

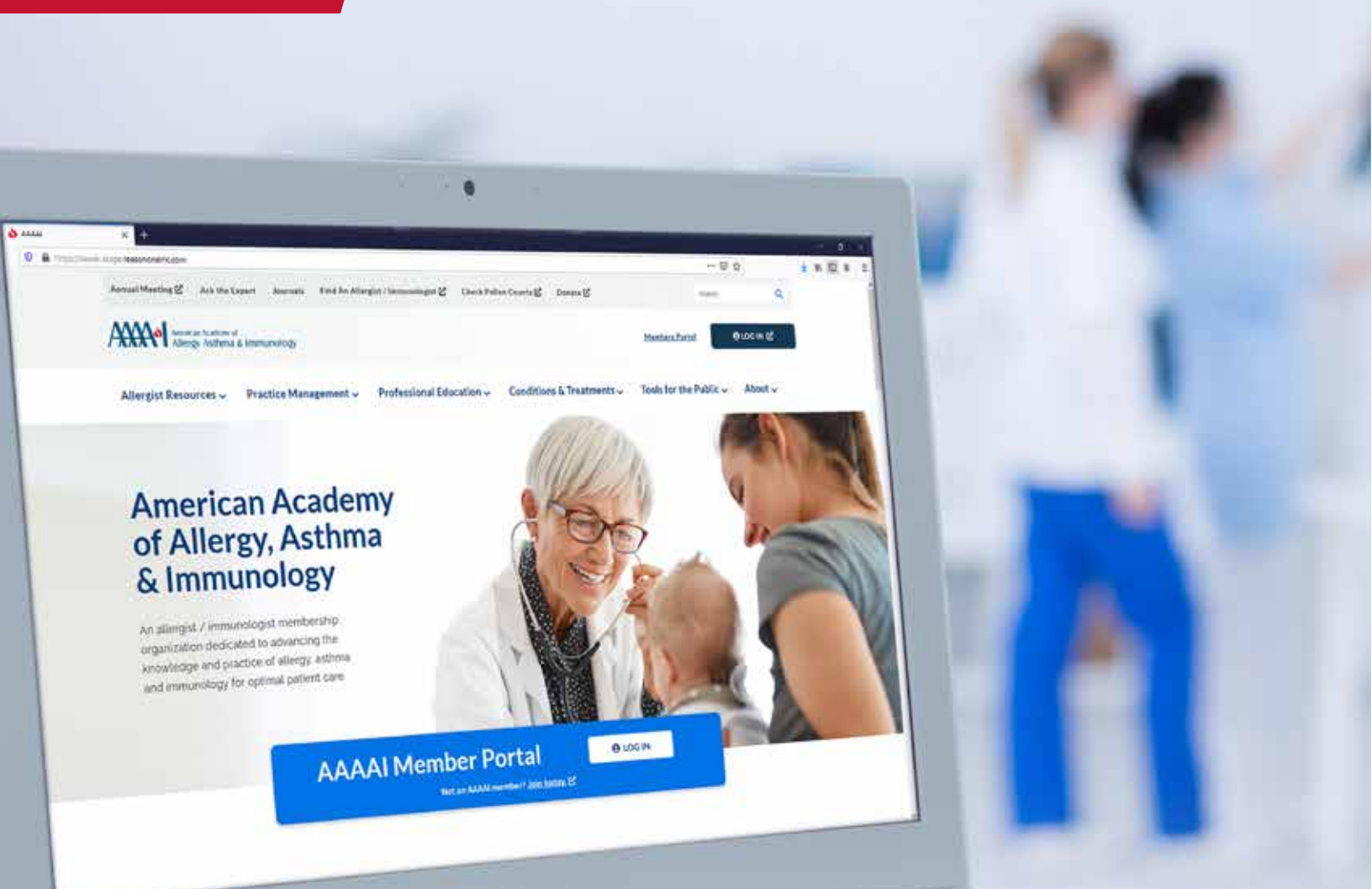


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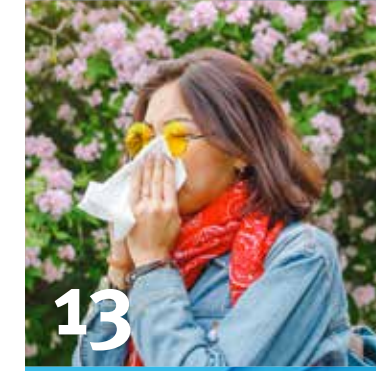
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Dear Colleagues,

It is hard to believe that the live dates of the [2021 AAAAI Virtual Annual Meeting](#) took place more than 2 months ago. Even if you did not attend, you can still [register](#) to get access to the [Virtual Meeting platform](#). Anyone who is registered can review session recordings and claim continuing education credits through March 1, 2022—giving you ample time to experience cutting-edge allergy and immunology education at your own convenience.

Since the live dates of our 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting, the United States and other countries have been making great strides in administering COVID-19 vaccines as we continue the fight to end this global health crisis. The collective sense of optimism finally feels like it is growing after the unprecedented challenges we have experienced at home, taking care of patients, teaching fellows and residents, and conducting research during the pandemic.

While we are hopeful that an in-person 2022 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona will be possible, the AAAAI continues to offer virtual programming so you can get the education you need until we can safely resume in-person events. In fact, one of our most unique offerings—the AAAAI Practice Management Workshop, which focuses on the business side of medicine and running a practice—will again be virtual this year.

You might recall that last year's Virtual Practice Management Workshop pivoted to offer a series of webinars that addressed timely topics related to COVID-19 and its impact on allergy and immunology practices. These [webinar recordings](#) remain on the AAAAI Continuing Education Center and are free to members and their practice staff. For the 2021 AAAAI Virtual Practice Management Workshop taking place July 23-24, the format has evolved to mirror as closely as possible the type of program you would experience at a live Practice Management Workshop.

If you have never attended an AAAAI Practice Management Workshop, this is the year to register and experience the tremendous value that it offers. As we all know, the business side of medicine and running a practice is what we *don't* learn about in any of our training, thus the AAAAI Practice Management Workshop fills a huge learning gap. Regardless of whether you are a fellow-in-training (FIT), a new allergist/immunologist or an established allergist/immunologist, there are sessions relevant to everyone. We are very excited about the possibilities a virtual format will offer, especially because it will be easier for many of you and your practice staff to attend. We have also made the pricing extremely affordable to ensure cost is not a barrier to participate. You and your practice team will be able to spend part of your weekend with AAAAI for ideas you can put into place Monday morning.

Aside from the affordable pricing, you can look forward to pre-recorded plenaries sent out prior to the event, live interactive sessions allowing for small group discussions, access to the recordings of live sessions after the workshop concludes, dedicated Q&A sessions with plenary speakers, and access to non-CME product theater programs and a virtual vendor directory.

