



# THE CENTER FOR ADVANCED PEDIATRICS

Comprehensive Care for Infants, Children & Young Adults

## OUR NEW NORWALK HOME

Dear Families,

As with any move into a new home, transitions can be challenging. Thank you for bearing with us during this transition. We appreciate all of your support and hope you are enjoying both our new Norwalk office and our expanded services. We invite your comments and have already made adjustments based on your completed surveys. We look forward to seeing you soon if we have not seen you already!

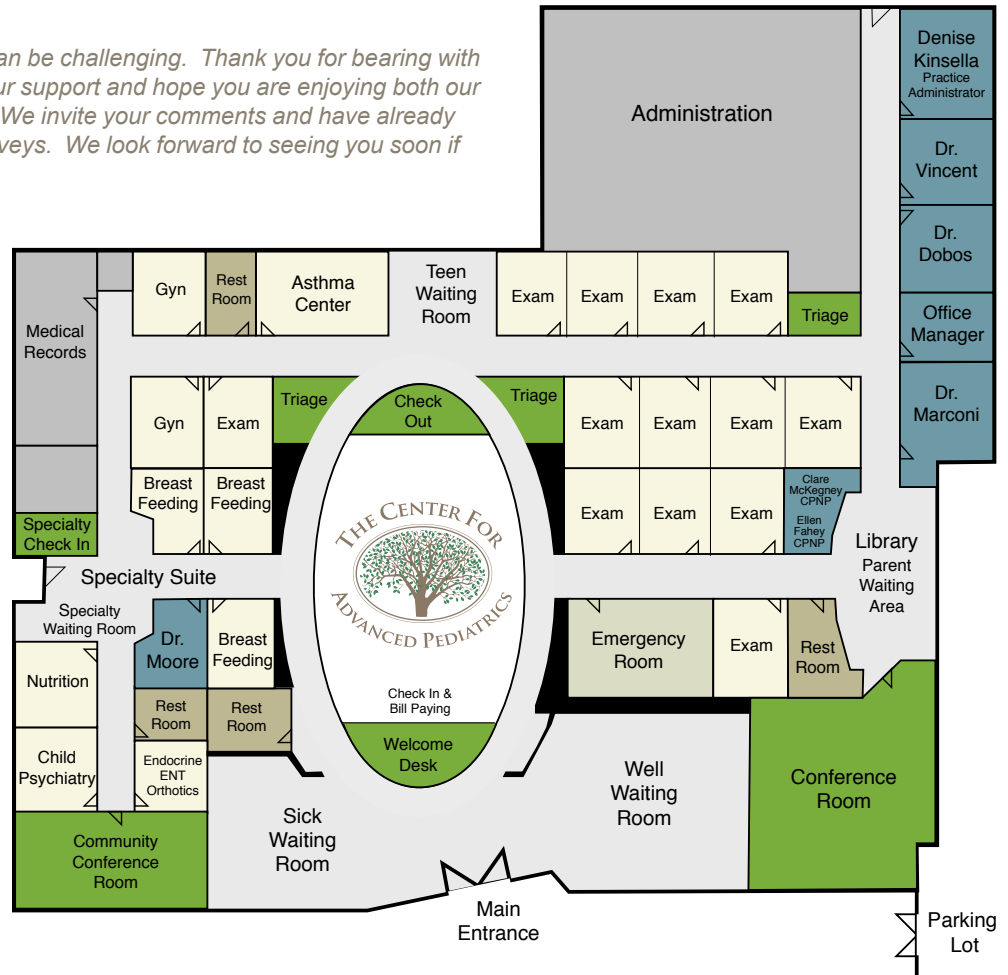
We would like to take this opportunity to also discuss making appointments for well and sick visits. We have always maintained that you may see your physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner at your discretion. This includes both the Norwalk and Darien office. We have reinstated Walk-In Hour. Norwalk office is 7 days a week from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and Darien is Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

If you prefer to schedule a sick visit and the secretary cannot accommodate you, please ask him or her to discuss it with your physician. Often times the doctor may decide to work through lunch or stay later to see you. Also, when leaving messages for future appointments please leave your preferred day and time for the visit so our staff can respond expeditiously.

