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Promoting the Myth of "Safe Sex"
The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) released an updated policy statement, Contraception for Adolescents, on September 29th, and the College responded with a press release stating that, "The policy promotes the myth of "safe sex," while ignoring the dire consequences that early sexual activity can have upon young people."

See the full Press Release from the College here.

College Members:
YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The Board of the American College of Pediatricians will meet Friday and Saturday October 3 & 4 in Atlanta, GA.
Members are always welcome. Please contact the office for more details at (888)376-1877, or email: admin@acpeds.org

Why Physicians Won't Unite to 'Rescue' Medicine
It appears "Political Divisions are Widening" reports Medscape. College President, Dr. Den Trumbull was recently interviewed by Medscape and discusses the division between medical organizations during his interview.

Apparently, a phenomenon has occurred during the past two decades with some medical societies having taken on social issues that used to be off-bounds; resulting in the alienation of members.

Click here to read the transcript of Dr. Trumbull's interview (see p.3).

Brigadier General Thomas E. Potter, MD, FCP
College member Dr. Thomas Potter, 86, passed away September 20, 2014, after a courageous and unrelenting two-year battle with complications from injuries he sustained in an accident. Dr. Potter received his B.S. from St. Peter's University, Jersey City, New Jersey in 1950 and his MD from Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois in 1954. He was also a graduate of the Harvard School of Public Health Program for Clinical Chairman and the Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Potter interned at St. Michael's Hospital in Newark and served his pediatric residencies at St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, Jersey City Medical Center, Jersey City, and Loyola University Mercy Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, where he was Chief Resident. In 1972, after twelve years in private
practice in Hasbrouck Heights and Rutherford, New Jersey, he became the first full time hospital based Director of Pediatrics at St. Joseph Hospital in Paterson, New Jersey. With his guidance, leadership and vision, the hospital opened a neo-natal intensive care unit and a pediatric intensive care unit, created their own child development center, and graduated 225 pediatricians from the residency program. Also, Grants and contracts were awarded to St. Joseph's Children's Hospital for over twenty-two million dollars during his tenure. As Chairman Emeritus, Dr. Potter was actively involved in the interests of the Hospital until his debilitating accident in 2012.

Dr. Potter is the cherished husband of Veronica McCabe Potter, who has lovingly been at his side for 56 years, always bringing a smile to his face with her gentle and fun loving humor. He was a faithful member of the College from 2003 until his passing, and the College extends its heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Potter and her family for their loss.

Marijuana: science, not hype, will clear the haze
If marijuana is as medicinal and harmless as advocates assert, why do over a dozen national health organizations, including the American Medical Association, the American Glaucoma Society and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, oppose legalization even for medicinal purposes?

To access the full article written by College V.P. Dr. Michelle Cretella, visit this link at MercatorNet.com.

Even the Washington Post in this article recommends that voters reject the rush to legalize marijuana.

To review and obtain copies of the College's position on marijuana use, visit the College website.

Dying in America: A New Report
Committee Representatives from various fields involved in end-of-life care were sponsored by an anonymous donor to develop a report which was released last month. The 21-member national committee included representatives from various fields: doctors, nurses, religious leaders, geriatric specialist, insurers and lawyers.

See the article at Medscape, along with the College's position statement Neonatal Euthanasia: The Groningen Protocol.

"FCP" - Fellow of the American College of Pediatricians
If you are a full Fellow (certified in pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics or the American Osteopathic Board of Pediatrics, or any other certification as determined by the Board of Directors), we invite and encourage you to use the FCP designation, following your name, in your correspondences and directories.

Divorce "Packages" offered by 5-Star Resort
Family Edge reports that "lavish resorts" are now offering party packages that host divorce celebration weekends. The resort’s staff coordinate the weekend event in preparation for the couple’s extravagant party as they retract their marriage vows surrounded by divorce attorneys, family and friends. Some of the divorcing parties will even broadcast their negotiations via a reality television show.

The College has researched the effects of divorce on children. To access our statement, visit The Impact of Family Structure on the Health of Children - the Effects of Divorce.

Childhood Obesity
Childhood obesity is an unprecedented challenge to the health of children and the pediatricians who care for them. There are life threatening conditions that result from obesity. The Journal Childhood Obesity published a list of recommendations to help identify and treat children with obesity.
College Board Member, Quentin Van Meter, a pediatric endocrinologist located in Atlanta, GA offers his Perspective on the obesity epidemic.

**Insufficient Sleep among teens a public health problem**

American middle- and high-school students are not getting enough sleep! It is reported that this phenomenon is a chronic problem worldwide. **Hear Dr. Trumbull as he addresses this topic with Worldwide KFUO Radio.** To access the technical report in Pediatrics, visit Healio by clicking here.

**ProLifeOB/GYNs 2015 Matthew Bulfin Educational Conference**

You are invited to join College Board members Tom Benton and Jane Anderson in Washington, D.C. for the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians & Gynecologists Matthew Bulfin Educational Conference.

Dr. Anderson will be a Guest Speaker to address the topic of: [Teen] Brain Development. For further information, or to register, visit AAPLOG's event link.

**College Board Member discusses Enterovirus D-68 with ABC News**

Charlotte - NC. The Centers for Disease Control said there are six confirmed cases of Enterovirus D-68 in North Carolina and two in South Carolina. Dr. Scott Spies, MD, FCP, College member and pediatrician with Novant Health, told ABC News that he believes the real numbers are much higher.

