Wyoming pediatricians were represented at the annual District VIII meeting by President Suzanne Oss, MD, and Executive Director Sheila Bush. Denver, CO, host this year’s meeting where pediatricians from Districts IV and VIII convened to talk about the future of pediatric medicine, updates in clinical practice and progress on efforts by AAP on behalf of pediatricians and their patients.

Clinical Updates

District VIII Meeting's clinical focus was on child safety with emphasis on media and its impact on children. Of primary focus was first person shooting video games in relation to developing aggression and violence in adolescents. Another topic area of interest was that of media and its impact on sleep.

One helpful link included how to create a family media use plan which is linked on the WY-AAP website under Resources, or easily found at https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Media/Pages/How-to-Make-a-Family-Media-Use-Plan.aspx.
Advocacy

AAP National Advocacy experts presented at the meeting to update Chapter leaders on advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C. Legislation was moving quickly during our time together in Denver and members were asked to get involved and make sure their voice was heard in advocating for children inside of the Federal healthcare reform debate.

AAP Digital Strategy

Leaders from AAP came prepared to ease concerns of members over difficulties in using the AAP website. They vowed commitment to continually improving the web platform in an effort to continually improve the interface to increase user-friendly aspects.

Links to lectures and presentations from the District VIII meeting can all be found at:

Presentations include:
AAP President’s Report
Committee on Development
Current State of Play in DC, Chapter Engagement in Federal Advocacy
Levels - First, Second and Third Floor
Interactive Discussion with Chapters - “What’s Your 3-Minute Bipartisan Elevator Speech”
CATCH Report - District IV
AAP CEO/EVP Report
Social Media From the Trenches - I’ll Sleep When My Battery Dies
Social Media From the Trenches - First Person Shooter Games
Impact of Colorado’s Marijuana Legislation on Children and Youth
Zika Virus Update: What You Need to Know
AAP Digital Future
Physician Wellness - How Can Chapters Help Members