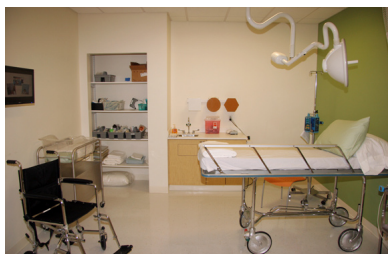
Thank you for entrusting the care of your children with us.

Sincerely,

Jeanne M. Marconi, M.D.  
 Arthur E. Dobos, M.D.  
 Mark H. Vincent, M.D.



Check out our website for more info, [www.thecenterforadvancedpediatrics.com](http://www.thecenterforadvancedpediatrics.com).



### URGENT CARE ROOM

If you haven't seen it yet, visit our website, [www.tcfap.com](http://www.tcfap.com) (or [www.thecenterforadvancedpediatrics.com](http://www.thecenterforadvancedpediatrics.com)). We are now able to provide urgent care for the following conditions: dehydration (IV capability) stat labs, x-rays for pneumonia and traumas, prolonged visits due to asthma with oxygen therapy and continuous nebulization, sutures for lacerations and the new glue technique. Also, congratulations to all our doctors, physician

assistants, nurse practitioners and registered nurses for becoming Pediatric Advance Life Support (PALS) certified. This means we are all certified to treat life threatening emergencies and provide emergent care pending arrival of EMT's.

### DARIEN IS PUTTING ON A NEW FACE!

Now that we have completed our move and settled into our new home in Norwalk, we are beginning to refurbish, redecorate and upgrade technology in the Darien office.  
 Please excuse us during this process.



## WELCOME JOHN J. RONEY, MPA, PA-C

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you as the newest member of the Center for Advanced Pediatrics team! Originally from Pittsburgh, I graduated from Duquesne University with my Masters of Physician Assistant in 1994. Immediately after graduation, I moved to Connecticut to participate in the Norwalk Hospital/ Yale School of Medicine Pediatric Residency. During the time that I was a resident, I had the opportunity to work closely with and learn from Dr. Marconi. Once I completed the residency, I accepted a position at the Yale

Pediatric Emergency Department and have practiced there for the past 13 years. Over the course of my tenure at Yale, I worked with Drs Dobos, Vincent and Moore. I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to join my former colleagues and mentors in providing the best healthcare experiences possible for children and their families at The Center for Advanced Pediatrics.

My family often teases me that my interest in Pediatric Emergency Medicine was born from my own personal experiences as a child. Many of my most lasting childhood memories include trips to the emergency room. Falling off a bike, getting hit in the head with a fastball and needing too many stitches to count, often put me on the receiving end of urgent healthcare.

As both a Pediatric Physician's Assistant and a father of two young children, I truly understand that no one ever plans to get sick or injured. My mission is to apply my skills and experience to provide timely, individualized, high quality medical care to your children when the unexpected happens. Our facility allows us to offer many services including onsite x ray and lab testing. We provide many Urgent Care services including suturing, splinting, and IV hydration. All of this with the convenience of expanded hours in our child friendly state of the art facility.

Together with my wonderful wife, Linda, who is a pediatric nurse, and our two children, Natalie (4) and Michael (2) I live in Milford, CT. Our family enjoys the outdoors and family vacations at the beach. An avid baseball fan, joining the Center for Advanced Pediatrics brings me geographically closer to my favorite team, the New York Yankees!



## WELCOME BACK KRISTEN BAKER, PA-C

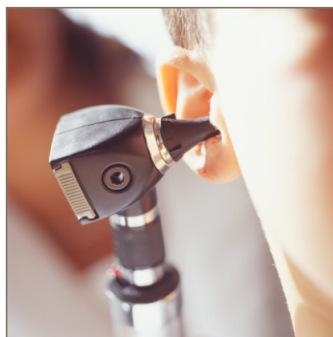
I am very excited to announce my return to The Center for Advanced Pediatrics as of April 16, 2008. My family and I moved to Madison, CT last year and after finally feeling "settled" in our new hometown community, I am thrilled to once again have the opportunity to care for your children on Wednesdays from 11am to 7:30pm.

