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**American College of Preventive Medicine to Host Web-Based
Conference on Adolescent Violence and Bullying**

Washington, D.C. – The American College of Preventive Medicine (www.acpm.org) will host a web-based conference to discuss the significant public health problem of adolescent violence and bullying. *Violence is No Accident: The Role of Health Professionals in Keeping Adolescents Safe*, developed under a cooperative agreement with the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau, will be held July 13, 2006, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET at Medscape (www.medscape.com) from WebMD. Continuing medical education (CME/CE) credit can be obtained for participation in this conference.

Two leading specialists on the prevention and treatment of youth violence and bullying, Dr. Howard Spivak, Director of Tufts University Center for Children in Boston, Massachusetts, and Dr. Susan Limber, Associate Director of Clemson University's Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life in Clemson, South Carolina, will deliver presentations and answer audience questions. George Lundberg, Editor-in-Chief of Medscape General Medicine, will moderate the session. This free educational session

will provide critical information for practicing physicians, public health officials, and other front-line health providers who provide primary care to adolescents.

The conference will feature an overview of youth violence in the United States, including an analysis of associated risk and resiliency factors, as well as a review of a model violence prevention protocol for primary care providers. The session will also focus specifically on adolescent bullying, how it affects children, and the roles that providers can play in addressing the problem.

According to the Commission for the Prevention of Youth Violence, almost 40 children and adolescents are killed by violence each week in the United States. Furthermore, the American School Health Association found that 16% of students between the sixth and tenth grades reported being sometimes or frequently bullied. The American Medical Association's Educational Forum on Adolescent Health asserts that health care professionals play important roles in prevention and treatment of youth violence through their roles as practitioners, educators, and researchers.

To participate in the July 13th web-based conference, go to <http://www.medscape.com/viewprogram/5652>, and register and log in as a free Medscape user.

The American College of Preventive Medicine is the national professional society for physicians whose expertise and interest lie in disease prevention and health promotion

(www.acpm.org). ACPM's more than 2,000 members are engaged in preventive medicine practice, teaching and research. Medscape from WebMD is the leading provider of online information and educational services for physicians and health care professionals (www.medscape.com).

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