As the Supreme Court Weighs in on the Issue of Same-Sex "Marriage"...

In a brief submitted to the Supreme Court, Social Science Confirms: Kids need Married Moms and Dads.

The brief demonstrates that when it comes to same-sex parenting, we do not have adequate studies. The phenomenon is too new and the instances too few for it to be reliably—let alone conclusively—studied. Recent studies claiming that children raised in same-sex homes are "no different" from those raised in traditional homes are seriously flawed.

What we do know, reliably and conclusively, is that married biological moms and dads matter to children.

Read the full story at The Foundry of the Heritage Network.

MOC - Maintenance of Certification

The American College of Pediatricians supports the highest standards of medical practice among its members and within the field of pediatrics. The College therefore supports ongoing medical education for physicians to incorporate applicable new research in the care of patients. The College questions, however, whether the costly and intrusive process of the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program assists in education or practice.

Past President of the AAP and the College Dr. Joseph Zanga has written an informative article: MOC (Maintenance of Certification): Do we need another test? This article will be posted to the Perspectives section of the College website.

In addition the Benjamin Rush Society has created a survey on MOC and scheduled a debate on MOC in Philadelphia on April 20th and asked us to share this with you.

Please click on the link below to answer several questions on this vitally important issue for all physicians. Your responses will remain anonymous, but will go a long way to help all physicians. Please forward this to your physician contacts as well. The results will be analyzed and then shared at the debate.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HPV3X5Z

Sincerely,

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President
American College of Pediatricians
Defending Traditional Marriage
See this statement on the College website, "Defending Traditional Marriage for the Well-being of the Family and the Child."

Two Year Old Subjected to Ovarian Tissue Cryopreservation: An Ethical Case Analysis
College member Felipe Vizcarrondo, MD, MA, also a member of the AAP, recently had an article published in the AAP Newsletter Section on Bioethics:

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We appreciate Dr. Vizcarrondo's work in the Section on Bioethics.

Small Victories: Judge blocks enforcement of ACA's contraception mandate
The AP (3/15, Goodman) reports that US District Judge Lawrence Zatkoff "blocked the federal government from requiring the founder of Domino's Pizza to provide mandatory contraception coverage to his employees under the health care law." The AP says Zatkoff "granted a preliminary injunction against enforcement of the contraception provision of the law against Tom Monaghan," who "considers contraception a 'gravely immoral' practice," and "offers health insurance that excludes contraception and abortion for employees."

How to Recognize Severe Abuse Before it Happens
Medscape Medical News recently reported that a history of bruising or oral injury in pre-cruising infants should raise suspicions of abuse; as such injuries are common in abused infants and rare in infants found not to be abused.

The most common type of sentinel injury in children who were definitely abused was bruising (80%), followed by intraoral injury (11%) and other injury (7%).

Sentinel injuries occurred during early infancy, the researchers say: 66% at younger than 3 months of age and 95% by the time they had reached 7 months of age.

How to reduce abortions
Richard Doerflinger presented this article in The Washington Post. Go to this link to see the full story.

1. Fight poverty. Poverty and the hopelessness it can bring into people's lives is a major factor in the abortion rate. In one study by the Guttmacher Institute, women on Medicaid had twice the abortion rate of other women, even in states that fund childbirth but not abortions.

2. End publicly-funded abortions. That Guttmacher study showed that if the state funds abortions in its Medicaid program, low-income women's abortion rate doubles to be four times that of others.

3. Pass laws regulating the abortion industry. Research by Michael New and others has shown that even very modest laws -- Informed consent, waiting periods, parental involvement for minors, etc. - afford more time to think over an abortion decision and lead to significant reductions.

4. Uphold strong marriages. Unmarried American women may have four times the abortion rate of
those who are married. This factor can combine with poverty in a vicious circle - the disruptions in life caused by poverty can make stable relationships harder to maintain, and unmarried or divorced women lack the personal support system that can help keep them from poverty and a desperate resort to abortion.

5. Promote "sexual risk avoidance" for the young. This is an objective public health term for avoiding sexual involvement, as opposed to the "sexual risk reduction" approach of taking premature sexual activity for granted and then trying to reduce the damage. Recent declines in the abortion rate have occurred disproportionately among teens and young adults, and seem due largely to more young people delaying initiation of sexual activity. Teens are not known for being more reliable in contraceptive use than their elders.

