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Momentum Builds for Healthcare Reform

Be part of the action by attending the 2009 NAP Forum March 27-28!



Success is all about timing – and our timing couldn't be better!

Never before in recent history has there been such potential for an overhaul of the national health care system. It seems clear that change of some kind is coming – so what better time to reach in and impact the policies that are currently being discussed and will be taking shape shortly?

NAP's 2009 Forum – taking place right in the middle of this crucial National Health Care debate – is your opportunity to influence the direction of national health care policies! Through past events and advocacy efforts, NAP has already earned the ear of important policy makers, such as Senator Max Baucus and Representative John Conyers, who have enthusiastically invited the NAP to continue its national leadership on this issue. Now, with additional support through a partial sponsorship from the well-respected Commonwealth Fund, NAP will be able to publicize the findings from this upcoming event more than ever before – with national and international coverage never before imagined.

You have a fantastic chance to have your voice heard at a critical time in the debate on National Health Care

During the Saturday afternoon session, you will have a chance to interact with other NAP members in shaping the NAP Policy Paper on what needs to be done to promote accountable, coordinated health care systems — one of the key transformations that must happen if our overall healthcare system is to improve. The NAP event of the year takes place March 27-28 in Arlington, VA, so make plans to register now!

But that's not all.

Come for the FREE Friday sessions and meet with your peers!

Excited, but unsure how to be an advocate? Plan to attend our FREE Friday afternoon session offering Public Policy Training. Then, following an exciting interdisciplinary presentation, the NAP Academy Welcome on Friday evening will be your chance to meet and network with your peers in your Academies at special reception.

Celebrate at Saturday night's Membership Recognition Banquet

The Forum culminates on Saturday night with the prestigious black tie membership recognition banquet, honoring our new class of inductees with the prized NAP medalion and a special ceremony. It's a night of celebrating the best and the brightest, and it would not be the same without you!

Even in this time of economic challenges we all need to take time to celebrate. So come and bring your significant others as guests to this gala affair. You have earned it!

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Message from the President



Mary Costanza, MD

Dear Colleagues,

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year! Hopefully, it will also be a happy and healthy new year for health care in America. There is tremendous energy focused on getting legislation passed that will insure affordable and coordinated health care for all. With a bit of luck and a lot of elbow grease, we might just get there.

NAP has had a very busy 2008. To list a few of our accomplishments this past year:

- We have responded to requests from Senator Max Baucus' Office for statements regarding our position on healthcare reform. Go to the new website at www.NAPpractice.org to view the letter sent to Senator Baucus.
- NAP co-sponsored a public hearing about health care needs in Miami, FL to with Representatives Conyers and Solis as well as FL state and federal political representatives in attendance. Publicizing the plight of people with inadequate or no health care insurance was the successful brainchild of our VP for Public Policy, Marie DiCowden, PhD.
- We have a new website which is the result of many minds working together to bring you an easily navigated site full of interesting material. Feedback is always welcome. Please take the time to fill in your profiles so other NAP members will know about you! Go to www.NAPpractice.org to view the new website and visit the "Member Resources" section to update your NAP member profile. (Your User Name for the "Member Resources" section is your first and last name together with no spaces and your Password is NAP. For example: User Name = JohnDoe, Password = NAP.)
- NAP has established an Interdisciplinary Committee that will focus on updating evidence-based practice in interprofessional care. The goal is to provide evidence for policy makers that interprofessional care increases quality of care, access to care and cost-efficiency. See the "Member Resources" section of the website at www.NAPpractice.org for a list of Committee Members.

2009 will be a busy year as well. Our public policy focus will continue with the upcoming Forum in March 2009 which promises to be one of the best. It is on a very "hot" topic: transforming healthcare (see cover article). More specifically, this Forum is devoted to transforming our current fee-for-service, uncoordinated patchwork delivery of health services into accountable coordinated health care.

