

Educating Physicians About Children's Mental Health

Pediatricians surveyed for the journal *Pediatrics* said that about 15 percent of their patients have mild to moderate behavioral problems. Yet, pediatricians report often feeling unprepared to treat these children and want more training to identify and treat mental illnesses. In response, the AACAP reached out to pediatricians and family physicians to educate them about children and adolescents with psychiatric disorders.

Practical Pediatric Psychopharmacology for Primary Care Clinicians

Because of training needs and stricter regulations, many pediatricians are uncomfortable prescribing psychotropic medications. Pediatricians often recommend that children and adolescents with mental illnesses see a child and adolescent psychiatrist, but the workforce shortage prevents this. To help pediatricians appropriately treat and monitor patients, the AACAP's Work Group on Research Pediatric Psychopharmacology Initiative offered "Practical Pediatric Psychopharmacology for Primary Care Clinicians," chaired by **Christopher Kratochvil, M.D.**, and **Adelaide Robb, M.D.** The course focused on depression, ADHD, learning disorders, and treatment plans that involve the entire family. To find out more about this course, visit www.aacap.org.

Practice Parameters

The AACAP's *Practice Parameters* are a best practice series that educates pediatricians

and family physicians about evidence-based treatments for children and adolescents with mental illnesses. In 2006, the AACAP produced two new *Practice Parameters* on Family Assessment and Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). In addition, the AACAP condensed the *Practice Parameter* on ADHD into a pocketcard that highlights major points and treatment algorithms. Reflecting the AACAP's commitment to sharing knowledge with the public as well as healthcare professionals, the AACAP makes all of its *Practice Parameters* free and available on its Web site, www.aacap.org.

Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

The Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (JAACAP) is recognized worldwide as the leading scientific journal dedicated exclusively to the study of child and adolescent mental health. Readership of *JAACAP* extends beyond AACAP membership and encompasses not only child psychiatrists,