The balance of pre-recorded plenaries that you can watch on your own time and live interactive sessions with small group discussion will offer the best of both worlds. The pre-recorded plenaries alone will cover:

- Coding Updates for 2021
- HR Legal Primer: Strategies for Allergy Practice
- Government Regulations and Allergy Practice: What You Need to Know
- Telemedicine: An Overview of the Post-COVID-19 Landscape
- Payer Contracting: Assessment and Renegotiation Process Overview

The Practice Management Workshop Planning Committee led by Priya J. Bansal, MD, FAAAAI, deserves to be acknowledged for their hard work planning an excellent program that comprehensively addresses the topics that practicing allergist/immunologists and their staff need to know. I urge you to head to page 10 of this issue of *Impact* to learn more about the 2021 Virtual Practice Management Workshop and how to register.

Please also take time to read pages 18-19 for some exciting updates from the AAAAI Foundation. There you'll find a link to watch the Virtual Awards Celebration recording, the results of the Foundation's Virtual Run/Walk, and the recipients of the 2021 Faculty Development Awards. In spite of the pandemic, we are pleased that we could offer four Faculty Development Awards in 2021 due to the immense generosity of AAAAI Foundation donors. These awards are critically important to foster the careers of young allergy and immunology investigators. The next issue of *Impact* will feature interviews with our four award recipients, which I look forward to reading.

Lastly, what do you think of the new [aaaai.org](#)? The AAAAI website has a new look that launched earlier this month after more than a year of hard work to get everything ready. You can read further details by heading to page 6. The redesign was necessary to create a clean and modern website that is easier to navigate, both for you as a member, and for your patients.

We want to hear from you. Tell us your thoughts on the new website by sending an email to webeditors@aaaai.org.

Sincerely,

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What's New at [aaaai.org](#)

New AAAAI Website Launches

The updated AAAAI website launched earlier this month. The refreshed website was designed to make it easier to navigate for both AAAAI members and the general public. To learn more about the new website and its features, flip to [page 6](#).

Watch On-Demand Sessions From the 2021 AAAAI Virtual Annual Meeting

The 2021 AAAAI Virtual Annual Meeting may be over, but the content is available for viewing and credit claiming through March 1, 2022. If you haven't already, you can [register](#) to gain access to over 150 educational sessions covering the latest in A/I.

Listen to Select AAAAI Podcast Episodes and Earn CME

AAAAI's podcast series offers certain episodes for CME credit. [Click here](#) for more information and for a listing of all podcast episodes that are currently offering CME credit.

Featured CME Opportunities

New! Learning Why We Need to Know about Cost-Effectiveness Analysis

At a time when the price of pharmaceuticals is rising and healthcare is shifting to a value-based model, physicians may look to educate themselves on effective treatment options that reduce costs to the patient and society. A new AAAAI course provides foundational information about cost-effectiveness analysis and how it may be used to help allergists present options for cost-effective care to patients. [Take the course here.](#)

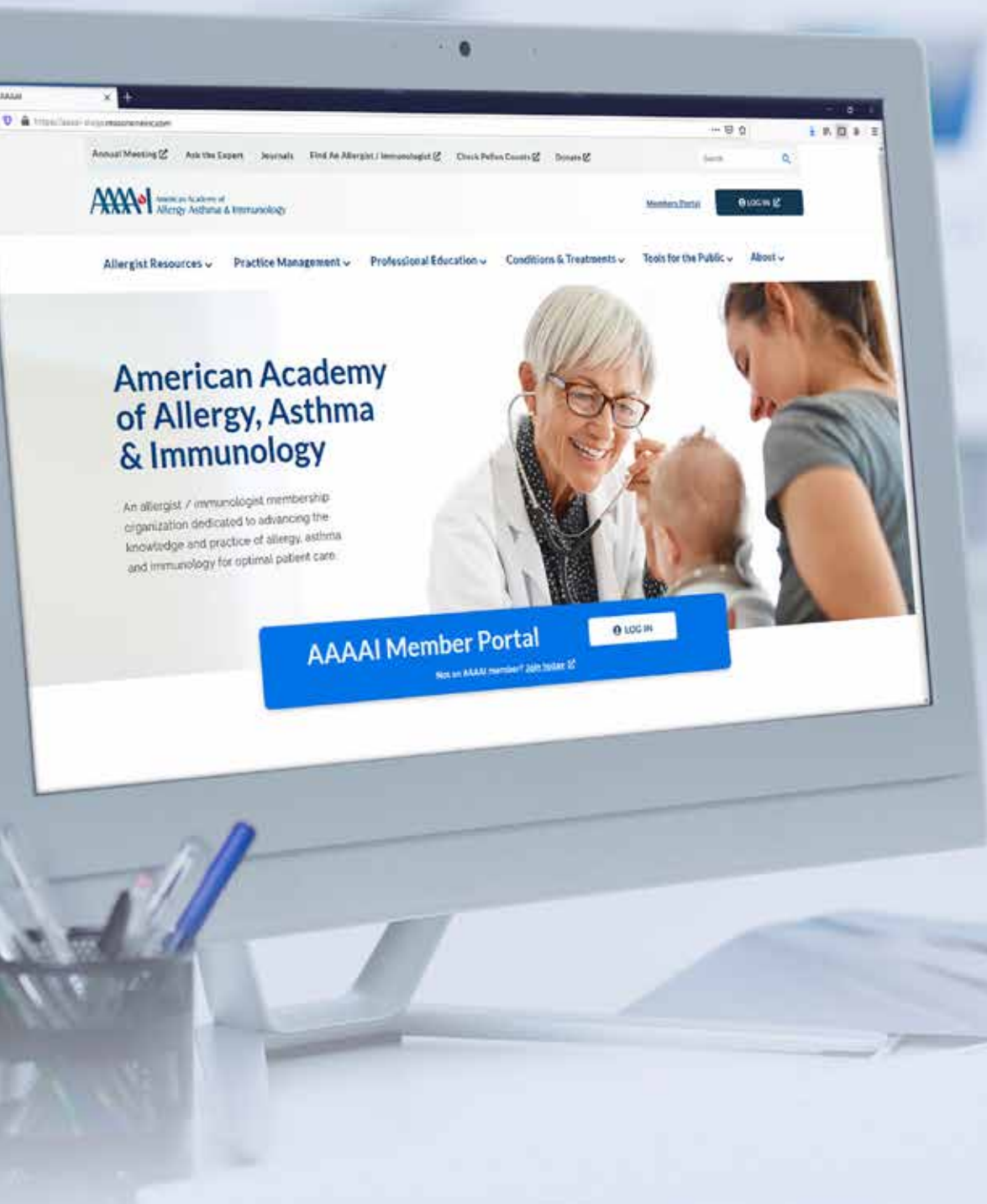
Save the Date for the Next Virtual Journal Club Webinar by JACI: *In Practice* and NAIA

The next Virtual Journal Club webinar, which is a free event allowing you to discuss recently published research that is relevant to clinical practice, is coming up on September 8. Previous webinars have been recorded and are available for viewing and credit claiming [here](#).

Access COVID-19 Recorded Webinars for Free

[The recordings](#) from several 2020 AAAAI Virtual Practice Management Workshop webinars focusing on COVID-19 and its impact on A/I practice are included in this set of courses. All the recordings address topics important to the practicing A/I clinician and office staff members.