I will also be available one weekend per month and will be seeing asthma/allergy patients during scheduled afternoon weekend hours once per month as well!

I hope you and yours are doing well and look forward to seeing you soon!

## YOU NO LONGER HAVE TO TRAVEL TO NEW HAVEN TO SEE A PEDIATRIC ENT!

The Center for Advanced Pediatrics is pleased to welcome Connecticut Pediatric Otolaryngology to our Center. The well-known ENT practice that includes Dr. David Karas, Dr. Eric Baum and Dr. Alyssa Terk will be seeing consultations in our Specialty Suite two times a month. Appointments and scheduling are handled through their office and can be reached at (203) 245-0496.



## WELCOME OUR PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGIST, MINA KIM, M.D.

Dr. Kim graduated from Boston University Medical School. She completed her pediatric residency at Yale-New Haven (where she first met Mark Vincent, who was her Chief Resident), and continued at Yale to finish her Pediatric Endocrinology fellowship. She then stayed on at Yale as a part-time clinician for 3 and

1/2 years, so she could also focus on raising her 2 children, Julia and Elena. Her areas of special interest are growth disorders, pubertal disorders, thyroid disease, and PCOS.

## WELCOME FORME

The Center for Advanced Pediatrics is pleased to welcome FORME, a group of certified orthotists and prosthetists to our offices. After a referral and prescription from a physician, FORME's nationally certified and state licensed practitioners design and fabricate braces (orthoses) and prostheses. Orthotists and Prosthetists provide braces (orthoses) and/or artificial limbs (prostheses) to patients of diverse ages and diagnoses. Orthotists specifically treat individuals who require support for their spine or extremities. The orthoses may be needed to reduce pain or to provide support to an extremity that has lost function due to damage to bones, ligaments, nerves or muscles. FORME also



measures and fabricates helmets for reshaping infant's skulls with abnormal flattening. Join us in welcoming the practitioners of FORME!

## TYPE I JUVENILE DIABETES

Advanced Pediatrics is proud to announce that on or about June 15, 2008, we will be able to provide initial and follow-up care and treatment for all children with Type I Juvenile Diabetes. This care includes comprehensive medical evaluation and nutritional and emotional counseling.

## COMPREHENSIVE DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDERS AT THE CENTER FOR ADVANCED PEDIATRICS

*Attention Deficit Disorder is a neurobiological disorder that is characterized by developmentally inappropriate impulsivity, inattention and in some cases hyperactivity. Because this is a chronic disorder of childhood, The Center for Advanced Pediatrics is committed to treating our patients with the most up to date, evidenced based medicine regarding the diagnosis of Attention Deficit Disorder*

*Our efforts include comprehensive evaluations, diagnosis and treatment including medication, in our offices by Clare Cardo McKegney, APRN, CPNP. This affords our families the ability to develop consistent plan of care for each child. Clare will also coordinate school reports, review report cards, perform interval evaluations and prescribe all medications. It is crucial that you schedule and keep the quarterly visits in order to renew your medication on time.*

*In accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics Management Guidelines, The Center for Advanced Pediatrics will schedule quarterly visits with Clare Cardo McKegney for these children. They will continue to see their physician or ancillary provider for yearly physicals. There may be other interval visits required for dosing management, behavior management, evaluation of side effects and coping skills mechanism.*

**Please note that the American Heart Association is recommending that all children on stimulant medication have an ANNUAL EKG. If your child is on stimulant medication and has not had an EKG, please schedule one now.**

# THE CENTER FOR ADVANCED PEDIATRICS



## COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAMS

### What Every Girl Wants to Know: Physical and Emotional Changes of Puberty

The Center for Advanced Pediatrics (C.A.P.) is very proud to announce that we will be sponsoring the first lecture in our Community Awareness Program (C.A.P.) series of lectures on **Wednesday, June 4th, 2008.**

Norwalk Hospital has graciously loaned us the use of their Perkins Auditorium which is located on the first floor of the hospital, off the main lobby, at 34 Maple Street, Norwalk.

