Autism Initiatives
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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS (AAP)

• Mission
  – To attain optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents and young adults
AAP Autism Initiatives

- Council on Children with Disabilities
  - Autism Subcommittee
  - Clinical report/policy development

- Publications
  - HealthyChildren.org
  - Parent education materials (printed)
  - Clinician toolkit

- Quality Improvement
  - Don’t Just Wait and See Quality Improvement Project
COUNCIL ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (COCWD)

• Mission
  – Develop clinical guidance for the optimal care of children and youth with disabilities and support implementation
  – Educate pediatricians who care for children and youth with disabilities
  – Provide expertise and advocacy on local and national issues related to children and youth with disabilities
  – Create collaborations with partner organizations
  – Provide opportunities for COCWD members to actively engage in all the above
AUTISM SUBCOMMITTEE

• Leads the development of autism spectrum disorder clinical guidelines and the translation of same into education and practice as well as policy and advocacy for pediatricians, caregivers, and the public.
AUTISM SUBCOMMITTEE
OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES

• Develop evidence-based clinical guidelines
• Build capacity among primary care clinicians
• Increase awareness among caregivers and the public
• Provide guidance and direction on policy and advocacy initiatives
# Partnerships

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DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN®
Publications

- HealthyChildren.org
- Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Is Your Toddler Communicating with You?
- Autism Spectrum Disorders: What Every Parent Needs to Know
DON’T JUST WAIT AND SEE: IMPROVING DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING AND FOLLOW-UP QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- 3 project measures related to autism
  - % of patients screened for risk of autism
  - % of families who received a discussion of autism screening results
  - % of patients referred for follow up care within 7 days of receiving a concerning autism screening result
DON’T JUST WAIT AND SEE: IMPROVING DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING AND FOLLOW-UP QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

• Results from Phase 1
  – 8% increase in patients screened for autism
  – 20% increase in communication of screening results
  – 66% increase in referrals related to positive autism screening results

• www.tinyurl.com/dsstoolkit
PHASE 2: DON’T JUST WAIT AND SEE: IMPROVING DEVELOPMENTAL SURVEILLANCE, SCREENING AND REFERRAL

• Phase 2 launched in December 2016
  – 4 multi-disciplinary practice teams were selected
  – 8 month project implementation period
  – Project measures remain the same
PHASE 2: DON’T JUST WAIT AND SEE: IMPROVING DEVELOPMENTAL SURVEILLANCE, SCREENING AND REFERRAL

• Preliminary Results from Phase 2
  – 3% increase in patients screened for autism
  – 8% increase in communication of screening results
  – 22% increase in referrals related to positive autism screening results
MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

www.aap.org/autism

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