

**Report from the Canadian Pediatric Society
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CPS has been working with the Canadian Public Health Agency Society to develop H1N1 guidelines for Canada. Because of a recent study suggesting the regular yearly flu shots may interfere with the efficacy of the H1N1 response. Consequently, taking into account susceptibility at various ages and likely risk—the policy, recommendations developed vary according to age and pregnancy status.

CPS has advocacy projects related to Early Childhood Development, Injury Prevention and Aboriginal Health (see CPS website).

The CPS International Section is very active in supporting trainee scholarships to work in developing countries through the Don and Elizabeth Hillman International Child Health Grants. They have also been approached by a local MP working with CIDA to identify volunteer physicians to work overseas (particularly in Ghana and Uganda). The section has been working on a resident curriculum related to international health (global work, immigrant and refugee health, malnutrition and micronutrients, malaria, TB and the returning traveler) with the hope that it will be required in the future and become part of Royal College examinations.

The section also sponsored a symposium at the next annual meeting.

The Health Child Uganda continues to be strong with a variety of community developments.

The next CPS conference will be in Vancouver June 22-26, 2010.

The CPS hopes to put a bid in for the 2016 IPA Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

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