Gender Ideology Enters the Schoolhouse
This article has been excerpted with permission from Public Discourse. See the full article at their website.

If you think male and female are two distinct sexes determined by your anatomy at birth, then don't bother serving as an expert witness in the United States District Court in Massachusetts. Nor can you in good conscience send your children to public school in the Commonwealth. A view of human nature that until very recently was understood to be obvious is becoming a source of disqualification from participating in public life.

The Massachusetts Department of Education (MDOE) has now eradicated sexual distinctions from public schools. MDOE's new directive requires schools to let children use bathrooms and play on sports teams according to the gender they personally identify as theirs, not their anatomical sex. The directive also admonishes schools to eliminate sex and gender distinctions in graduation garb, physical education, and other practices.

Manners were never so much fun
Judi Vankevich, The Manners Lady, is a dynamo and she is on a mission to create a more civilized and enjoyable world.

In many cases manners were thrown out in the 1960's and 70's along with respect for authority and other norms in society. Now we have a generation of parents raising kids who were never taught manners themselves. I receive hundreds of calls and emails from men and women asking for help. They sincerely are asking for help with the most basic of manners.

We need to be intentional about teaching character. Don Page, Professor of Leadership Studies at Trinity Western University has noted:

"For far too long we have focused our attention on the results of the aberrant behaviour that flows from a lack of respect and civility in our society. It is time for us to get at the root causes of these behaviours and that is precisely what The Manners Club does. This could be the beginning of a much needed national societal values rejuvenation based on positive character attributes."

See the full article about Judi and her program at Mercatornet.com.

CBS defames former homosexuals - please sign this petition
Demand that CBS apologize for defaming former homosexuals, persons with unwanted same-sex attractions, their families and counselors, and the Judeo-Christian community. Sign the petition found
Eradicating Childhood Obesity
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has some ideas to help fight childhood obesity.

According to a recent survey 3 pm to bedtime is crunch time for children and obesity. Some changes that are helping parents and kids eat more healthfully and be active -

After school programs
Health Corner Store initiative
Creating safe places to walk, bike and play

See the full article here.

Conjugality - Food for Thought
Here's a good piece of lateral thinking on gay marriage that came up in a British House of Lords debate on the royal succession -- legislation designed to end preference for the eldest son and allow a daughter to be first in line for the throne.

What if, said Lord True, a Conservative peer who is not opposed to gay marriage,

"What happens if we have a lesbian queen in a same-sex marriage who conceives using an egg implanted with donor sperm? The law should be clear, but this is a question that has not been thought through in the Bill."

See the full commentary in the Mercatomet.com blog "Conjugality" on the future of marriage.

Same-Sex Marriage: We’re Playing Chess, Not Checkers
Just as chess requires players to seriously consider every possible consequence of their moves, we need to seriously consider every possible consequence of the push for same-sex marriage, especially for children.

In our sometimes misguided efforts to expand our freedom, selfish adults have systematically dismantled that which is most precious to children as they grow and develop. That's why I am now speaking out against same-sex "marriage." And by the way, I am gay.

See this full article at The Witherspoon Institute Public Discourse

Surrender the Secret
A new internet television series, "Surrender the Secret," premiered on January 22. If you are interested in learning about the emotional pain suffered by women who have chosen abortion, and their path toward the emotional healing and restoration to wholeness that is possible, you will gain greatly from this program. The series features 5 women who have actually chosen and experienced an abortion, and are now together engaged in a Bible study restoration program called "Surrender the Secret." These are not actresses; they are real women sharing, in a small group setting, their lives and their pain.......and their path toward healing.

Visit this link to see episodes: http://www.knocktv.com/surrenderthesecret/all-episodes/
FYI: Survey results on Electronic Health Records (EHR)
Of members who responded to the survey, 91% are currently using electronic health records.

WECARE: World Expert Consortium for Abortion Research and Education
A paper titled "Reproductive History Patterns and Long-Term Mortality Rates: A Danish Population-Based Record Linkage Study" was published not long ago. The purpose of this extensive study was to explore the effects of particular patterns of pregnancy resolution (induced abortion, miscarriage, and birth) on mortality rates over an extended time frame (25 years).

