

AAP Member Resource Guide



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Welcome to the AAP!

Thank you for your membership and your commitment to children.



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Welcome to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the professional home to more than 67,000 pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, pediatric surgeons, and non-physician clinicians. The AAP is the largest, most influential organization dedicated to the health and well-being of children. Your decision to join solidifies your commitment to your profession and to children everywhere.

Use this guide as an overview to help you make the most of your AAP Membership. You'll learn more about:

- Ways to get involved
- Valuable member benefits and services
- Resources available through AAP Initiatives

“Getting involved in a national organization is very professionally rewarding. Most everyone who participates in national organizations values the opportunity to bounce ideas off of individuals from other institutions, brainstorm solutions, and find themselves returning to their home institution with renewed enthusiasm and excitement towards one’s job. It’s an exceptional antidote to burnout.”

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Start Off Right With Some Top AAP Benefits

- Access the latest in pediatric infectious diseases with **Red Book® Online**. This powerful tool extends beyond the print edition to provide 24/7 access to lifesaving pediatric infectious diseases information including the latest clinical updates on COVID-19. **redbook.solutions.aap.org**
- Access the **Advocacy Action Center** to contact your members of Congress about child health issues and learn about the Academy’s federal advocacy priorities.
- Read the AAP flagship journal **Pediatrics®**, the most-cited journal* in pediatric medicine influencing the way pediatrics is practiced worldwide. *Pediatrics* publishes official AAP policy, clinical practice guidelines, and original research with special features like Diagnostic Dilemmas and Clinical Reasoning, Ethics Rounds, Family Partnerships, Advocacy Case Studies, and new Research Briefs and Video Abstracts. **pediatrics.org**
**Clarivate Analytics 2019 Journal Citation Reports*
- Distinguish yourself as a pediatric expert with the **FAAP designation** when board certified.
- Stay current with the official newsmagazine **AAP News™** (includes breaking news alerts and weekly AAP News OnCall), the trusted resource for vaccine news, developmental and behavioral issues, AAP policy statement insights, and more. **aapnews.org**
- **Act on federal legislation** impacting children and the practice of pediatrics by signing up at **kids1st@aap.org**.
- Expand your knowledge, improve your care, and manage your learning activities with **PediaLink®**, the AAP Online Learning Center. Sign into **pedialink.org** with your AAP login and password to access customized features.
- Connect with 67,000 pediatric colleagues in every subspecialty area with exclusive access to the **membership directory**.
- Close practice gaps with **Education in Quality Improvement in Pediatric Practice (EQIPP)** online courses. These courses deliver vital tools and information needed to develop and implement efficient and effective policies for your practice. Completion of courses earns *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* and helps satisfy MOC Part 4 requirements. **eqipp.org**

Exclusive Perks for Members

Travel

Our Travel Office can help you book business or personal travel, including airfare, car rentals, vacation packages, cruises, and hotel accommodations at competitive, low prices. Members can call the agency at 888 227 1772 or log onto MyAAP and click on Travel Services (under Member Information) to book online.

Member Advantage Programs aap.org/memberadvantage

Maximize your membership experience with enhanced service levels, member discounts, and preferred customer status by utilizing these personal and professional Member Advantage Programs:

Personal Resources
AAP Insurance Program
Geico Insurance
BHG Credit Cards/Consumer & Business Loans
SoFi - Student Loan Consolidation
Avis Car Rental AWD# A628900
Budget (BCD) R705700
Professional Resources
SnapMD Telehealth Program
Child Health Advantage (Vaccine and Medical Supply Purchasing)
Officite Web Presence Solutions for Healthcare Practices
Staples - Business Office Products
1st Healthcare (Credit Card Processing)

Membership Categories and Discount Dues Options

Once you are a member of the AAP, there may be opportunities to switch membership categories or take advantage of these discount options:

Married Fellow: Available to Fellows or Specialty Fellows married to a Fellow or Specialty Fellow.

Dual Membership Discount: Available to Fellows, Specialty Fellows, and Candidates who are members of the American College of Physicians (ACP) or the Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS).