Our NAP Forum Writing group, has already begun the background work on its forthcoming report of the Forum. That report will be available through a link on the Commonwealth Fund's website, as well as our own website. An Executive Summary will be sent to our Congressional Representatives and Senators. NAP's contribution to the new administration on this subject will only be as strong as members make it. Plan on attending the Forum and contributing your ideas during the discussion sessions. This is YOUR opportunity and NAP's opportunity to contribute to changing our health care system. Don't miss it! See the back page for a Forum registration form.

Other projects for 2009 include a Task Force for Central Office Operations (to streamline and improve organizational communications) and a Task Force on NAP Principles for Healthcare Reform (to be better prepared to respond to proposed legislation or requests to join other health groups in sponsoring legislation).

If you are interested in joining any of these work groups, please contact NAP Executive Director Constance Row at naphdq@comcast.net.

Wishing you well,

Mary E. Costanza, MD
NAP President

Public Policy Update:

NAP comments on Senator Baucus White Paper, writes to President Obama

In a first for NAP, the organization was invited to express our views on the most important health reform document currently circulating on the Hill – the White Paper authored by Senate Finance Committee Chair, Senator Max Baucus.

VP for Public Policy Dr. Marie DiCowden presented NAP's position on Senator Baucus' White Paper. The response was favorable, and NAP has been invited to provide further details to this and the other Senate committee working on healthcare reform in the new year. Go to the homepage on NAP's website at www.NAPpractice.org to link to the letter sent to Senator Baucus.

NAP also joined with 100 national organizations to send a letter to President Obama and the new Congress urging them to make healthcare reform a top domestic priority. The letter also calls on the President to hold a healthcare summit. Further news is expected at the upcoming Families USA Advocacy national meeting which NAP will attend.

At this time of change and new national leadership, NAP's abilities to meet its core mission – advising public policy makers – is relevant, strong and growing! Please e-mail the NAP Central Office at naphdq@comcast.net with the names of the Senators and Congress members that you can contact for future communications.



VP for Public Policy Marie DiCowden, PhD (middle) meets with Baucus' staff members Renee Carter, MDC (left) and Elise Stein.

NAP Celebrates a New Year with a New Website!

As you will remember, one of the goals of the NAP Council was to enhance communications with and among members through a powerful new website. With feedback from a consultant's marketing report (commissioned by the NAP Council) and input from NAP Council members, the newly-created Central Office Operations Taskforce and former Past-President Jane Ball, a plan was set in motion that came to fruition in time to start the new year with a new, powerful website.

The website will continue to grow and evolve and we not only welcome but NEED input from our members to make it the most useful tool possible. The systems and background structure are in place to make this new communications tool into whatever is most helpful for the membership. But we need your feedback to know how it is working and what else you would like to see! Please e-mail the webmaster at napcommunications@yahoo.com with suggestions for further enhancing the site.

This new phase of NAP's website currently includes many new features. Please click on the "NAP News" button of the new website and visit the "What's New" page to read more about them. The following provides some highlights.

Expanded members-only "Member Resources" section

Your NEW "Member Resources" User Name and Password information – Click on the "Member Resources" button at the top of the homepage to visit any one of the sections mentioned below. You will need your NEW User Name and Password to access these new features. The first time you visit this section, your temporary User Name will be your first and last name together with no spaces between. Your temporary Password is NAP.

For example:

User Name: JohnDoe

Password: NAP

When you log in to any part of the "Member Resources" section for the first time, your profile will appear for updating. Your User Name and Password will appear at the top of your profile. You will have the option of changing your User Name and MUST change your Password to something other than "NAP". Be sure to make note of your password for future use, but if you forget, there is a "forgot password?" feature you can use to have an automatic e-mail sent to you with all of your information. Remember, you must supply an e-mail address in your profile in order to take advantage of this feature.

