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## **FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON TO ADDRESS AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN DIEGO**

*Presentation on early learning and health is highlight of national meeting of more than 8,500 pediatricians Oct. 11-14*

SAN DIEGO – Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will discuss the role that pediatricians and parents can play in promoting young children’s early learning and health during her remarks on Sunday, Oct. 12 at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) National Conference & Exhibition in San Diego. The meeting is expected to draw more than 8,500 pediatricians to the San Diego Convention Center Oct. 11 to 14. During her remarks, Secretary Clinton will announce the launch of new materials for pediatricians and parents that will be shared with the Academy's 62,000 pediatrician members.

The conference includes a diverse range of more than 800 original research abstracts, as well as symposiums and educational sessions on the latest trends in children’s health care. Hot topics include children’s media exposure, medical treatments that do more harm than good, pediatric sports medicine and the health of immigrant children. Original research will be presented on a host of pediatric topics, including common mistakes new parents make installing car seats, misconceptions parents have about concussions, and just how adept teenagers are at multitasking.

Media highlights include:

- **12 to 5 p.m. PT Friday, Oct. 10:** A pre-conference symposium on pediatric sports medicine will include original research abstracts on concussions and common sports injuries. Speakers include Zackery Lystedt, who sustained multiple concussions during a junior high football game in 2006. Paul Stricker, MD, FAAP, a youth sports medicine specialist at Scripps Clinic in San Diego, will talk about the ethics of pushing kids too hard.
- **3 p.m. PT Sunday, Oct. 12:** Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will give a plenary address highlighting the importance of pediatricians promoting early language development and reading in infancy. ***Camera crews must be set up in plenary hall by 12:30 p.m.***
- **8 a.m. PT Monday, Oct. 13:** In a half-day session, pediatricians will discuss how they can meet the physical, social and emotional needs of immigrant children, with a focus on the recent surge of unaccompanied immigrant children at the border.
- **4 p.m. PT Monday, Oct. 14:** Two media-savvy pediatricians will debate the use of electronic devices by young children in a special pro-con session, “Are Tablets APP-propos for Toddlers?”
- **11:30 a.m. PT Monday, Oct. 14:** Alan R. Schroeder, MD, FAAP, will discuss medical interventions done “just to be safe” are not only costly – they may actually harm patients.

Local media will have direct access to presenting authors for live interviews, including the following media availabilities at the San Diego Convention Center:

- **3:30-4 p.m. PT Friday, Oct. 10** – Alexandra Ulmer and Sarayu Caulfield. Two high school students available for interviews on their original research on the impact of multitasking on cognitive control in teenagers.
- **9:30-10 a.m. PT Saturday, Oct. 11** – Benjamin Hoffman, MD, FAAP. Pediatrician available to discuss new research on common mistakes new parents make installing their newborn's car seat.
- **10-10:30 a.m. PT Saturday, Oct. 11** – Rammy Assaf, MD, MPH, and Jennifer auf der Springe. Authors available to discuss research on youth who care for family members with physical or mental illness, or substance misuse.
- **4-4:30 p.m. PT Sunday, Oct. 12**, or immediately following plenary address by former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Pam High, MD, FAAP, lead author of AAP policy statement on early literacy, and Perri Klass, MD, FAAP, national medical director for Reach Out and Read, are available for media interviews.

Journalists may obtain embargoed news releases on these presentations and selected abstracts by contacting the AAP Department of Public Affairs. Embargoed news releases are also posted on [www.EurekAlert.org](http://www.EurekAlert.org) (media log-in required).

For information about covering the conference, including how to register, media guidelines, press room arrangements and meeting highlights, visit the AAP Press Room at: <http://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/aap-press-room-media-center/Pages/AAP-Conferences-Press-Information.aspx>

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