A Look at the New AAAAI Website



This May, the AAAAI's new website was launched after over a year of hard work behind the scenes. A redesign was necessary to create a website with clean and modern page layouts that is easier to navigate, both for you as a member, and for your patients.

The streamlined navigation at aaaai.org allows the user (whether it's you as a member or someone from the general public) to quickly find the information they are trying to locate. We've worked to make it very clear what content is aimed at patients, and what content is for members and other healthcare professionals.

Under Conditions and Treatments and Tools for the Public, you'll find a wealth of information on a variety of A/I topics for your patients, including a searchable library of allergy, asthma and primary immunodeficiency disease articles in both English and Spanish. Meanwhile, the new Allergist Resources area contains important information for you, including Ask the Expert, research summaries, practice parameters and more. Due to the volume of practice resources available on our website, Practice Management makes up an entire section that allows you to easily find the practice support you need. My Membership has also been updated so you can quickly manage your account, access exclusive resources such as the membership directory, and of course find the latest updates for members.

Andrew Moore, MD, FRCPC, FAAAAI, AAAAI Website Medical Editor and Chair of the Website, Internet and Related Technologies Committee (WIRT), provided more context surrounding the changes and why they were necessary.

"The AAAAI website is really the face of our organization, for members and the public alike. Our front door, if you will. Our new design and layout makes what has become the essential source of allergy and immunology information on the web all the more responsive and comprehensive. Access to key features—such as Ask the Expert, Find an Allergist/Immunologist, our highly successful podcast series and patient educational materials—will be more immediate than ever whether on your computer or your mobile device."



Head to aaaai.org to take a look at the new website.

Let Dr. Moore Show You Around the New Website



Allow Dr. Moore to take you on a virtual tour of the new aaaai.org! This video will show you around the revamped website, explaining the improved navigation to help get you oriented.

During this tour, Dr. Moore goes into detail about the main toolbar and what resources can be found in the various dropdown menus. This is a great way to help you understand how content for healthcare professionals has been re-organized. For example, the advocacy section is now better sorted by topic and under the About toolbar dropdown.

As one of the top resources for the public on topics in A/I, it was important to address patients in the video tour. This ensures they know how to find patient articles in English and Spanish, how to find an allergist in their area, and why the specialty is so important. You can find the video [here](#).

A Milestone for the AAAAI Podcast Series



Conversations from the World of Allergy



David R. Stukus, MD, FAAAAI, Social Media Medical Editor

The AAAAI podcast series, *Conversations from the World of Allergy*, premiered October 23, 2018. Two and a half years later, the podcast series is close to reaching an incredible milestone with the 50th episode of the series.

Episodes have covered a wide range of topics, including updates from AAAAI Presidents, news on current events (such as the COVID-19 pandemic), and highly educational episodes with CME credit attached to them. Although the podcast has undergone a number of changes over the past several years, one thing that hasn't changed is its purpose—to bring you updates and education from thought leaders in the field in a convenient format.

Not only does a podcast series give you the opportunity to learn while on the go, but it also gives you a chance to hear from a variety of experts in the field in a more casual format.

We reached out to AAAAI Social Media Medical Editor David R. Stukus, MD, FAAAAI, who moderates each episode, to ask some questions about the state of the podcast today and where it's going.



Q How has the podcast series evolved since the first episode?

A Well, for one thing, I feel a lot more comfortable putting episodes together and hosting! I hope our episodes have become more conversational and easier to listen to over time. We've had such great guests and I really try to take these opportunities to let their personalities shine through. Many of us are used to hearing these intelligent colleagues give presentations from the podium to an audience of hundreds or thousands, but our format allows for a much more personal approach. In addition, we've also evolved to offer CME credits for some episodes as well, which is an added bonus.

Q How do you choose the topics for podcast episodes?

A Many of our topics are generated by important themes stemming from current events, recent guidelines or new research articles. For instance, we've had 10 episodes discussing the COVID-19 pandemic in some manner, which highlights the importance of this topic over the past year. It's amazing to look back and see that we published our first COVID-19 episode on March 2, 2020—almost a week before the AAAAI Annual Meeting was even canceled! We also get great suggestions from AAAAI leadership as well. To be perfectly transparent, I do my best thinking while distracted and sometimes generate new topic ideas during my commute, or even while riding my Peloton. That's probably a little more than anyone needed to know, but hey, we all have our own ways of tapping into that creative energy.

10 Most Popular Episodes

Since launch, we've seen over 80,000 downloads of podcast episodes. Below are the 10 most popular episodes, and they make a great place to start if you've never listened to our podcast series before.

1. Episode 42: COVID-19 Vaccines
2. Episode 41: 2020 NHLBI Asthma Guidelines: What's New & Different
3. Episode 11: Using Biologics to Treat Asthma
4. Episode 24: Oral Food Challenges
5. Episode 17: Peanut Oral Immunotherapy
6. Episode 23: Palforzia: The First FDA Approved Treatment for Peanut Allergy
7. Episode 6: All About Food Allergies: From Diagnosis to Treatment
8. Episode 26: Latest Update on COVID-19: What Physicians and Patients Need to Know
9. Episode 13: Children with Recurrent Infections: What's Normal and When to Worry
10. Episode 25: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update: What Healthcare Professionals and Patients Need to Know

You can listen or download podcast episodes on [our website](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), [Google Podcasts](#), or on [Spotify](#). You can also find a list of podcast episodes with CME available [here](#).

Q What is your favorite part of working on the podcast series?

A I love having the opportunity to try and make our wonderful guests shine as much as possible. As a producer, it is my job to create questions that tell a story arch. Then I need to sit back, shut up and listen to our guests explain things in a way that offers knowledge, insight and perspective. As a host, and this may sound awful to those who don't enjoy small talk, I really enjoy the unique verbal dance that I do with each guest. Sometimes I'm meeting our guest for the first time minutes before we record. Other times, I've been friends with them for years. Regardless, as a host, I enjoy the challenge of guiding each conversation in a way that's smooth and engaging. I quickly learn whether a guest needs a bit more prodding and follow-up questions, or if they need to be more succinct to come in on time. It took me a dozen or so episodes to find my own groove, but now it's my favorite part of the job!

Q Anything special planned for the 50th episode?

A We have a few ideas in the works, but nothing confirmed as of yet. I anticipate we'll come up with something special to hallmark our 50th episode.



Experience the 2021 AAAAI Practice Management Workshop From the Comfort of Home

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There's never been a better year to attend the AAAAI Practice Management Workshop. Due to COVID-19, this year's event will be virtual. While we're disappointed that we are unable to meet in person, we're excited about this virtual format and how it will make it easier for more A/I professionals to attend this summer.

The 2021 Practice Management Workshop's live events will take place July 23-24. We've kept prices affordable so your entire practice staff can attend and earn CME credit, while learning the latest on topics that will help you streamline practice processes.

Programming on Friday, July 23 will run from 5:00 to 8:30 pm CDT, including product theater dinner sessions. Programming on Saturday, July 24 will run from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm CDT, including product theater breakfast sessions.

Join us virtually this summer. [Click here to register.](#)

Who Should Attend?