You can see a synopsis of the paper here at the WECARE website. The results may surprise you since you probably haven't seen them published in the mainstream media.

Shame on You United Nations
Dr. Miriam Grossman recently spoke at the UN's annual Commission on the Status of Women. Dr. Grossman urged other nations to protect their youth from the onslaught of US-made "comprehensive" sexuality education (CSE).

Why? Because the priority of CSE is sexual rights and sexual freedom, not sexual health. And in societies where sexual freedom reigns, women [our daughters, our granddaughters, our mothers and sisters] pay the highest price.

Visit Dr. Grossman's blog to get the full scoop.

Parental Controls for Cell Phones
The major cell phone companies do offer parental control packages. Alert the parents of your patients to this simple fact and help put the reins back into the hands of parents. Visit this link for more information that you can share with parents.

Each of them offers the ability to:

- block picture messaging
- block unknown phone numbers
- limit what time your kids can text or call
- filter web browsing, and
- use GPS tracking to keep tabs on their physical location

However, sexting prevention seems to be an entirely different beast as the only practical option is to disable picture messaging altogether.

Great Resources to Recommend to Parents
The National Physicians Center has two great resources to recommend to parents when it's time to have "the talk."

- Prescriptions for Parents is an interactive CD that turns your home computer into a parenting resource center. Narration video, animation, and text combine to form an easy-to-understand yet powerful educational tool that provides medically-accurate information on adolescent development and sexual health.
- Sex Q & A is a book that provides parents and health educators with the facts they need to discuss sexual issues with adolescents. Written with the
expertise of physicians nationwide, the new “Q&A” booklet is easy to read and medically-accurate.

Visit the NPC resource page to purchase samples of these materials for your office.

**Buying or Selling a Home or a Commercial Property?**

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At no cost, you can help our Pro-Life work. For example, when a $150,000 home closes the College will receive approximately $1,000, just because you called—at no additional cost to you. You must FIRST contact Real Estate for Life at 877-543-3871, or by email to proliferealestate@yahoo.com.

Spanning North America and worldwide, their network of agents is experienced and has a proven track record; these agents are committed to upholding the sanctity of life. Not in the market? Other ways to promote this Ministry include: Telling friends, placing flyers in local churches, and posting on your Facebook page, etc. If the buyer/seller using Real Estate for Life mentions the American College of Pediatricians, the College will benefit by receiving a percentage from the Realtor fee.

Please pass this on.

**A Tip on Password Security**

With the ever-increasing need for security we now have a need for multiple and more complicated passwords for different internet accounts. The problem is how do we keep track of all of these passwords and how do we keep them secure?

There are programs available for a fee such as Password Depot, but in the short term and for free you can simply place all of your passwords in a spreadsheet document on your desktop and password protect that document. This way you have to remember only ONE password to access all of the other passwords.

**Fight the Trash on Television**

Please send an email to the sponsors of this week's "Preachers' Daughters." Lifetime's newest series, "Preachers' Daughters," is a reality show about Christian girls gone bad. It is sad that Hollywood prefers to portray ministers' families in a negative light, and of course Lifetime undoubtedly made no effort to follow preachers' kids who are living in accordance with their faith.

One Million Moms request that you Take Action Now!

**Boy Scouts of America Respond to College Letter**

See the letter here.

"We are currently in the process of a careful and deliberate review of our membership policy. Scouting is a family and we believe it is important that every voice be heard. We are dedicated to the integrity of the process and trust that our voting members of the national council will fairly and accurately determine the most appropriate path forward."

The letter includes a link at their website to voice your individual opinion on this issue by email. Especially if you are a former scout, please take the time to send them a quick email via their website: www.scout.org/ContactUs.aspx. Thank you!
**Wikipedia Editor needed!**
The College has been fighting a battle to maintain the most accurate information about the College on Wikipedia but we really need a handful of editors to police this on a regular basis. If you or someone you know is comfortable with making edits of this sort (based on the data/text that the College will provide), please contact the office at admin@acpeds.org, or call 888-376-1877 and speak with Lisa.

**Quote of the month**

TRUTH

It's the new hate speech

"During times of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act."
George Orwell

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