Medical Missionary: Available to Fellows, Specialty Fellows, and Candidates working more than nine months of the fiscal year on a project or program located outside of the United States and Canada.

Fellowship Trainee Member: If at any time, a Resident, Candidate, or Fellow decides to pursue fellowship training, there is a deeply discounted Fellowship Trainee Member category that allows you to maintain membership and your connection to us while in training.

Corresponding Fellow, FAAP: Fellow or Specialty Fellow living and practicing in a country other than the United States, Canada, or Puerto Rico.

Senior Member: Lower dues options for members who are 70 years or older OR 65 and older and no longer derive income from professional activities.

Get Involved & Make Connections

Welcome to the largest and most influential organization dedicated to the health and well-being of children. **Now is the best time for you to get involved.** You have the chance to make a lasting impact and give kids a voice through your contributions. Getting started is easy and there is something that fits every career stage, interest, and schedule!

Chapters

AAP chapters continue to advocate with the Academy to preserve and strengthen Medicaid coverage for children. Chapters are also supporting the implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act, a landmark law that will effect critical reforms in the US child welfare system to improve the health and well-being of children. Join your chapter to help ensure coverage for kids.

Committees

AAP Members of the 23 National Committees develop many of the policy statements published by the AAP and author books based on their area(s) of expertise. Under the direction of the Board of Directors, and with the assistance of the National Office, they work to achieve the Academy’s goals and objectives. The Committee Forum Management Committee (CoFMC) oversees the activities of the AAP committees and acts in a consulting capacity to the Board of Directors.

The Committee Forum (CoF) is comprised of the chairpersons from all national committees. It serves as a forum for discussion of policy development issues. All national committees are appointed by the Board of Directors. Appointments are based on member expertise; if all equal, then appointments are based on interest, gender, ethnicity, district representation, and chapter activity. All committee vacancies are posted at aap.org/lead.

“Whether it’s to work on PREP questions, going to the National Conference, or attending an advocacy day in DC with my local Michigan chapter, **being a member has connected me to a vast array of resources that have guided me in my pediatric career.**

The AAP is where I turn to find guidance on my career and I cannot overemphasize the value it’s had in my development as a pediatrician and neonatologist.”

Jennifer Shin Zank, MD, FAAP
Neonatology
Member since 2010
Pittsburgh, PA

Joseph O’Neil, MD, MPH, FAAP
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
Member since 1995
Indianapolis, IN



Sections and Councils

Pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, pediatric surgical specialists, and non-physician clinicians do remarkable things for children through their involvement with the AAP.

Sections were developed within the AAP for members who share a pediatric medical subspecialty, surgical specialty, special area of interest, or career stage. Sections cultivate ideas and develop programs within their subspecialty or special interest that improve the care of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. Members within each section guide AAP policies, clinical reports, and practice standards and act as AAP representatives to other organizations. Each section presents leadership opportunities through an elected executive committee and many appointed sub-committees.

Councils represent the evolution of committees and sections working in the same field into an integrated structure. Like sections, they generate policy, create educational programming and resources, develop and promote advocacy initiatives, support translation of policy and education into practice, and integrate and evaluate these efforts to maximize impact.

Recent policy statements written by AAP Section and Council members include:

- Spinal Motion Restriction in the Trauma Patient
- Principles of Pediatric Patient Safety: Reducing Harm Due to Medical Care
- The Link Between School Attendance and Good Health
- E-Cigarettes and Similar Devices
- Incorporating Recognition and Management of Perinatal Depression into Pediatric Practice
- Health and Mental Health Needs of Children in US Military Families
- Selecting Appropriate Toys for Young Children in the Digital Era

Join multiple sections and/or councils based on your interest, member type, and the criteria established by the sections or councils. Most have established annual dues that range from \$10–\$85 in addition to national dues.

Visit services.aap.org/en/community to learn more and join a chapter, section, or council.

Get Involved & Make Connections (con't)

Do remarkable things for children through involvement with the AAP. Make connections you didn't know were possible and advance your career through a variety of engagement opportunities.