The AAAAI Practice Management Workshop has something to offer everyone, from those in the early stages of their careers to A/I professionals with decades of experience who are looking to streamline processes and keep up with the latest practice changes.

Spend the weekend with us for practical ideas you can put to use Monday morning.

Pre-Recorded Plenaries

Plenary sessions will be pre-recorded and made available prior to the live event, giving you time to watch the talks as your schedule allows and come prepared to the live event with questions.

Plenary topics this year include:

- Coding Updates For 2021 – Teresa Thompson, CPC, CMSCS
- HR Legal Primer: Strategies for Allergy Practice – Penelope (Penny) Phillips, JD
- Government Regulations and Allergy Practice: What You Need to Know – Emily Graham, RHIA, CCS-P, and Judith Gorsuch, JD
- Telemedicine: An Overview of the Post-COVID-19 Landscape – Nick Hernandez, MBA, FACHE, and Sakina Bajowala, MD, FAAAAI
- Payer Contracting: Assessment And Renegotiation Process Overview – Penny Noyes

Live Interactive Sessions

Our live sessions will begin with 30 minutes of speaker presentations followed by 30 minutes of small discussion groups. Each small discussion group will be facilitated by a faculty member to help lead discussion among attendees and answer questions.

While we encourage you to attend the live interactive sessions so you can network with colleagues and discuss the education, they will be recorded for viewing after the live event. The small group discussion portion of the live sessions, however, will not be recorded.

Some of the topics included in the live interactive sessions are:

- Job hunting
- Building a referral network
- Creating and maintaining a positive work environment
- Digital assessment tools and remote monitoring devices
- Basic accounting and financial management for the allergist
- Managing biologics

Don't Miss Coffee With the Experts

Watch the plenary sessions ahead of time and come prepared for a casual Q&A with the plenary speakers. If you miss the first Q&A Saturday morning, there's a second chance during the lunch hour.

Plenary sessions will be made available two weeks before the live event, so you have plenty of time to watch, take notes and bring your questions. Even if you don't have any questions initially, you may want to stop by the Q&A to hear and participate in the discussion.

Plenary speakers available to answer questions include:

- Penelope (Penny) Phillips, JD, for HR/legal issues
- Teresa Thompson, CPC, CMSCS, for coding updates
- Nick Hernandez, MBA, FACHE, for telemedicine
- Sakina Bajowala, MD, FAAAAI, for telemedicine

Registration Fees

AAAAI Fellows and members – \$100
AAAAI allied health members – \$50
Staff working with an AAAAI Fellow or member – \$50
Fellows-in-training (FITs) – \$25
Non-members – \$200

Registration fees provide access to all pre-recorded plenary sessions, live interactive sessions, all interactive session recordings post-event, non-CME product theater programs, and a virtual vendor directory.



Thank you to
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Cost Analysis Tools for Allergy/Immunology Treatments

New Online CME Module Provides Foundational Information about Cost-Effectiveness

Did you know that cost-effectiveness analyses of treatment options for allergic diseases have recently started to become more common?

Any treatment you prescribe to your patients comes at a cost—and some of those costs are higher than others. As the healthcare industry continues to shift towards a more value-based model, it is important that you consider the effectiveness of the treatment options you present—especially since your patients have already started doing this.

Learning Why We Need to Know about Cost-Effectiveness Analysis is a new AAAAI CME module that will teach you about cost-effectiveness analysis and how it can be utilized in your practice.

The purpose of cost-effectiveness analysis is to compare different treatment options, according to the effectiveness for the price, to help you determine if a specific treatment is the right choice for your patients. This course will dig deep into its components, including how costs and measures of effectiveness are figured, perspectives that it can cover and how bias is avoided. You'll also be directed to current cost-effectiveness analysis research in the allergy/immunology field. Our online course will help you understand how these cost-effectiveness analyses are developed and what you need to look for while you're using them.

It's important to remember that cost-effectiveness analyses are not there to make prescribing decisions for you; they're a tool you can use to help present treatment options to your patients. By prescribing cost-effective treatments, you can help decrease excess healthcare costs and demonstrate the value of effective A/I care.

You can access this new [CME course here](#).



Why It Matters

- Healthcare costs are rising across the board. A/I providers can help rein in these costs by prescribing the right medications to the right patients.
- Specialty medications, such as biologics, are extremely costly. Ensure that they are the best treatment option before prescribing them.
- Physicians often don't know how much patients are paying out-of-pocket for medications, but cost-effectiveness analyses put the value of medications into perspective.
- Patients who can't afford medications may stop taking them entirely, but the ability to demonstrate value could improve adherence.

The National Allergy Bureau (NAB™) Is Seeking Pollen Counters



Spring is here, a time when most plants are blossoming and releasing pollen into the air to provide a new generation of allergenic flora. The pollen of certain species travel via the wind and interact with other factors such as humidity, temperature, precipitation and even environmental pollution. This pollen forms the basis of allergic mucosal inflammation of the eyes and nose that produces symptoms such as itching, sneezing, congestion and runny nose. In some, it can trigger asthma attacks.

The National Allergy Bureau (NAB™) and the Aerobiology Committee of the AAAAI have been working for more than 50 years to train healthcare professionals when it comes to pollen and other aeroallergens. They are currently seeking additional members interested in setting up pollen counting stations for the collection, classification and generation of real pollen counts. These counts help to inform the public and professionals alike of current pollen conditions through various media, including newspaper, radio, television and social media.

NAB pollen data has also been used for research studies on climate change, environmental pollution, and recently, a study examining the association between pollen and the likelihood of increased infection by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

These studies are able to be carried out thanks to the professional and persistent work of the large number of NAB certified stations. That is why the objective of the NAB for the coming years is to add more stations and expand the knowledge about aerobiology to more allergy physicians, so that the pollen/mold report data can be recorded in more cities, more regions and even in other countries to collaborate in global studies.

The pollen report provided by the AAAAI can help raise awareness among people who use masks (N95 or FFP2), which has been shown not only to prevent the spread of COVID-19, but also to reduce allergic inflammation in the respiratory tract. It is one more argument healthcare providers can use to advise their patients on how to prevent seasonal allergies and help control the spread of COVID-19.

[Click here to learn more about the NAB](#). If you're interested in learning more about pollen counting and how you can get involved, email NAB@aaaai.org.

Dr. Lemanske Presented with AAAAI Advocate Award



Robert F. Lemanske Jr., MD, FAAAAI, was presented with the AAAAI Advocate Award during the 2021 AAAAI Virtual Annual Meeting to celebrate the passage this past January of H.R. 2468, the School-Based Allergies and Asthma Management Program Act. He served as AAAAI President from 2015 to 2016 and currently serves as Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics and Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Dr. Lemanske launched the AAAAI's School-based Asthma, Allergy & Anaphylaxis Management Program (SA³MPRO™) as one of his presidential initiatives. It began with a large meeting of stakeholders discussing what needed to be done to provide improved care for asthma patients in the school setting, and involved designing a circle of support that included parents, school personnel, and allergists or other physicians. At its core, SA³MPRO™ standardizes recommendations for school-based asthma and provides websites and resources useful for the care of children with asthma in the school setting.