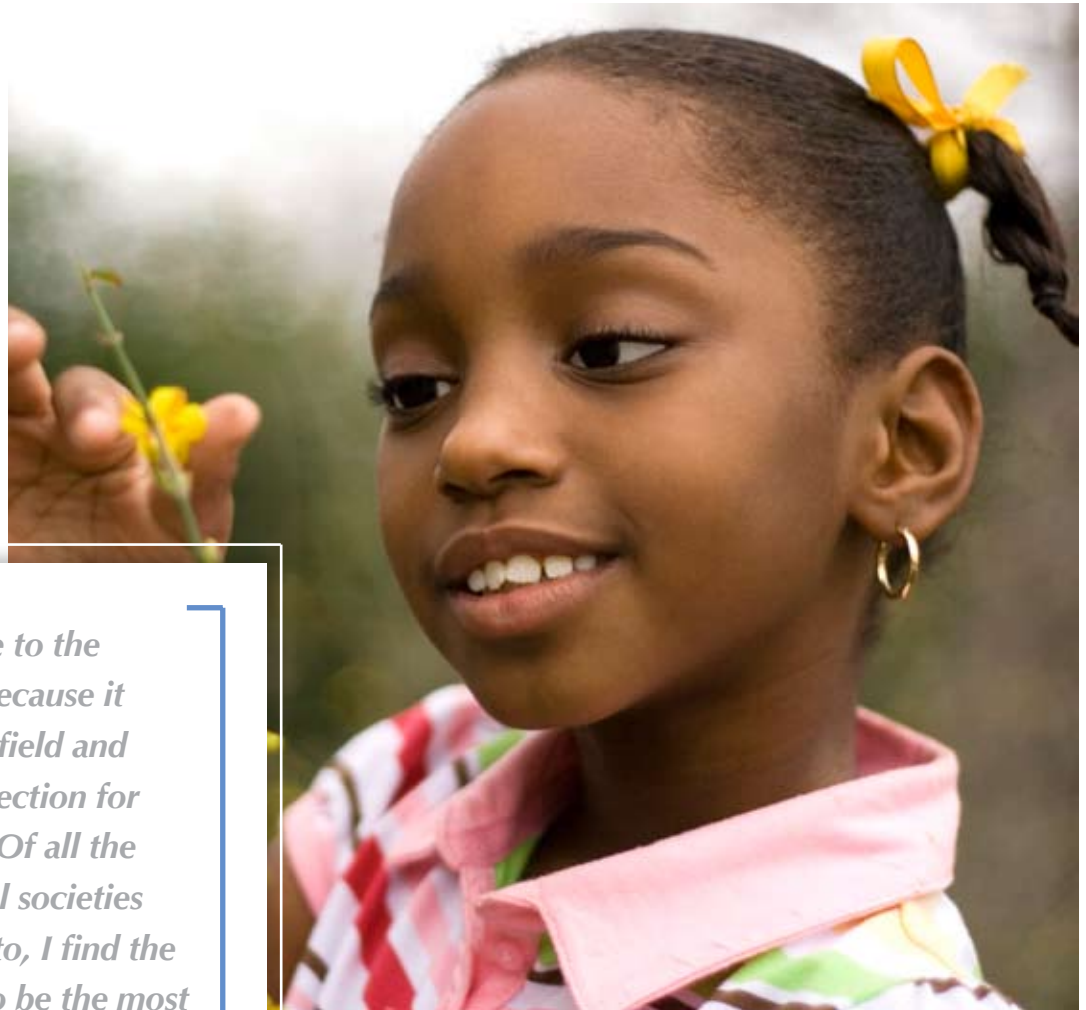
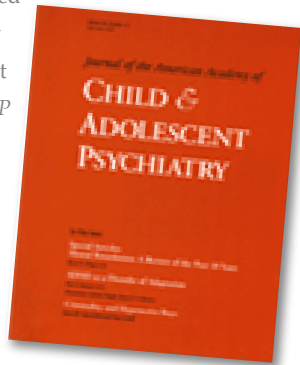
but also pediatricians and other child and adolescent healthcare providers.

In 2006, the AACAP named **Andrés Martin, M.D., M.P.H.** the editor-elect of the *JAACAP*. Dr. Martin is an associate professor of child psychiatry and the director of Medical Studies at the Yale Child Study Center. He is also the medical director of Children's Psychiatric Inpatient Service at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital. Dr. Martin will begin his editorship in 2008 and is preceded by **Mina Dulcan, M.D.**, who has served as editor since 1998. During Dr. Dulcan's tenure, *JAACAP* remained ranked first in the Science Citation Index's impact factor for children's mental health and was ranked second among 68 journals in pediatrics. Its impact factor increased 35% to 4.767. Dr. Dulcan also oversaw the development and implementation of the online version of the *JAACAP*.

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In 2006, the John F. McDermott Assistant Editor-in-Residence position was funded to provide the opportunity for an early career child and adolescent psychiatrist to join the editorial team of the *JAACAP* for three years. Working closely with the Editor-in-Chief and with Editor Emeritus **John F. McDermott, M.D.**, the assistant editor-in-residence will acquire an intimate understanding of the editorial processes that results in the publication of the *Journal*.

The goal of this position is to foster the professional growth of child and adolescent psychiatrists interested in contributing to the field's foremost peer-reviewed journal. Dr. McDermott and his wife, Sally, endowed this prestigious position.



Above: Mina Dulcan, M.D.

Right: Andrés Martin, M.D., M.P.H.



I contribute to the Academy because it shapes our field and sets our direction for the future. Of all the professional societies we belong to, I find the Academy to be the most effective. I hope you will join me in supporting it.
-John McDermott, M.D.

JAACAP Editor Emeritus John McDermott, M.D., on the occasion of giving \$50,000, with his wife, Sally McDermott to endow the John F. McDermott Editor-in-Residence position.