AAAAI Launches New Course Modules to Address Gaps in PIDD Diagnosis

Simulated patient encounters that provide you with real-life situations in an interactive learning environment are the focus of two new modules launched as part of a new “Providing Enhanced Medical Support for Patients with Primary Immunodeficiency Disorders (PIDD)” program offered by the AAAAI to address skill gaps in the diagnosis and care of patients with PIDD. The two new modules are:

- **Diagnosis: A Practical Patient Scenario for Allergy/Immunology Specialists:** This patient scenario invites the learner to examine a patient’s history, presentation, and test results to determine a unifying diagnosis for their health issues.

- **Diagnosis: A Practical Patient Scenario for Primary Care Providers:** This patient scenario invites learners to conduct an initial telehealth visit and determine which tests to run and whether there are patterns of immunodeficiency that indicate a need for referral to an allergy/immunology specialist.

The AAAAI developed the program after a survey of patients revealed that healthcare providers (HCPs) often struggle to identify signs and symptoms of PIDD, which can lead to delays in diagnosis. The survey was conducted by the AAAAI, the Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF) and AXDEV. Gaps in patient/clinician communication, treatment and management, and ineffective telehealth processes were cited by patients as the main issues.

The first two modules that were released focus on signs and symptoms of PIDD and telehealth challenges:

- **Signs and Symptoms of PIDD:** This module reviews signs and symptoms of PIDD and highlights testimonials from PIDD patients who share their health journeys and recommendations for HCPs working with PIDD patients.

- **Beyond the Doctor’s Office: Telehealth for PIDD Patient Care:** This module prepares you to conduct effective telehealth visits with PIDD patients, and includes strategies to address self-care and mental health concerns which impact the patient and their overall health.

CME and CE credit is available for each module in the program. After completing at least three modules, physicians may earn MOC Part IV credit by returning after a period of 30 days to complete a follow-up self-assessment wherein they will answer questions about how they have implemented the lessons learned from the program and what effects doing so has had on their practice.

**Register today at education.aaaai.org/PIDD_EdProgram.**

Providing Enhanced Medical Support for Patients with PIDD is funded through an educational grant from Pfizer.

The AAAAI Annual Meeting Returns as a Hybrid Event in 2022

Visit the Annual Meeting Website to Register Today

Discuss thought-provoking research, practice clinically-relevant skills and connect with colleagues at the 2022 AAAAI Annual Meeting, which will focus on a clinical theme of difficult to control asthma. Registration and housing is now open at the Annual Meeting website at annualmeeting.aaaai.org.

The 2022 Annual Meeting is a hybrid event that will have both in-person and online elements, with the live event taking place February 25-28, 2022, in Phoenix, Arizona. The AAAAI is committed to the health and safety of our members, staff and other attendees and will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and follow all local, state and federal recommendations to ensure a safe, enjoyable and productive Annual Meeting. Further information on health and safety protocols at the Annual Meeting can be found at annualmeeting.aaaai.org.

Due to positive member feedback concerning online elements and the continuing pandemic, we are also pleased to offer the option for attendees to register to watch sessions virtually. Watch annualmeeting.aaaai.org for more details on next year’s event and the hybrid format as the date of the meeting gets closer.

**Plenary Preview**

**Friday Presidential Plenary: Digital Health and Remote Patient Monitoring for Patients with Difficult to Control Asthma**

Patients with difficult to control asthma may have low health literacy, poor inhaled controller medication adherence and technique, high exposure to indoor and outdoor environmental triggers, and reduced access to care. This session will address how digital health technologies and remote patient monitoring systems can address the above challenges, as well as their limitations.

**Saturday Plenary: Preparing for the Next Pandemic: From Mechanisms to Vaccines**

The worldwide COVID-19 pandemic is the most devastating public health crisis since Spanish influenza in 1918. This session will impart learned strategies to prepare for future pandemics. It will highlight the federal
response and how science is leveraged to identify underlying immune mechanisms and rapidly implement novel vaccine strategies.

**Sunday Plenary: Anaphylaxis: Novel Mechanisms and Emerging Therapeutic Interventions**

This session will describe novel discoveries in the field of mast cells, IgE and anaphylaxis. It will also cover novel therapeutic approaches to prevent anaphylaxis.