Eventually a bill was written to provide priority for funding requests in federal grants for school systems that adopted program elements that came from SA³MPRO™. It took five years, three Congresses, and various changes in the language along the way (like the addition of allergies and anaphylaxis), but the bill was passed in 2020 and signed into law in 2021. As the law is implemented, it will make schools safer for children with asthma and allergies. The bill has gained broad support from other allergy/immunology groups representing physicians and patients, as well as child health advocates and others.

Dr. Lemanske received the AAAAI Advocate Award in recognition of this achievement and his leadership on SA³MPRO™. When asked what the award means to him and why he's made SA³MPRO™ one of his priorities, Dr. Lemanske had this to say: "It is a great honor to be selected to receive an Advocate Award from the AAAAI in recognition for my work in the creation and implementation of SA³MPRO™. This program was developed with the input from many stakeholders with expertise in the management of these conditions in schools, and it was our goal to create a program that could be generalized and readily implemented in various communities. The program advocates for the development of a circle of support to promote optimal management of asthma and allergies in the school setting. One of the highlights of our team efforts for SA³MPRO™ was the passage of the School-Based Allergies and Asthma Management Program Act, H.R. 2468, which used SA³MPRO™ as its focus for development. The measure amends the Public Health Service Act to provide preference to states that ensure a school nurse or other trained staffer is available on the premises, and that students diagnosed with allergies and asthma are identified and have an individualized action plan and coordinated support system."

The AAAAI once again thanks Dr. Lemanske for his tireless work to increase the health and wellness of children with allergies and asthma in schools.

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Download the SA³MPRO™ Toolkit

This toolkit provides information for feasible implementation of SA³MPRO™ into local communities.

Toolkit Highlights:

- Slidesets
- Downloadable Asthma Action Plans in English and Spanish
- Checklists for Clinicians, Families and School Nurses
- Links to Asthma Videos and Other Asthma Education
- Links to Indoor Quality Management Tools and Education

Download it [here](#).

Member Spotlight

Region 2 Mid Atlantic RSL Governor
David W. Hauswirth, MD, FAAAAI



What are you doing to support the field of A/I?

I am trying to represent and support the allergist in practice seeing patients every day. As I work with the RSLs, I am learning the challenges facing other doctors in different communities and working to be their voice. Practicing physicians face many issues, from billing to standard of care questions, and look to the AAAAI to listen and offer solutions. I hope to bring those issues to the table and amplify their voices and ideas.

What are some of the biggest challenges you are trying to address in the Mid Atlantic region?

The Mid Atlantic region is facing the same challenges every region is facing—participation and engagement. Our lives have been turned upside down in the last year, whether at work or at home. The current health crisis has made that even more important and difficult. As Region 2 Governor, I hope to connect with and engage busy practicing physicians. The challenge is finding a way to communicate and listen while not creating another layer of work in someone's busy life.

How has COVID-19 impacted your work as a physician? What about your role as an RSL Governor?

We have all been impacted at work and at home. COVID-19 has taught me how very lucky we are to do what we do. Throughout this ordeal we have been able to help patients, help our staff and do what we were trained to do. Our most important role now in the COVID-19 crisis is steering patients toward vaccination by dispelling myths, evaluating reactions and providing evidence-based answers. This pandemic has also affected our ability to connect with other physicians. Learning how to support local societies by creating online meetings and virtual gatherings has been new and different for us all, but it has been great to connect with each other in new ways.

What inspired you to get involved with the AAAAI's RSL Assembly?

As a practicing allergist, I learn each day about patients and their various issues and concerns. The RSL Assembly is a great way to give back and has allowed me to get involved so I can learn more from colleagues and peers, and share my experiences with them. When given this opportunity, I saw it as a way to join a group whose mission is to support and amplify the voice of the practicing allergist.

What's one thing—either related to A/I or not—you learned in the last month?

I guess you could say giving up control. As a self-admitted control freak, teaching my 16-year-old to drive has taught me how to give up a little control and gain a lot of patience. Hurting down the interstate at 65 mph with no brake pedal under my foot and no steering wheel in my hands, while my son—with his newly minted learner's permit—sat on my left, clutching the wheel tightly, has taught me that I will not always be in control. He is becoming a better driver by the day. My grip on the door handrail has relaxed a little and we even had a conversation about something other than driving as he drove today. Anyone with kids knows that they teach us a lot about ourselves. When they learn to drive, they teach us that we will not always be in control and if we have done our job, we can relax and enjoy the ride. I am not quite relaxed yet, but I am trying to calmly be a teacher and pass along the controls.

What is the Federation of Regional, State & Local Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Societies (RSLAAIS) Assembly?

The AAAAI's RSLAAIS Assembly (also known as the RSL Assembly for short) consists of more than 70 regional, state and local societies (RSLs) who promote, support and advocate for allergist/immunologists at a grassroots level. The assembly assists in providing support, tools and effective methods to ensure allergist/immunologists are recognized as the premier providers of quality A/I care.

The assembly is led by a [leadership team of nine physicians](#) representing seven distinct geographical regions of the country. This enables the AAAAI to more easily connect with local societies and provides an open line of communication between the organization, local, and state societies. It also allows the AAAAI to learn more about the concerns of our members, from state legislation to training programs, and in recent months, even PPE supply levels. RSL Governors are an integral part of the work done by the AAAAI.

You Can Still Experience the 2021 AAAAI Virtual Annual Meeting



AAAI American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology
VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING
 FEBRUARY 26–MARCH 1, 2021

The live dates of the 2021 AAAAI Virtual Annual Meeting may have passed, but most of the live sessions (except for seminars) were recorded and posted within the platform for later viewing. Anyone who registers has ample time to review all of the sessions. In total, over 160 hours of the latest educational content in allergy/immunology is available to review at your convenience until March 1, 2022. You can also continue to claim CME credit until this date.

We hope to see you in person next year at the 2022 AAAAI Annual Meeting, scheduled for February 25-28 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Congratulations to Our Badge Winners

During the live program dates, interacting with the platform allowed attendees to win badges. Each badge earned them points towards a prize – complimentary registration to the 2022 AAAAI Annual Meeting! Congratulations to the five winners:

- Brooke I. Polk, MD
- Helen S. Skolnick, MD, FAAAAI
- Juline Caraballo Fonseca, MD
- Melissa M. Watts, MD, MPH
- Nikita Raje, MD, MBBS

The Virtual Meeting Platform Will Be Live Until March 1, 2022

If you attended the live event, you still have access to our [virtual platform](#), as will anyone who registers now that the live event dates have passed. Our virtual platform includes a lobby, which allows you to navigate according to your needs and easily access all areas in the virtual platform. The main theater is where you will find the recorded educational sessions.