This first lecture is "What Every Girl Wants to Know: Physical and Emotional Changes of Puberty", addressing 9, 10 and 11 year old girls and their moms. It will be moderated by Diane Frankel-Grammelis, MS CCE of Milford Hospital and Jeanne M. Marconi, M.D., F.A.A.P. of The Center for Advanced Pediatrics.

The lecture will begin promptly at 6:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Space is limited so R.S.V.P. as soon as possible to Denise Kinsella, Advanced Pediatrics 203-229-2029.

### StressBusters

For High School Teens

Stressed out!

Come learn about ways to identify, manage and reduce your stress in this interactive series Stress Busters. We will introduce you to great ways to handle the daily stressors of being a teen in today's world. Together we will play games for prizes, do yoga and eat stress reducing foods.

Please join us in this fun, complimentary seminar

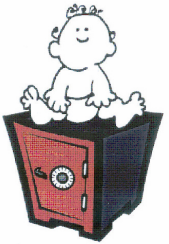
**On Thursday, June 5th from 7pm to 9pm  
at our Norwalk office.**

**For more information, please call  
Ellen Fahey (203) 229-2039.**

## Baby-SAFE

www.babysafeamerica.com

Each year thousands of infants/Toddlers are injured or killed in preventable household accidents. Baby-Safe has put together a small list of easily recognizable and rectifiable hazards around the house. These items are universal to most homes.



- 1. Furniture tipping** -The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 8,000 to 10,000 people — mostly children — each year go to the emergency room with injuries from furniture tipping over. Anchor any furniture that might have the ability to be pulled over by a climbing child.
- 2. Fire Safety** -There were 3,245 civilians that lost their lives as the result of fire last year- every home should be equipped with multiple fire extinguishers and smoke detectors.
- 3. Gates** -Use mounted safety gates for top and bottom of any accessible stairs. Gates should have vertical slats to prevent a child from gaining a foothold.
- 4. Door stops** -Change the 2 piece door stops around the house to plastic one piece units. White tips can become a choking hazard.
- 5. Safety Latches** -latch up all below counter top doors/drawers that contain dangerous materials.
- 6. Vigilance** -Always be aware of your surroundings. Scanning a room when first entering and determining the safety concerns can save you unnecessary injuries or worse.

Born in 1996, Baby-Safe has pioneered the field of child-safety risk management. Baby-Safe is the first and oldest full service safety company serving the tri-state area. James Hirtenstein, owner and founder, is also a founding member of the International Association for Child Safety. You can contact Baby-Safe at **888-982-BABY (2229).**

## NIGHTINGALES

*Breastfeeding Support Center*

21st Century Breastfeeding Medicine arrives at The Center for Advanced Pediatrics.

We are excited to announce the opening of the Nightingales: Breastfeeding Support Center located in our Pediatric Specialty Suite. As pediatricians, we understand the optimum nutrition and health protection that breast milk provides. Breastfeeding is the natural way to feed a baby, but it doesn't always come naturally.

Nightingales is a place devoted exclusively to the teaching and supporting of the breastfeeding mother and baby. Our state of the art center has nursery-like breastfeeding rooms, mother groups, a research library and coming soon, retail products to support successful breastfeeding for all babies. Our center is both a place for newborns to learn the normal process of breastfeeding as well as a referral center. We diagnose and treat both the mother and baby for a large variety of lactation issues. Our on site practitioners are qualified to supervise medication management for both the mother and baby.

A breastfeeding consultation takes about one hour and includes a careful history and examination of both mother and baby. Every newborn that is receiving breast milk is offered this consultation within 1-2 days of discharge from the hospital. During a visit we watch a breastfeeding session and actively work with mother and baby to help solve the common problems as well as offer advice to prevent them.

We are available throughout the time that your baby is breastfed for whatever problems or concerns arise. We are also available for phone consultations and referrals from outside pediatricians and obstetricians.

Come visit us next time you are in the office! Appointments can be made by calling Meghan at 203-229-2051.



**REMEMBER..... SCHEDULE YOUR school and camp physicals early!**

### NORWALK OFFICE SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY

Dr. Marconi  
Dr. Vincent  
Dr. Moore  
Clare McKegney, A.P.R.N.  
Ellen Fahey, A.P.R.N.  
Kym D'Agostino, A.P.R.N.

