

KENTUCKY AMBULATORY NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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LOG ONTO THE NETWORK'S NEW WEBSITE!!!

The latest network news can be found on

<http://www.mc.uky.edu/kan>

****Please note:** KAN member names are posted on this website. KAN member practice address and phone number will be listed in a separate secured area of the KAN website with access to KAN members **only**. If you do not want your information included, please contact us.

*** Mark Your Calendar – Annual Fall KAN Convocation ***

The Kentucky Ambulatory Network's Annual Fall Convocation date is set for **Friday November 16th** and **Saturday November 17th**. Once again, this year's convocation will be held at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington, Kentucky. Planning for guest speakers, workshops, and breakout sessions are underway. If you have any suggestions for this year's event please contact us. We plan to end the meeting in time for everyone to get to the Kentucky-Tennessee game (kick-off is at 1:30). Watch for more information/registration materials in the mail.

*** NAMCS-Plus Study ***

*** On Schedule ***

- The NAMCS-Plus study, KAN's replication of the CDC's National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, asks each KAN practitioner to fill out NAMCS forms on 25 of their patient visits for a one-week period twice in a year.
- Four community KAN members tested the NAMCS-Plus study in their practices during March and April, and gave feedback for the methods for the study.
- The full scale study began the second week of May. During May, June, and July, nine practices with 16 practitioners participated in the NAMCS-Plus study.
- KAN Family Practice residency programs are currently adapting the NAMCS-Plus study methods for their practices.
- Coding and analysis of data gathered on the returned surveys has begun.



*** Collaboration Opportunities ***

“CaRESS” –
“Cardiovascular Risk Education and Social Support.”
Dr. Kevin Pearce and UK colleagues have designed a simple, low cost office-based intervention to reduce cardiovascular risk factors in Type II diabetic patients. The grant application to evaluate CaRESS will be due November 1st at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Reviewers at AHRQ have requested a design that will need at least 15 practitioners, so we will invite KAN members to participate. We welcome your input to the study planning – helping assure that CaRESS can work in community practices. Contact Kevin Pearce (859) 323-

*** Congratulations ***

Congratulations to the first KAN members to complete 1 or 2 weeks of NAMCS-Plus Surveys:

UTC Boardwalk

Fadi Bacha, MD

Georgetown Family Physicians

Raymond Wechman, MS, MD

Henry R. Preston, MD

Kelly R. Burgess, MD

Dix River Family Practice

James Miller, MD

Christopher Sims, MD

Palomar Family Health Centre

Julie Taylor, MD

Josephine Glaser, MD

Stanford Family Medicine

Narenda James, MD

Comprehensive Care of the Bluegrass

Katherine Miller, MD

William D. Pratt, MD, PSC

Thank You to all KAN practitioners who have chosen their two weeks to complete NAMCS-Plus surveys in the coming year.

**** If you are a primary care practitioner and have not chosen two weeks to complete NAMCS-Plus surveys, please contact Mary Barron at (859) 323-4889.**