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“Pediatrics in Practice” Expands Offerings With New Resources and Easier Navigation

HANOVER, N.H.— Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD) and Dartmouth Medical School announce new offerings with easier navigation within Pediatrics in Practice (www.pediatricsinpractice.org), an award-winning online learning and teaching center for health promotion.

Pediatrics in Practices offers an array of interactive courses that advance learner competencies in core health-promotion concepts. Health professionals, educators, practitioners and students, regardless of skill level, will encounter meaningful learning resources to support their health promoting efforts.

"We are in tune with the pressures and demands facing health professionals in clinical and community settings. Our health promotion courses are peer-reviewed and designed by child health experts who practice the integration of health promotion concepts to promote family and child health," said Dr. Henry (Hank) Bernstein, professor of pediatrics at Dartmouth Medical School and director of Pediatrics in Practice.

Pediatrics in Practice online courses are user-friendly, designed for quick and efficient learning, and integrate a proven blend of audio and visual streaming to enhance education.

"Health professionals are consistently telling us that our courses have fostered knowledge acquisition and practice skills around complex issues such as advocacy, education and health promotion," Bernstein says.

The most recent online health promotion courses added are:

- **Cultural Competency:** Delivering culturally-responsive care for patients and families
- **Advocacy:** Promoting children's health and social change through advocating for children, families, and communities
- **Health Promotion:** Strategies for implementing health promotion into practice In addition, health professional clinical practice skills in primary care will be enhanced through these focused, topic-specific offerings:
- **Smoking Prevention Messages for Young Girls:** A three-part series that emphasizes pediatric tobacco counseling for young girls and its companion patient education program, *No Smoking Room*. (www.nosmokingroom.org)

- **Feeding Your Baby:** A needs assessment and educational support program for breastfeeding mothers and their providers

There are online interactive faculty development courses created to enrich teaching skills of these health promotion offerings. Examples include:

- **Teaching Tips:** How best to promote a learner-centered approach
- **A Reflective Exercise:** Becoming a reflective practitioner to fully engage learners in the continuous practice of self-observation and self-evaluation
- **Case Discussions:** Developing analytic and problem-solving skills to allow users to explore solutions and various interpretations of complex, reality-based issues

All online courses are listed directly on the home page for easy navigation and access. Continuing education (CEU) and continuing medical education (CME) credits are available through Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC).

The Pediatrics in Practice Web site was produced by BioMedical Media (www.biomedicalmedia.com), which specializes in the design and production of medical media programs.

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