AAP Volunteer Network collaborate.aap.org

Stay energized about child health issues by getting involved through the AAP Volunteer Network. This unique portal provides a centralized listing of volunteer and leadership opportunities, as well as grants, scholarships, awards, and more. Engaging in these opportunities can connect you with experts in the field of pediatrics and its subspecialties and positively influence your career path.

This new site:

- Is easily accessible online - just click on "My Collaboration Sites" from aap.org
- Has micro-engagement opportunities with as little as one hour a month commitment
- Has multi-year leadership opportunities - for members with more time looking to boost their leadership skills and augment their CVs
- Can be sorted by subspecialty, skills needed, membership type, and more - customize your view
- Has new opportunities uploaded weekly - be sure to check back often

AAP Mentorship Program aapmentorship.chronus.com

Mentorship is one of the most important tools for professional development and has been linked to greater productivity, career advancement, and professional satisfaction. The AAP recognizes that mentorship is critical in helping to nurture and grow our future leaders and created this program to establish mentoring relationships between trainees/early career physicians and practicing AAP member physicians.

Engage with Social Media:

If you enjoy participating on social media, then we encourage you to connect with us!

-  Facebook.com/AmerAcadPeds
-  Twitter.com/AmerAcadPeds
-  YouTube.com/user/aaptv

Share your Story aap.org/getinvolved

Have you been involved with a program or project through the AAP that you'd love to share? Submit your story today at aap.org/getinvolved!

"The AAP has been a wonderful professional, and social, resource for me. Most physicians want a professional home, and engagement in our profession counters burnout. The AAP has kept me engaged and enthusiastic about my work. The mentorship experiences have been a central aspect of this. Having mentors to help steer our course early in career can be invaluable."

Sarosh Batlivala, MD, MSCI, FAAP
Cardiology
Member since 2005
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Himani Divatia, DO, FAAP
Med-Peds
Member since 2011
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My Account

aap.org/myaccount

My Account is undergoing some exciting changes. These changes aim to improve your contact, personal and professional information, and security settings. To get the most of of these enhanced tools, all members are encouraged to visit their profile information to update and remove any inaccurate data.

Profile **NEW**

- Personal Information
- Professional Information
- Contact Information

Membership

- Submit membership renewal
- Join sections and councils

Digital Library

- Access your member benefit products and purchased digital content

Products & Subscriptions **NEW**

- Order History
- Return missing or damaged items

Education **NEW**

- Activities and Credit Management
- Transcripts

Settings & Preferences **NEW**

- Password and Security Question
- Communication and Directory Preferences

Donate Philanthropic Contributions to AAP

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We work for every child's future. That's our guiding commitment, as an organization and as medical professionals: the physical, mental, and social well-being of every child today - so they all have brighter tomorrows.

With thousands of members, millions invested in research and education, and hundreds of local and global health programs, and tireless work both in statehouses and on Capitol Hill, we stand as the leading advocate for children's health.

With our reputation, reach, and influence, we lead the way forward on children's health issues.

The AAP relies on charitable contributions from members to make this happen. There is no better place to bring your philanthropy than the AAP. To learn more, contact an AAP Strategic Gifts Officer at 888 700 5378 or visit aap.org/donate.

Passionate Child Advocacy

State & Federal Advocacy

Speak up for your patients from your clinic to your state capital to the halls of Congress by becoming involved in advocacy at the AAP! The Academy serves as a voice for children, families, and pediatricians at all levels of government. Attend an AAP advocacy training or get involved with your AAP state chapter. Make an impact by sharing your personal stories in the media and on social media about what children need and help advocate for legislation that can help advance and protect children’s health. Achieve strength in numbers, maximize your credibility, and increase your influence by speaking with one collective voice on behalf of pediatricians and children. Children can’t vote, but pediatricians can. Join our efforts to make sure children are heard!

Visit aap.org to learn more about the Academy’s advocacy work and how to get involved.