#### TUESDAY

Dr. Dobos  
Dr. Moore  
Dr. Abramowitz  
Dr. Kim, Endocrinology  
Ellen Fahey, A.P.R.N.  
Kym D'Agostino, A.P.R.N.  
Michelle Daum, Nutritionist

#### WEDNESDAY

Dr. Marconi  
Dr. Siegel  
Clare McKegney, A.P.R.N.  
Kristen Baker, P.A.  
Dr. Terk, E.N.T.

#### THURSDAY

Dr. Dobos  
Dr. Abramowitz  
Dr. Kim, Endocrinology  
Clare McKegney, A.P.R.N.  
Ellen Fahey, A.P.R.N.  
Kym D'Agostino, A.P.R.N.  
Michelle Daum, Nutritionist  
Forme Orthotics (A.M.)

#### FRIDAY

Dr. Vincent  
Dr. Abramowitz  
Dr. Siegel (P.M.)  
Clare McKegney, A.P.R.N.

### DARIEN OFFICE SCHEDULE

Dr. Dobos  
Dr. Abramowitz

Dr. Marconi  
Dr. Vincent

Dr. Dobos  
Dr. Moore

Dr. Vincent  
Dr. Siegel

Dr. Marconi  
Dr. Moore

# THE CENTER FOR ADVANCED PEDIATRICS

## PHONE DIRECTORY

Norwalk Main Line.....	229-2000
Darien Main Line .....	656-1833
New Patient Registration.....	229-2071
Billing Office.....	229-2016

Doctor	Nurse	Secretary	RX Refills	Referrals	Lab Results	Future Apts.
Dr. Jeanne Marconi	229-2022	229-2021	229-2024	229-2025	229-2026	229-2027
Dr. Arthur Dobos	229-2032	229-2031	229-2034	229-2035	229-2036	229-2037
Dr. Mark Vincent	229-2042	229-2041	229-2044	229-2045	229-2046	229-2047
Dr. Nicole Abramowitz	229-2061	229-2076	229-2073	229-2074	229-2075	229-2076
Dr. Jennifer Moore	229-2065	229-2066	229-2081	229-2082	229-2083	229-2066
Dr. Sarah Siegel	229-2065	229-2066	229-2081	229-2082	229-2083	229-2066

Specialty Appointments and Referrals, Including:  
 Add Med Checks, Lactation visits, Nutrition, Psychiatry, Endocrine, Allergy and Asthma 229-2051

## Congratulations!

A special congratulations to our own Dr. Jeanne Marconi. In a recent poll conducted by Connecticut Magazine, she was voted one of Connecticut's Top Docs. Way to go Dr. Marconi!



## Jack Dog Studios

If you are wondering who took all those fabulous photographs that grace our walls in Norwalk, and are coming soon to Darien, thanks goes to JackDog Studios – Stamford, CT (203) 487-6100.



## THE CENTER FOR ADVANCED PEDIATRICS

Comprehensive Care for Infants, Children & Young Adults  
 761 MAIN AVENUE, NORWALK, CT 06851

*Physicians:*

Jeanne M. Marconi, M.D., F.A.A.P.  
 Arthur E. Dobos Jr., M.D., F.A.A.P.  
 Mark H. Vincent, M.D., F.A.A.P.  
 Nicole T. Abramowitz, M.D., F.A.A.P.  
 Jennifer Moore, M.D., F.A.A.P.  
 Sarah Siegel, M.D., F.A.A.P.  
 Betsy Clachko, M.D., F.A.A.P.

*Pediatric Endocrinologist:*

Mina Kim, M.D.

*Certified Nurse Practitioners:*

Clare Cardo McKegney, A.P.R.N., C.P.N.P.  
 Ellen Fahey, A.P.R.N.  
 Kym D'Agostino, A.P.R.N.

*Physician Assistant:*

John J. Roney, MPA, PA-C  
 Kristen A. Baker, PA-C

*Norwalk Office:*

761 Main Avenue  
 Norwalk, CT 06851  
 Phone: 203-229-2000

*Darien Office:*

53 Old Kings Highway North  
 Darien, CT 06870  
 Phone: 203-655-4096