**Monday Plenary: An Ounce of Prevention**

This session will include presentations from world-renowned experts regarding prevention of food allergy and other allergic diseases. The issue of prevention is of critical importance in the context of increasing prevalence of allergic diseases throughout the world.

Visit annualmeeting.aaaai.org to browse the full program of sessions that will be presented.

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**EAACI Now Accepting Nominations for the 2022 PhARF Award**

The objective of the Phadia Allergy Research Forum (PhARF) is to encourage progress in allergy research through an international PhARF Award. Every year a young investigator (maximum 45 years), who has made outstanding contributions to the field of allergy, is recognized by this PhARF Award. Nominations for the 2022 PhARF Award can now be submitted at the European Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (EAACI) website at eaaci.org.

**Basis for Election**

The candidate’s research should be of high quality and in the forefront. The research should have contributed to a better understanding of allergic inflammation, as well as improved diagnostic procedures and treatment, enabling more optimal patient management. The level of independency and professional implication of the award on the candidate’s career, will also be taken into consideration.

The winner is recognized at the yearly EAACI Annual Congress and invited to Uppsala University in the autumn every year.

For more information about the 2022 PhARF Award, contact EAACI at awards@eaaci.org.

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**Time Is Running Out to Apply for These AAAAI Grant Opportunities**

Obtaining funding for research and other projects in allergy/immunology can be a challenge. The AAAAI is committed to helping members of the A/I community obtain access to funds that will allow them to conduct important research and complete projects relevant to the A/I field. The AAAAI Foundation does this by raising money for the annual Faculty Development Awards, but there are additional grant opportunities that you may not be aware of, including the following:

- The 2022 AAAAI/Elliot and Roslyn Jaffe Third Year Fellowship Food Allergy Research Award at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, for research focused on food allergy. Applications are due November 12, 2021, at 11:59 am CT.
- The 2021 HOPE APFED/AAAAI Grant, which is intended to initiate new projects relevant to eosinophilic disorders, excluding asthma, rhinitis and eczema. Applications are due November 12, 2021, at 11:59 pm CT.
- Managed by the American Lung Association (ALA), the 2022 ALA/AAAAI Allergic Respiratory Diseases Research Award. Applications are due December 16, 2021, at 11:59 pm ET.

Visit aaaai.org/Professional-Education/grants-awards for more information and to submit your application for any of these grants.

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**We Need Your Help to Honor Individuals Making an Impact in Allergy/Immunology**

Submit Nominations for the 2023 AAAAI Honorary Awards

It’s been a challenging year and now is your chance to help honor your colleagues who have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic. The AAAAI Annual Meeting Awards Committee is considering nominations for the 2023 AAAAI Honorary Awards. The awards will be presented during the 2023 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

AAAAI Fellows and members are encouraged to submit nominations for the following awards. If you know anyone that sounds like the perfect
Take a Look at These New Education Offerings From the AAAAI

In the past several months, the AAAAI has released new educational courses on important topics in A/I. Here’s a rundown of what’s new on the AAAAI Continuing Education Center at education.aaaai.org.

Demystifying IgE-Mediated Cow’s Milk Allergy: Diagnosis and Management: 2021 Update
Learn the latest on how to diagnose and manage cow’s milk allergy in your practice, taking into account new research.

Oral Immunotherapy for Treatment of Food Allergy: 2021 Update
This interactive course provides information about the different types of food immunotherapy with a focus on oral immunotherapy.

The Nuts and Bolts of Grant Writing
Learn the essentials of the grant application process, including common application requirements, considerations for the writing process, and tips for success.

Understanding Hypereosinophilic Syndrome (HES) and Its Treatment
The AAAAI partnered with Medscape on this course, which covers the pathophysiology and treatment of HES.

Learning Why We Need to Know about Cost Effectiveness Analysis
As healthcare shifts to a value-based model, it’s important you understand effective treatment options that reduce costs for patients. Learn about cost effectiveness analysis in this new module.

You can find a complete list of our educational offerings at the AAAAI Continuing Education Center at education.aaaai.org.