Community Pediatrics & Funding Opportunities

Community Pediatrics aims to improve child health and reduce health disparities within the context of family, school, and community. We provide resources, technical assistance, and funding opportunities to help you address child health within your community.

Community Pediatrics Training Initiative aap.org/cpti

This initiative trains pediatricians with the skills and knowledge needed to improve the health of all children in the community.

Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) aap.org/catch

CATCH grants help pediatricians remove barriers to care within their communities and increase access to medical homes. The program provides planning, implementation, and resident grants along with training and technical assistance.

Healthy Tomorrows aap.org/htpcp

Through the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP), the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) funds projects to improve the health status of mothers, infants, children, and adolescents by increasing their access to a medical home and promoting preventive services.

“The real value of the Academy for me has been its strong focus on the health and well-being of children, whenever I’ve brought a concern to the Academy, it’s found a way to be supportive. The opportunities I’ve had to keep child safety and pediatric emergency and disaster medicine in front of those who impact the medical care of children on the state and national levels would not have happened without the Academy.”

Steven Krug, MD, FAAP
Emergency Medicine
Member since 1987
Chicago, IL

AAP Partnerships Changing the World

The Academy’s size and reputation gives you the ability to be part of initiatives and programs that are changing the way pediatrics is practiced and continually improve the lives of children. As a member, you have a platform to follow your passion in ways not otherwise possible!

National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness aap.org/ncechw

The Academy is leading the National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness (NCECHW). This is a 5-year cooperative agreement that will provide \$33.4 million to establish a center to support child health and wellness for Head Start/Early Head Start and child care programs nationwide. The NCECHW is a collaborative effort between the Administration for Children and Families Office of Head Start and Office of Child Care and the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

The Center supports early care and education (ECE) programs to provide safe, healthy, nurturing environments for the children and families they serve. ECE programs, especially Head Start, support health and wellness through adherence to well child visits, linkages to medical providers, and tracking immunizations. The Center works to increase collaboration between pediatricians and early childhood programs such as ECE in order build better health outcomes for children. Explore opportunities to be involved with the Center and programs in your community at aap.org/ncechw.

AAP Project ECHO® aap.org/projectecho

Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is an innovative telementoring program designed to create virtual communities of learners by bringing together healthcare providers and subject matter experts using videoconference technology, brief lecture presentations, and case-based learning, fostering an “all teach, all learn” approach. Participants are engaged in the bi-directional virtual knowledge network by sharing clinical challenges and learning from experts and peers.

The Academy serves as an ECHO Superhub, which is a training arm of the ECHO Institute. In this role, the AAP trains and supports partner organizations to serve as hubs. The Academy has leveraged the ECHO model to implement a variety of pediatric-specific programs and offers Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part 2 and 4.

Life Support Programs

Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) aap.org/nrp

The Neonatal Resuscitation Program® (NRP®) course conveys an evidence-based approach to care of the newborn at birth and facilitates effective team-based care for healthcare professionals who care for newborns at the time of delivery. NRP utilizes a blended learning approach, which includes online testing, online case-based simulations, and hands-on case-based simulation/debriefing that focus on critical leadership, communication, and team-work skills. Join the over 430,000 NRP providers in developing optimal resuscitation skills by better understanding the causes, prevention, and management of mild to severe neonatal asphyxia.

APLS: The Pediatric Emergency Medicine Program aplonline.com

Access current information for assessing and caring for critically ill and injured children during the first hours in the emergency department or in an office-based setting.

Groundbreaking Research, Initiatives, and Programs

Our commitment to quality care is implicit in our mission to promote the health and well-being of all children. With your support, we continually enhance our range of programs, resources, and tools, and our relationship with external agencies and organizations to decrease the quality gap and provide optimal healthcare quality to all children. Here is a sample of some of those programs. Learn more at [aap.org/healthinitiatives](#) and [aap.org/research](#).

Pediatric Research in Office Settings (PROS) [aap.org/pros](#)

PROS brings together pediatricians and top researchers to study issues affecting primary care pediatricians and their patients. Some examples include: vaccine delivery, antibiotic stewardship, and adolescent risk behavior. Our mission is to improve the health of children and enhance primary care practice by conducting and fostering national collaborative practice-based research.