To see the news story, click here.

**Pennsylvania mother gets prison for dispensing abortifacient**

Reuters reports that a Pennsylvania women has been sentenced up to 18 months in prison for dispensing an abortifacient pill used to induce her daughter's miscarriage.

To read more, click here.

To learn about the College's position on Emergency Contraception - Not the Best for Adolescents - click here.

**Left to their own devices?**

The ways in which parents and teachers are raising and educating children with technology are not sustainable. It's time to bring the tech train back to the station and rethink who, what, when, where, why and how parameters to safely and effectively use technology with children.

To read the full story at MercatorNet.com click here.

**Federal Judge Defends Marriage**

US federal judge, Martin Feldman, broke ranks with dozens of his brethren on Wednesday to defend the meaning of marriage, and ruled that Louisiana has no obligation to recognise same-sex unions as marriage.

To read the article, "Parade of empathy" halted by same-sex marriage ruling", visit Mercatomet.

**Over One-Third of those turning 21 This Year are Born to Unwed Mothers.**
According to the CDC, at least 40 percent of the babies born in each of the last six years - 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 - were born to unmarried mothers.

Click here to review these startling statistics reported by cnsnews.com.

Wall of Compassion

All donors to the Best for Children campaign 2014: be sure to visit the College website page Wall of Compassion to see our expression of appreciation for your support of the campaign!

Why do rich countries have so many poor children?

According to one US study, 71 percent of poor families with children are not headed by a married couple; marriage reduces the child poverty rate by 80 percent. A US Census Bureau report this week highlighting the first significant fall in child poverty rates since 2000 notes: "Reductions in poverty were significant for children in married-couple families and families with a male householder. The changes in poverty for children in families with a female householder were not statistically significant."

To read the story at Mercatornet.com CLICK HERE.

How we justify a market in children

Third-party reproduction is a prism for violations against humanity. IVF and the sperm trade launched a wicked industry that now includes abortion, eugenics, human trafficking, and deliberate family fragmentation. - from Public Discourse a Mercatornet.com partner.

Human Enhancement: The New Eugenics

A technical paper, written by College member Dr. Felipe E. Vizcarrondo, and published by Linacre Quarterly, Dr. Vizcarrondo reveals that the "new" eugenics, although based on science, continues to pursue the same goal as the old eugenics, the development of a superior individual and the elimination of those considered inferior.

View Dr. Vizcarrondo's paper published at Linacre Quarterly.

Walking for Life

ACPeds pediatrician member Fred de Miranda, MD, and his wife of Fort Smith, Arkansas, are walking the 500 mile Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain. While they walk, they are praying daily to end abortion.

Thank you, Dr. and Mrs. de Miranda, for 'traveling the distance' to protect the unborn babies and their mothers!

Is your brokerage account protected from cyber thieves?

Investors who quickly read their brokerage statements and just glance at the bottom line have reason to look more closely, even at portfolios that are less active: There's a risk that cyber thieves could hack into your account and wire money to their own accounts, or make unauthorized trades to manipulate security prices. To know what to look for along with some security questions to ask your financial planner, click here.

In the News

- Clinical Severity of Rhinovirus/Enterovirus Compared to Other Respiratory Viruses in
Children
- Teen Boys more likely to receive mental health services
- E-cigarette use tripled among adolescents since 2011
- Family Dinners may help kids cope with cyberbullying
- Judge upholds New Jersey ban on gay conversion therapy
- Update: CDC confirms enterovirus D68 cases in 16 states
- Early Azithromycin in Infants Risks Pyloric Stenosis
- 5 New Developments in anaphylaxis research
- Behind the increase in HIV Infections Among Gay and Bisexual Men
- German Experts Say that Incest Is 'Taboo', but Shouldn't Be illegal

Collaborative care intervention improved depression among adolescents

A recent study, published by the Journal of the American Medical Association, suggests that collaborative care intervention which includes parents and their child's primary care physician, results in significantly greater improvement for adolescents with depression.

To read the article published by Healio, visit here.

Teaching your kids to be happy

Research shows that the happiest people spend time with the people they care about. We all care about our children, but often life's busy schedule gets in our way. Take a deep breath, step back and allow them into 'your' moment. Conversation should be honest, respectful and positive. It's amazing what you will learn about one another. When loved and included, children will blossom into amazing adults!

To read about some basic strategies, visit Mercatornets Family Edge by CLICKING HERE.

The latest publishing boom: children's books with transgender themes

We've entered a time where children's books are being published seeking to engage the sympathies of young readers on behalf of those who claim themselves imprisoned by sexual mis-dentity by a transgender "condition".

Before our children believe that "Blue Crayons" color pink and "Pink Crayons" color blue, perhaps we can encourage a color wheel that stays true to its created beauty in both form and function. According to studies by Vanderbilt University and London's Portman Clinic, 70% to 80% of children who report transgender feelings lose them as the children mature.

To read this article, visit: The Wall Street Journal reports

Sexual Risk Avoidance Specialist (SRAS) Certification Program

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Chesterton, Indiana: October 7-8, 2014

"It's so easy to stand with a crowd; it takes courage to stand alone"

Quote of the month

Teamwork is:
The ability to work together toward a vision. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.
-Andrew Carnegie

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