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Welcome to USAAA News, a weekly newsletter that addresses a range of topics on autism and Asperger Syndrome, the TIP of the week, and USAAA conference updates.

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New USAAA Associate Director Appointed

Teri Small has been named Associate Director of US Autism and Asperger Association, Inc. Teri is the general manager of Autism One Radio and program host of Autism: Help, Hope, and Healing. Autism One Radio is a worldwide web-based radio station for the care, treatment, and recovery of children with autism. Teri is vice president of Medical Veritas International, Inc. and commissioning editor of Medical Veritas: The Journal of Medical Truth. MVI recognizes that medical modalities promoted by public health departments and authorities are often compromised by conflicts of interest; MVI encourages independent research into disease mechanisms. Autism One and MVI are not-for-profit organizations.

"I am delighted to have Teri join our organization," said Larry Kaplan, USAAA Executive Director. "I especially look forward to her assistance in the many areas that reflect her interests and considerable skills, including conference development and planning."

Teri is mom to 7 1/2 year old Ian, who is diagnosed with autism, but who has also been diagnosed with mercury toxicity and lymphoid nodular hyperplasia, which are consistent with damage attributed to vaccinations.

New USAAA Board Member Appointed

Jay D. Burstein, M.D. has been appointed to the Board of Directors at US Autism and Asperger Association, Inc. Dr. Burstein is a board-certified urologist specializing in incontinence, interstitial cystitis, and prostate disorders. He is certified by the American Board of Urology and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (F.A.C.S.). He spent more than a decade teaching medicine in Chicago-area hospitals and is now in private practice at the DeKalb Clinic in Illinois. He completed his undergraduate work at



Drake University, graduating magna cum laude, and is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society. He graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1979.

His publications include several articles on embryology and anatomy published in urology textbooks. He has been involved with bladder suspension modifications since the introduction of that procedure in the Midwest in 1984. Dr. Burstein is a past president of the local American Cancer Society Chapter. Dr. Burstein is a parent of a child with disabilities. He is now finding new ways to help parents of children with disabilities find urological solutions.

TIP of the week - Autistic Spectrum Disorders: Best Practice Guidelines for Screening, Diagnosis and Assessment

Autistic Spectrum Disorders: Best Practice Guidelines for Screening, Diagnosis and Assessment, published by the California Department of Developmental Services in 2003, is designed to help health care providers and families make informed decisions regarding identification, diagnosis, and assessment of autistic spectrum disorders.

Visit the USAAA booth at DAN! Conference

Join us at the DAN! Conference in Long Beach, California October 27-30, 2005. We will have updated information on the USAAA conference scheduled for August 10-13, 2006. Be sure to stop by the booth and learn about membership benefits with USAAA.

Quote of the week

"To reach a port we must sail, sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it. But we must not drift or lie at anchor." — Oliver Wendell Holmes

Review on Diagnosis Autism: Now What? 10 Steps to Improve Treatment Outcomes
A guide written particularly for parents confronted with the unique challenges of raising an autistic child

Reviewer: Midwest Book Review

Diagnosis Autism: Now What? 10 Steps to Improve Treatment Outcomes is a guide written particularly for parents confronted with the unique challenges of raising an autistic child. Each of the ten steps is discussed and supported with the latest research and understanding of the nature of autism and successful means of treating it with the aid of a physician. Diagnosis Autism focuses above all on cultivating a strong family-physician bond in the best interests of an autistic child; thus the steps range from "Monitor and Chart Your Child's Development" and "Organize Information for Physician Interview" to "Formulate Questions for Physician Appointment", "Initiate Treatment and Program Approaches", "Listen and Be Open Minded", and "Review, Negotiate & Follow Through". Diagnosis Autism is not a complete instructional manual on autism and how to



treat it, but rather focuses upon the most difficult and challenging issues that parents and physicians have to deal with, and the common situations and misunderstandings that can crop up over sensitive issues. Highly recommended for families with an autistic child or adolescent member.

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