



*Annapolis Pediatrics Newsletter  
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**Winter Hours**.....We have begun our winter hours, as we are now opened until 9 p.m., Monday Through Thursday, through Mid-May. We have reserved these later hours for sick patients. Please call for an appointment.

We are upgrading our **medication dispensing site** (formerly known as the pharmacy.) Patients will soon be able to order medications on our web site, and order refills on a new 24/7 "hotline" for pick up at our office. See our web site for updates.

And speaking of the **web site**, we welcome you to visit us at [www.annapolispediatrics.com](http://www.annapolispediatrics.com). We have had over 1,500 visits since we launched our new and improved site in Sept. 04.

The physicians and nurse practitioners at Annapolis Pediatrics are now scheduled to make presentations at the **childbirth classes** through Anne Arundel Medical center on a regular basis starting this past June. We enjoy meeting the parents-to-be, as we explain and answer questions relating to the care of the new baby. Check our web site for our upcoming schedule.

We are sure you have all heard or read about the **malpractice insurance crisis** here in the state of Maryland. In 2005, premiums for physicians practicing in the state will increase by an average of 36% per year! This is causing many physicians to reduced services, relocate out of state, or retire. We are encouraging all of our patients to contact their state legislators, asking them to address this problem. **Without reform, this will continue to have an adverse effect on access to medical care for all state residents.**

**Our practice continues to grow!** We strive to provide excellent clinical care, along with great "customer service." So that we may continue to improve, please e-mail comments or suggestions to our administrator at [jbozek@aahs.org](mailto:jbozek@aahs.org).

Congratulations to **Peggy Hughes RN**, who will be retiring on December 31, after twelve years of service to our practice. We appreciate Peggy's contributions, and wish her the best!