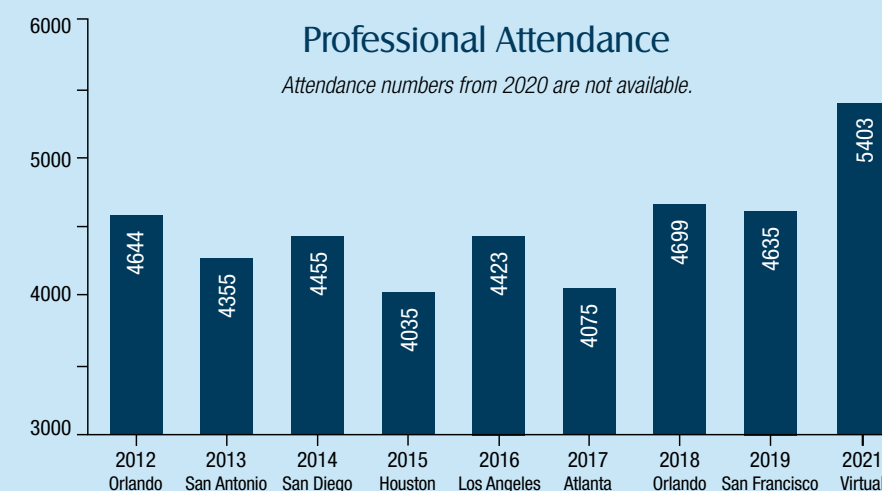
The Virtual Exhibit Hall and Poster Hall are also available, giving you the opportunity to learn more about the latest A/I products and services, as well as access posters covering the latest research in A/I. While the Member Services area of the platform is no longer being staffed, you can find many resources at any of the booths in this section.

Speaker slides from educational sessions are available in the [Online Planner](#). If slides or other handouts are available, you will find them in the Handouts field of the session listings in the Online Planner. If there are no separate handouts available for a session, it is because the speaker chose not to provide them.

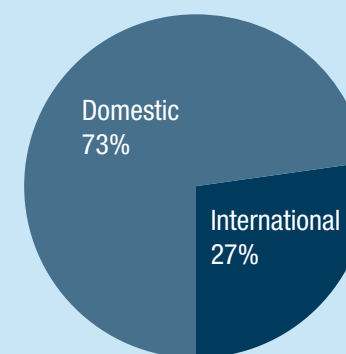
Anyone who registers for the 2021 AAAAI Virtual Annual Meeting will have access to the platform and CME credit claiming until March 1, 2022.

Interested in accessing the education? You can [register here](#) if you haven't already.

2021 Statistics



Domestic vs. International Attendees



The Numbers

- 18.515 million Impressions
- 5,475 Tweets
- 1,156 Participants
- 25 Average Tweets/Hour
- 5 Average Tweets/Participant

Twitter data from the #AAAAI21 hashtag from Wed, February 24th 2021, 12:05AM to Thu, March 4th 2021, 11:55PM (America/Chicago) - Symplur.

AAAAI Foundation Event Highlights

The AAAAI Foundation would like to thank everyone whose support made our 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting events possible. While we missed seeing our supporters in person, we were thrilled to be able to put on successful virtual events that helped further our mission: to fund research that leads to the prevention and cure of asthma and allergic and immunologic disease.

Virtual Awards Celebration

Since we were not able to come together for an in-person Benefit, we held a Virtual Awards Celebration on Friday, February 26.

The Virtual Awards Celebration, jointly hosted by the AAAAI and AAAAI Foundation, featured the President and President-Elect Reception, Honorary Awards Luncheon and the AAAAI Foundation Benefit as one exciting presentation. Together, we celebrated and recognized AAAAI leadership, past Presidents, Honorary Awards, Lectureships and grant recipients. Congratulations to all of our awardees and grant recipients!

Did you miss the live presentation? View the recording [here](#).

Thank you to Genentech for sponsoring this event.



Virtual Run/Walk

From March 1 through March 14, the AAAAI Foundation held a Virtual Run/Walk to support A/I research. A Virtual Run/Walk allowed for new ways to compete in this fun event supporting life-changing research. Categories for competition included the fastest 5K, greatest distance over two weeks, and greatest amount fundraised.

Congratulations to our individual winners:

Fastest 5K (Men):

- 1st: Bob K. Miyake, MD
- 2nd: Jeffrey Chambliss, MD
- 3rd: David A. Khan, MD, FAAAAI

Fastest 5K (Women):

- 1st: Whitney Salinas, MD
- 2nd: Laurie Fisher
- 3rd: Amanda L. Michaud, MMS, PA-C

Greatest Distance:

- 1st: Bob K. Miyake, MD
- 2nd: Kevin J. Kelly, MD, FAAAAI
- 3rd: David A. Khan, MD, FAAAAI

Greatest Fundraising

- 1st: David A. Khan, MD, FAAAAI
- 2nd: Jonathan A. Bernstein, MD, FAAAAI, and Lisa H. Bernstein, MBA
- 3rd: Bob K. Miyake, MD

In addition to our individual competitions, 10 teams participated in our team competitions. Congratulations to our team winners:

Fastest 5K (Team):

- 1st: UT Southwestern
- 2nd: Takeda HAE
- 3rd: HHPlus

Greatest Distance (Team):

- 1st: UT Southwestern
- 2nd: HHPlus - Garden State
- 3rd: Takeda HAE

Greatest Fundraising (Team):

- 1st: UT Southwestern
- 2nd: Texas Children's Hospital – Baylor
- 3rd: Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska

This event was proudly sponsored by Takeda.



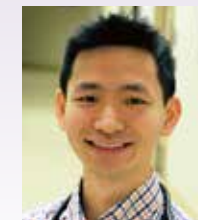
Better Health, Brighter Future

We look forward to seeing you at the 2022 AAAAI Annual Meeting in Phoenix! For up-to-date information on our special events and lectureships, please visit aaaaifoundation.org.

Introducing the 2021 Faculty Development Award Recipients



The AAAAI Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2021 Faculty Development Awards. These annual awards of \$240,000 each provide strategic funding at a critical point in the career development of our recipients. Congratulations, awardees! Make sure to read the next issue of *Impact*, which will feature an interview with each of the awardees.



Derek Chu, MD, PhD

Project Title: "Tree Nut Allergen Thresholds, Biomarkers, and Methods of Desensitization - TITAN and TRADE Studies"

Institution: McMaster University



Torie Grant, MD

Project Title: "Allergen Exposure Reduction as a Disease-Modifying Strategy in Allergen-Sensitized Children with Asthma"

Institution: Johns Hopkins University



Melanie Ruffner, MD, PhD

Project Title: "Investigation of the Role of STAT6 Signaling in Proton-Pump Inhibitor Response in Eosinophilic Esophagitis"

Institution: The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia



Cosby Stone, MD, MPH

Project Title: "Defining the Key Epidemiologic and Immunogenetic Risk Features of True IgE Mediated Cephalosporin Allergy"

Institution: Vanderbilt University Medical Center

In Memory: Yehia M. El-Gamal, MD, PhD, FAAAAI



Yehia M. El-Gamal, MD, PhD, FAAAAI, passed away on March 6. He worked as a Professor of Pediatrics in the Pediatric Allergy & Immunology Unit at Children's Hospital, Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt. He was responsible for establishing the first specialized unit of pediatric allergy and immunology in Egypt. He also founded the Egyptian Society of Pediatric

Allergy and Immunology and served as its President. Dr. El-Gamal also served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology*.

