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## Waugh Chapel to Expand

Sometimes we feel like a proud parent. That's the only way to describe how much we enjoy getting positive feedback about our Waugh Chapel office. Now we happily announce that Waugh Chapel is growing, as well.

Since the AAMC Building opened its doors in the end of 2002, Annapolis Pediatrics has been a proud member of an exceptional community of healthcare providers in western Anne Arundel County. The Gambrills location is so convenient and pleasant that many of our Annapolis and Arnold patients enjoy appointments in Waugh Chapel from time to time. Whether it's because the office is large and bright or they just want to grab a gourmet coffee and snack in the nearby Village shops, we're happy to provide the choice to see your doctor in any of our convenient locations.

Many of our Waugh Chapel regulars see Dr. Margaret Turner. She chose to work primarily in Waugh Chapel for the same reasons our patients like the office. "It is convenient to my home and family; it is located within my community." Dr. Turner also recognized that Waugh Chapel was a great location for the future, since Anne Arundel County has grown and is projected to continue to grow over the coming years, particularly along the western corridor.

Dr. Turner has, of course, been joined by the other doctors and nurses at the Waugh Chapel office as

we have expanded our appointments there, to meet the increasing needs of our patients. In fact, the Waugh Chapel office has seen unprecedented growth in the past year; patient visits increased 40% from 2004 to 2006.

In response to patient demand, we've decided to expand our office space in Waugh Chapel. In the coming months, we will be adding new exam rooms and offices, and expanding our reception area. We hope to complete these space additions by September, when we will add one more provider each day, providing more appointment slots for your convenience. The space we will expand into is adjacent to our current location, so we won't have many of the inconveniences of construction, but we hope you will join in our excitement and we will keep you posted on our progress.



AAMC Waugh Chapel Building in the Village of Waugh Chapel.

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### Physicians and Nurse Practitioners

- Dwight Fortier, MD
- Samuel Libber, MD
- Katherine Edwards, MD
- Stanley Weimer, MD
- James Rice, MD
- Margaret Turner, MD
- Charles Parmele, MD
- Sefanit Fassil, MD
- Jennifer Corder, MD
- Dana Kim, MD
- Anita Weissburg, CPNP
- Gwyn Reece, CPNP
- Cathy Baldino, CPNP
- Roseanne Thompson, CPNP
- Linda Murray, CPNP
- Gina Friel, CPNP

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## Dr. Rice Named Chief of Pediatric Services at AAMC

Annapolis Pediatrics is proud to recognize one of our physicians as the new Chief of Pediatric Services at Anne Arundel Medical Center. Dr. James Rice joins a long line of Annapolis Pediatrics physicians to have been elected by their peers to this two-year position at the hospital.

The Chief of Pediatric Services has a variety of responsibilities, from acting as a liaison between local pediatricians with privileges at AAMC (those who can admit and oversee their patients' care there) and Pediatric Hospitalists to identifying and attracting speakers for the Continuing Medical Education (CME) necessary for all Board-Certified physicians.

You may not realize how much AAMC makes pediatric care a high priority. AAMC utilizes specially trained Pediatric Hospitalists who work in-house around the clock. These pediatricians are there for inpatients any time of the day or night and they work closely with their patients' primary pediatricians, who oversee their medical care

Dr. Rice is also proud of AAMC's exceptionally high quality CME Program. Often, CME courses are sponsored by medical industry interests, such as pharmaceutical or durable medical equipment companies. AAMC, however, has maintained an independent program of ongoing education for area physicians. AAMC does not utilize speakers sponsored by companies with a financial interest in doctors' actions (such as drug companies who benefit from doctors prescribing their medicines). AAMC will only accept funding from such businesses when the money

is unrestricted in how it will be used. In his current position, Dr. Rice works with AAMC staff to bring the right speakers to the program to be sure our physicians know the latest medical procedures, technologies, and medicines.



Dr. James Rice

Another feature of AAMC's Pediatric Services is the close link we have with some of the finest children's hospitals in the world, due partly to our proximity to both Johns Hopkins Medical Center and Children's National Medical Center. AAMC is able to offer the convenience of its Annapolis location with the expertise of top-notch pediatric teaching hospitals literally at our fingertips. For instance, AAMC maintains a "telemedicine" hookup with Children's that enables instant data and video transfer between AAMC and experts located in DC. Dr. Rice noted that, "the connection between AAMC and Children's allows us to offer immediate, acute care as well as access to some of the leading pediatric specialists in the country."

And, if you think this commitment doesn't keep Dr. Rice busy enough, you'll be happy to know that he also serves as the Regional Representative for the Maryland chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Of course, Dr. Rice sees patients full-time in our offices, and still finds time to spend with his family.

### Kent Island Progress

As of March we're pleased to report that construction on the AAMC Eastern Shore building is going smoothly. AAMC is excited to be able to be host to a variety of health services there, including pediatrics and birth classes. Annapolis Pediatrics is happy to be a part of this exciting, new endeavor. For more information and updates, see [www.AAMContheshore.com](http://www.AAMContheshore.com).