Search for other members' profiles – Search for and connect with other members! You may search for member profiles using any criteria in the NAP database as well as new information members will be adding to their profiles as they log in and update them. Want to connect with someone in your area? Search by zip code. Looking for someone with a similar interest area? You will soon be able to do that too! You can also do simple searches like finding all members of one of the Academies. An introduction at the top of the search page will explain how to use the search and what kind of searches you can do.



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Edit your own profile – To take full advantage of the capabilities available in the member profile search area, members must update their own membership information to include information about themselves and their practice. Please take the time to update your profile. The more members that update their profile, the more effective the search function will be! This is also your chance to update your records with the Central Office.

Organizational charts – Ever wonder who to contact when you need certain information? Visit this section for an overview of the organization and to discover the best staff person to help with your particular needs.

Leadership Committees – This page shares information on the committee structure of the organization and links to full contact lists for the NAP Council and Executive Committee.

Discussion Forums – Take advantage of the new Discussion Forum feature to comment on topics of interest to NAP or your Academy and interact with other distinguished professionals. The Expert Panel Discussion Boards can also be found here, along with topics relating to other public policy initiatives.

Academy member lists – View newly-updated lists of members from each Academy. You may also use the "Search for Member's Profiles" function to locate full information on Academy members.

Advocacy Toolkit – With NAP's increasing visibility in the Public Policy arena, advocacy training becomes more important than ever. Take advantage of this training tool prepared for you by NAP.

Also new on the site

- Council Member Biographies
- President's Message
- Member News
- Press Room
- Links to Sites of Interest
- Online Event Calendar
- Publications

Be Part of the 2009 NAP Forum in March

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Help NAP by registering now!

During this time of economic hardship, it is difficult for us to plan if everyone waits until the early bird deadline to register. To make it easier for NAP to achieve the best deals through advanced planning, please take a moment to sign up for the Forum now. For a complete schedule and registration form, go to: www.napractice.org and visit the "Policy Forums" section. Or you may use the form below.

Be prepared for the discussion – read the background materials on NAP's website

Get started on your thinking now. Scan the annotated bibliography on accountable care coordination prepared with the Commonwealth Fund grant resources as background for the discussions that will form the NAP Policy Paper. To view the paper, go to: www.NAPPractice.org and visit the "Policy Forums" section. Look for the questions to be discussed at the Forum and be ready to give your input. An e-mail with the file will also be coming to members soon.

Registration and Hotel Information – DON'T DELAY, HOTEL DEADLINE IS MARCH 5!

Hotel Information: A room block has been reserved by the NAP at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202 for the nights of Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28 at the discounted rate of \$149 for singles or doubles. The hotel is right at the Metro, an easy ride from the Reagan National Airport or DC's Union (train) Station. **YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY.** Call Marriott Reservations at 800-228-9290 or the hotel at 703-920-3230. You must specify NAP to receive the discount. The room block will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis, so ACT NOW. **ROOM BLOCK RESERVATIONS EXPIRE 3/5/09.**

Registration: NAP members are invited to register for the 2009 Forum and Banquet. Guest tickets may also be purchased for the Banquet. Non-NAP members and students may also attend the daytime Forum program at the rate listed below. **EARLY BIRD PRICES ARE IN EFFECT UNTIL 2/27/09.** Please indicate your preference below and note that registrations cannot be processed without the payment enclosed (check or credit card – VISA or MC only). Refund policy: Refunds will be considered minus and handling fee if requests are received a minimum of two weeks prior to the program date. Banquet is black tie preferred.



Friday FREE Events (check all that apply): Public Policy Training Head to Toe: Patient-Centered Care & NAP Academy Welcome

Saturday Paid Events - NAP Members (check all that apply):

- Saturday Forum & Banquet – \$300 each Early Bird (\$375 after)
- Banquet Guest Tickets (# _____) \$150 Early Bird (\$175 after)
- Attending Banquet and receiving NAP Medallion**

Saturday Paid Events - Non-Members and Students:

- Forum only – incl. lunch - \$220 each Early Bird (\$250 after)
- Forum only – no lunch - \$190 each early bird (\$220 after)

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