coalition begins first public information campaign

A national child safety coalition, led in part by the Academy, begins its first public awareness campaign this month. The National Coalition to Prevent Childhood Injury is sponsoring speeches, safety fairs, and radio and television announcements aimed at reducing preventable childhood

injuries. 9

Ventures help pediatricians inform patients

Cooperative publishing ventures help parents and expand the Academy's visibility, said Lisa Reisberg, who coordinates the program for the Academy. 9

Hospital staff surprised by Saudi generosity

The Saudi Arabian government has given a \$200,000 thank you gift to Children's Hospital in Boston for treating the children of several members of the Saudi diplomatic corps. 9

Charity takes nominations for annual award

Ronald McDonald Children's Charities is accepting nominations for its 1988 Awards of Excellence. 9

Group teaches educators about child health

The Academy has joined the Health Information Network (HIN), a group that provides child health care information to the membership of the National Education Association. 11

Adult health problems begin in adolescence

Pediatricians who do not treat adolescents and young adults often have wrong ideas about the medical problems teenagers face, said adolescent health expert George Comerci, M.D., FAAP. Dr. Comerci will speak at the AAP Continuing Medical Education course "General Pediatrics," July 29-31, in Aspen, Colo. 12

MD notes fact and fiction of neurology

Existing evidence that pertussis vaccines are tied to serious neurologic complications infants is not strong enough to warrant concern, said pediatric neurologist Peter H. Berman, M.D., FAAP. He will discuss this and cerebral palsy at the AAP Continuing Medical Education course "General Pediatrics," July 7-9, at the Palliser Hotel in Calgary. . . 12

Summer arrives in Calgary

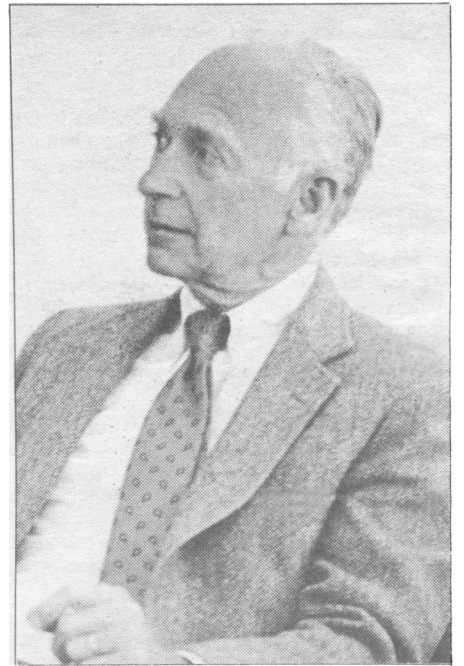
Participants in the July AAP Continuing Medical Education course, "General Pediatrics," will have the opportunity to tour Calgary, Alberta, home of the 1988 Winter Olympics. 12

Aspen offers concerts and festivals

Participants in the AAP Continuing Medical Education course "General Pediatrics," July 29-31, in Aspen, Colo., might want to enjoy the Aspen Music and Summer Dance festivals. 13

Medical critic Mendelsohn dies

Called a maverick by some and a heretic by others, Robert S. Mendelsohn, M.D., FAAP, of Evanston, Ill., died April 5, 1988. 14



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