## Shirley Dukes Memorial Nursing Scholarship

In May 2006, Shirley Dukes, R.N., Nursing Director at Annapolis Pediatrics tragically passed away following a motor vehicle accident. Her caring, quiet manner paired with her selflessness made her the heart and soul of the practice. She worked equally closely with front desk staff, doctors and nurses, engaging everyone with her quick wit and intelligence to work for the betterment of our patients.

Annapolis Pediatrics, her husband Kevin, and Shirley's family wish to create a lasting memorial for Shirley, one that is a worthy reminder of all that she gave to us. She dedicated her life to nursing and caring for others, and it is in commemora-

tion of her life, work, and spirit, that we have chosen to establish the "Shirley Ann Dukes Memorial Scholarship for Nursing at Anne Arundel Community College." Shirley obtained her nursing degree from AACC.

The purpose of this scholarship is to better enable someone who might otherwise struggle financially with their desire to pursue nursing, to dedicate his or her life to the career that meant so much to Shirley. The scholarship will assist a nursing student at Anne Arundel Community College with tuition and fees. Our hope is that through this scholarship, more nurses who share Shirley's devotion to healthcare and passion for people will

have an opportunity to enter the field of nursing.

We hope you will join us in commemorating the life of Shirley by making a contribution to the Shirley Ann Dukes Memorial Scholarship for Nursing at Anne Arundel Community College. All donations are tax-deductible according to IRS guidelines. To contribute, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the Anne Arundel Community College Foundation, Inc. Donations may be made using a check, credit card or through a gift of securities. For more information or to make a gift, please contact Meredith Watson, Assistant Director of Development for the AACC Foundation at (410) 777-2788.



Shirely Dukes, RN  
1961-2006

### Phone Menu

If you are like other patients you don't love our Annapolis Office phone menu. While the automated menu can be long, it allows us to get your calls to the right person as fast as possible.

Hate waiting through the entire script? Pick up a magnet of the options for your fridge next time you are in one of our offices or go online anytime to [www.annapolispediatrics.com](http://www.annapolispediatrics.com) and click the link on our front page.

## New Appointment Reminder System

Scheduling appointments for physical exams can be tricky. We know that most families juggle parents' work schedules as well as more than one child with their own school, sports, and activity schedules. That is one reason we offer so many appointment choices, weekdays and evenings, and several office locations. That is also why our physicians and nurse practitioners rotate their schedules through our offices.

Still, with all the options for appointment times, it can be hard to remember exactly when and where you have your next appointment. That is why we've started using an appointment reminder system.

Televox is a phone service that

places reminder calls to patients in the late afternoon and evening one to two days before your scheduled appointment.

The reminder system has an option to confirm your appointment or to let us know you need to reschedule. If you follow the voice prompts and indicate you wish to reschedule, someone from our office will call you back the next day. If you don't need the reminder, you can simply hang up the phone.

Our goal is to help make life a little less complicated and help you remember your scheduled appointments. Of course, we aren't able to remind you of same day or next day sick appointments, but when our kids are sick, it's hard to forget to go to the doctor.



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Ms. Baldino and a patient in Ecuador.

## From Annapolis to Ecuador

Cathy Baldino, CPNP, had one thing to say when she stepped back into the office after her trip to Ecuador in February. "Please help me thank all our patients who helped to make my trip to Ecuador the experience of a lifetime."

Ms. Baldino traveled to Ecuador with Ecuadent, an organization that organizes outreach trips for doctors and nurses who perform facial restorative surgeries on very poor children and adults. Ecuadent volunteers provide treatments from cleft lip and palate surgeries to difficult dental extractions.

We asked you to help

Ms. Baldino bring joy to these families by donating gently used summer clothing for all ages. We said that kids love used soccer jerseys and needed sturdy shoes, particularly sandals or athletic footwear made for hiking and wet wear (such as tevas, water sneakers, or crocs).

You responded by generously sharing your outgrown and unwanted clothes that were in good condition. "The generous donations of many of our families brought smiles to the families I treated, you can't imagine how much clothes are appreciated by these children, these families, that have so

very little." Annapolis Pediatrics is proud of our families who supported Cathy Baldino and those in need.

We also want to remind those who didn't have a chance to donate or may have forgotten that Dr. Jennifer Corder will be traveling to Honduras to provide medical care for those in need.

This will be Dr. Corder's second trip to Atima, Honduras and she is excited that her teenage daughter will be accompanying her on this trip, as well. We will continue to accept donations at the front desks of each of our offices through June.



## Physicals, Physicals, and More Physicals

Winter is hardly over, but parents throughout the area are entering the age-old spring tradition or the Race-to-Plan-for-Summer. Whether your child will be attending the summer camp they've been to since they can remember or they'll be trying something new this year, please take the time to look at your children's camp health forms. Many camps require physicals to have been done within the past 12 months. Others may just have forms you need us to complete on your children's behalf.

With everyone facing the same deadlines for these forms, we can't encourage you enough to please review your medical forms and get them to us as soon as possible. If you need to schedule a physical, call as soon as possible, to beat the crunch that typically hits as the end of school approaches. To schedule your appointment call 410-263-6363, prompt 2, 2.

We also want to remind parents with children who play fall sports in the area that most schools require physicals be conducted AFTER June 1 of this year for the 2007-2008 school year. Even if your child has a spring birthday, if you plan on taking part in fall sports, you may wish to schedule your child's physical exam for after June 1.