He had an international presence, both in terms of his published research and as a member of the World Allergy Organization (WAO) Board of Directors from 2007 to 2011. He received the WAO Distinguished International Service Award in 2011 and helped found the Pan-Arab Society of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology in 2019.

In Memory: El-Desouki E. Fouda, MD, FAAAAI

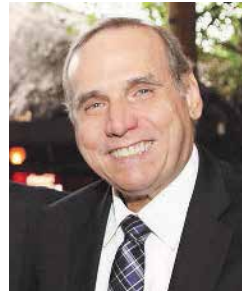


El-Desouki E. Fouda, MD, FAAAAI, recently passed away. Dr. Fouda was born in 1946 in Egypt and went on to complete his clinical A/I training at Mayo Clinic in the United States. He was a Professor of Allergy and Immunology at Al-Azhar University School of Medicine in Egypt. Notably, he was a founding head of the Department of Allergy and Immunology

Al-Azhar University.

He was a pioneer in clinical and molecular discoveries related to food allergy and systemic lupus, as well as helminthic-related allergies. He was known for his dedication to teaching A/I in emerging countries and was elected by his peers in Egypt and the Middle East as the first President of the Pan-Arab Society of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology.

In Memory: Mario Sánchez-Borges, MD, FAAAAI



Mario Sánchez-Borges, MD, FAAAAI, a past President of the WAO during the 2018 Joint Congress who had been serving as Councilor, passed away on March 25. He attended medical school in Caracas, Venezuela, where he completed his training in allergy/immunology. He also trained in basic A/I at Tokyo University as a visiting researcher.

Throughout his career he remained active both in his national A/I society and throughout the Latin American region. He published over 160 papers and participated in many medical conferences across the globe. He also served as Regional Associate Editor of the *Journal of the World Allergy Organization*, and as a member of the Editorial Board of *Revista Venezolana de Alergia, Asma e Inmunología*, *Archivos de Alergia e Inmunología*, *Revista Alergia* (Mexico), and the *Brazilian Journal of Allergy and Immunopathology*.

In Memory: Donald W. Aaronson, MD, FAAAAI



Donald W. Aaronson, MD, FAAAAI, who was a past President of the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, passed away on April 8. He worked as an A/I physician for over 40 years, serving in numerous leadership roles, including as Executive Director of the Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology for many years.

Dr. Aaronson graduated from the University of Illinois medical school in 1961. He founded Aaronson Asthma and Allergy, where he partnered with Abe L. Aaronson, MD, FAAAAI, his father. He was also a founding member of Allergists for Israel.

In 1977, he graduated from DePaul University law school and used his law degree towards advancing physician issues. Even after his retirement from medical practice, he went on to earn a Master's degree from Harvard and went back to Lutheran General Hospital/ Advocate Health Care system to work as the Director of Patient Safety, before formally retiring in 2018.

Nominate an At-Large Board Director Candidate By June 7

The AAAAI is seeking At-Large Board of Director nominations to shape the future of the AAAAI. AAAAI Fellows (FAAAAI) are eligible to be nominated, but please be aware this does not include emeritus and honorary Fellows. The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates who can think strategically and independently, and work effectively in a team. If you're curious what being a member of the Board of Directors entails, check [this document](#) for a list of responsibilities.

All nominations are due by June 7. [Click here to make your nomination.](#)

Is Your Member Type Changing?

If your fellowship training program is ending, your AAAAI membership will automatically transition into full membership and you will also be added as a member of the New Allergist/Immunologist Assembly (NAIA). If you have extended your fellowship training, all you need to do is submit a letter from your program/research director verifying your new end date to membership@aaaai.org.

Are you even earlier in your training, for example, a medical student? Continuing your AAAAI membership into your residency training or fellowship training will provide you with resources to help you stand out. For more information on all member types, [visit the AAAAI website](#).

Join the FARE FAITH Challenge

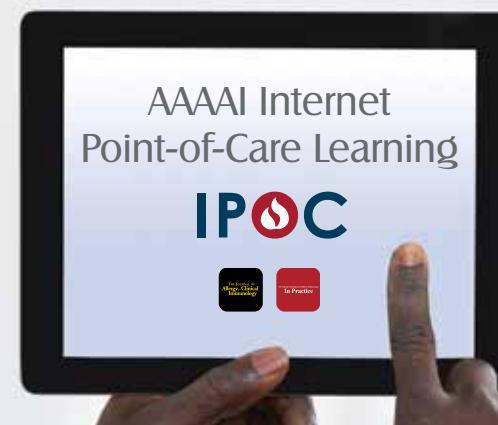
Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) has launched a collaborative, multi-year, multi-million-dollar competition known as the FAITH Challenge. The goal of this challenge is to accelerate research and innovation to develop a new diagnostic tool for food allergy that is easier and safer.

Incentive awards are available for teams in this challenge so you can help develop and validate technology and techniques that lead to a point-of-care test to diagnose food allergy. Letters of Intent are due by June 30, at 11:59 pm ET. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Spending time researching patient conditions and treatments?

You should get credit for that.

And now you can earn MOC Part IV Quality Improvement Credit, too!*



Allergist/immunologists can earn .50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ for each search performed in JACI or JACI: *In Practice*, with no limit to the number of searches that can be claimed each year. In addition, this program is offered free of charge to AAAAI members, who already have free access to the journals as a member benefit.**

Earn credit where credit is due. Log in at education.aaaai.org/IPOC2021 and submit your first internet point-of-care learning search today!



*A minimum of 5 challenges or questions (identify, research and document) must be completed within a rolling calendar year. All searches must be completed within your current 5 year MOC cycle to be considered. See website for more details.

**Non-members will be charged a \$10 fee for each search completed. Journal access is limited to paid subscribers, so non-members may also be required to pay a fee for access to articles if they do not have institutional access via a medical school or hospital.

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Updates From the Journals

Read the AAAAI Foundation Awardee Editorial in JACI

Published in the May issue of JACI, this editorial features the four 2021 AAAAI Foundation Faculty Development awardees, and provides them with a venue to discuss their projects. The editorial also features the text and a graphical abstract of each proposal. This is a great opportunity to get a better understanding of the important research these promising young investigators are doing.

Promoting the development of young researchers is one of the missions of JACI. We're all excited to see where their research takes them in the coming years.



Upcoming Journal Themes for 2021

JACI:

May: **Innate Immunity**

June: **Inflammasomes**

July: **Exposome**

August: **AERD**

September: **Immunology of Pregnancy**

October: **JAK Inhibitors**

November: **Social Disparities in A/I**

December: **Global Issues in A/I**

JACI: *In Practice*:

May: **Allergen Immunotherapy**

June: **Urticaria and Angioedema**

July: **Asthma Exacerbations**

August: **Drug Allergy**

September: **Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Diseases**

October: **Vaccines**

November: **Common Comorbidities Encountered by Allergists in Practice**

December: **Topics in Evaluating Clinical Literature**

Thanks to the JACI: *In Practice* Editorial Board

We wanted to take a moment to thank our Editorial Board members who have completed their terms:

- Rob C. Aalberse, PhD, FAAAAI
- Mary Beth Hogan, MD, FAAAAI
- Kevin J. Kelly, MD, FAAAAI
- John M. Kelso, MD, FAAAAI
- Gideon Lack, MD
- Brian C. Schroer, MD, FAAAAI

We're also excited to welcome these new Editorial Board members this year:

- Anca Mirela Chiriac, MD, PhD
- George N. Konstantinou, MD, PhD, MSc, FAAAAI
- Joaquim Mullol, MD, PhD, FAAAAI
- Peter Valent, MD
- Catherine R. Weiler, MD, PhD, FAAAAI

Check Out the Journals' Health Disparities Collections

JACI and JACI: *In Practice* post article collections on their websites to make it easier for you to find research on specific topics. Recently both journals began a health disparities collection, making it easier for you to find research related to underserved populations. Follow the links below to check out both collections, and take a look at the other collections the journals have to offer.

[JACI: *In Practice's* Collection](#)

[JACI's Collection](#)



JACI: *In Practice* Is on YouTube

Did you know JACI: *In Practice* has a [YouTube channel](#)? In addition to videos, you will find

episodes of the new JACI: *In Practice* podcast series. These podcast episodes come out for each issue of JACI: *In Practice* and feature the editor describing the theme of the issue and reading the Highlights Boxes for each original article. You can also find a [full list of podcast episodes here](#).

March 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Summary

The members of the AAAAI Board of Directors met virtually February 24-25 and March 6, 2021, to discuss current and future activities.

The members of the Board of Directors appreciate the work of AAAAI committee members and chairs as they strive toward the AAAAI mission to advance the knowledge and practice of allergy, asthma and immunology for optimal patient care. Over the course of the meeting, a number of significant decisions and actions were made. Here are the highlights:

Approvals

A number of items were approved during the Board of Directors meeting. Approvals included the 2020 AAAAI draft audit, as well as the budget for the new AAAAI Gold Open Access journal. A new AAAAI Director of Communications position was discussed and approved. Approval was also granted to fund a measures testing project as required by CMS for Quality Clinical Data Registry measures for the 2022 nomination cycle. The Board approved the addition of a search engine to the Commonly Asked Coding Questions web page as well.

Presidential Presentations

Outgoing President Mary Beth Fasano, MD, MSPH, FAAAAI, provided a final review of her presidential initiatives during her term. Incoming President Giselle S. Mosnaim, MD, MS, FAAAAI, provided further insights on her 2021-2022 presidential initiatives, including her presidential theme of Difficult to Control Asthma.

Miscellaneous

The selection of new Editorial Board members for JACI and JACI: *In Practice* took place during the Board meeting. An update to the continuing education programming, AAAAI Teaching Slide Procedures and AAAAI Disclosure Policy was discussed. The AAAAI Foundation announced a newly funded Memorial Lectureship for Isil Berat Barlan, MD. An additional lectureship for Jordan N. Fink, MD, FAAAAI, was also announced by the AAAAI Foundation.

What

The next Board of Directors meeting

When

June 4-6, 2021

Where

Chicago, IL

AAAAI Welcomes Incoming Fellows and Members

The following individuals were recently approved by the AAAAI Board of Directors. Eligible voting members have 30 days to comment, in writing, regarding the proposed slate as a whole or a specific proposed member. You may send comments to membership@aaaai.org.

Fellow to Emeritus Fellow

Wilfred Q. Cole, III, MD, FAAAAI
 Zuhayr S. Hemady, MD, FAAAAI
 Robert M. Klein, MD, FAAAAI
 Hong D. Oei, MD, FAAAAI
 John T. Parrinello, MD, FAAAAI
 Sudhir L. Prabhu, MD, FAAAAI
 Henry Scovern, MD, FAAAAI
 Yosef Soleymani, MD, FAAAAI
 D. Loren Southern, MD, FAAAAI
 William W. Storms, MD, FAAAAI
 Pearl Tam, MD, FAAAAI
 Richard R. Townley, MD, FAAAAI
 Richard J. Warrington, MD, PhD, FAAAAI

Member to Emeritus Member

Ricardo B. Arayata, MD
 Bhushan C. Gupta, MD
 Jorge A. Marcipar, MD
 James G. Merrick, MD
 Vit Petru, MD, PhD
 Bernhard Ryffel, MD, PhD

Fellow

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 Evan M. Atkinson, MD, MS
 Mirna Chehade, MD, MPH
 Justin R. Chen, MD
 Ashmi M. Doshi, MD
 Elizabeth Erwin, MD
 Olajumoke Fadugba, MD
 Toral A. Kamdar, MD
 Marissa A. Love, MD
 Ajay P. Nayak, PhD
 Miguel A. Park, MD
 Qura Tul Ain Rashid, MD
 Jeremy D. Waldram, MD
 Erin Willits, MD
 Yesim Yilmaz Demirdag, MD

International Fellow

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Member

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International Member

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 Girena Slatkeviciene, MD
 Susan Tadros, MBBS

PhD/Post Doctoral Member

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 Hiroaki Hayashi, MD, PhD
 Brian Huang, PhD, MPH
 Jennifer M. Nicoloro-SantaBarbara, PhD, MA, MSW

International PhD/Post Doctoral Member

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 Daniela Ciciulla, PhD
 Shinae Kim, MD
 Sarah S. Langer, MD
 Lihi Radomir, PhD, MSc
 Marie-Line M. Van Der Poorten, MD

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 Sheryl A. Mathew, MD
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FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AWARD

2022

2022 AWARD TIMELINE

Letter of Intent Opens:	July 6, 2021
Letter of Intent Due:	September 7, 2021
Top Finalists Notified:	October 11, 2021
Complete Applications Due:	November 12, 2021
Review Results Announced:	January 2022

This mentored award provides \$240,000 in funding over a three-year period and is intended to support the development of careers in Allergy and Immunology. Multiple awards will be made to further the development of junior faculty into independent investigators by funding excellent research that leads to the prevention and cure of asthma and allergic and immunologic diseases.

The AAAAI Foundation is committed to increasing ethnic and racial diversity in the A/I field, and strongly encourages minority applicants to apply. Further, the AAAAI Foundation is committed to geographic diversity in the A/I field, and strongly encourages applications from diverse geographic areas.

Eligibility:

- Must be board certified in A/I by the American Board of Allergy and Immunology (ABAI) or hold the equivalent certification from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).
- At the time of Letter of Intent, applicant must be no more than 5 years post the ACGME mandated training program requirement of 2 years in A/I.
- Primary faculty appointment must be in the discipline of A/I and the applicant needs to have a current mentor.
- One of the following degrees: MD, MD/PhD, DO, DO/PhD.
- Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or Canada.
- Applicants must be AAAAI members or submit a membership application prior to submitting a Letter of Intent.
- No program can have more than 2 active Foundation Faculty Development Awards.
- A sponsoring university or institution that has multiple A/I training programs cannot have more than three active awards.

Award term is July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

For complete details, please visit aaaaifoundation.org/research



Funding research that leads to the prevention and cure of asthma and allergic and immunologic disease

Multiple Awards

\$240,000 in funding over three years



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