Tobacco Use, Smoking, and E-Cigarettes [aap.org/richmondcenter](#)

The AAP Julius B. Richmond Center of Excellence is the home of tobacco efforts at AAP. The Richmond Center provides tools, resources, and educational opportunities to support tobacco prevention and control efforts in clinical practice, communities, and states.

Institute for Healthy Childhood Weight [ihcw.aap.org](#)

The Institute for Healthy Childhood Weight serves as a translational engine for pediatric obesity prevention, assessment, management, and treatment; and moves policy and research from theory into practice in American healthcare, communities, and homes.

Bright Futures Initiatives [brightfutures.aap.org](#)

Bright Futures supports the philosophy that every child deserves to be healthy and that optimal health involves a trusting relationship between the health professional, the child, the family, and the community. Bright Futures develops key resources including the 4th Edition of *Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents*.

Quality Improvement Innovation Networks (QuIIN) [aap.org/quiin](#)

QuIIN provides project opportunities to improve the healthcare of children and families in the outpatient setting by serving as the learning laboratory to test and measure the impact of evidence-based policies and best practices.

VIP Network [aap.org/quiin](#)

The Value in Inpatient Pediatrics (VIP) Network provides project opportunities to hospitalists who do not have the organizational resources to conduct QI projects on their own. The VIP Network determines their projects based on the need to help providers implement AAP clinical practice guidelines and other best practices, with a special focus on eliminating harm and waste caused by over utilization.

Michael A. Mandarano, DO, MS
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Pediatrician Life and Career Experience Study (PLACES) [aap.org/places](#)

This ongoing cohort study tracks the career and life choices and experiences of pediatricians across their careers. Participants give annual updates on core issues related to career choice and satisfaction, work-life balance, work environment, daily stressors, life changes, and emerging issues in pediatrics. PLACES provides valuable information to current and future AAP members concerning how early and mid-career pediatricians are navigating the challenges within their lives and careers.

National Resource Center for Patient/Family-Centered Medical Home [medicalhomeinfo.org](#)

The family-centered medical home is critical for optimal health outcomes for all children and youth, especially those with special health care needs. Access practical implementation tools and state-specific information. Learn how we are improving systems of services so all children and youth have access to a medical home.

Family Partnerships Network (FPN) [aap.org/fpn](#)

The FPN has a goal of developing and implementing a strategy to expand the opportunity for parent/family/youth input and participation in AAP activities and programs. Made up of family advisors representing various interests, experience, and perspectives, the FPN is designed to provide mentorship and training to family and youth advisors who are new to the AAP; a forum to family advisors to share best practices and lessons learned about partnering with health care professionals in change and improvement; and youth/family input on AAP programs and materials.

Coding Hotline [form.jotform.com/subspecialty/aapcodinghotline](#)

The AAP is dedicated to providing members, providers, and coders with a wide range of resources and tools designed to accurately capture services and ensure timely payment, ultimately improving the quality of care for children. The online form helps us collect data and analyzing trends in both coding and payer issues, enhancing AAP capabilities to develop relevant coding guidance and strategically plan our coding and payer advocacy.

Practice Transformation [aap.org/practice](#)

Unprecedented changes in healthcare require bold innovation in how pediatrics is practiced. Learn about AAP efforts and resources to help both traditional practices and employed physicians adapt and thrive. Also find resources that help you stay current on healthcare trends, manage your career, and succeed in a competitive climate.



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Publications

AAP Books & eBooks - Trusted resources from the leading publisher in pediatrics. *Guidelines for Perinatal Care* eBook and *Pediatric Nutrition* eBook are benefits of membership!

AAP Journals - Now earn CME credit and MOC Part 2 points on *AAP Grand Rounds™*, *NeoReviews®*, and *Pediatrics in Review®*. Find original research tailored to pediatric hospitalists and hospital-based subspecialists with a subscription to *Hospital Pediatrics®*. shop.aap.org/journals

- Digital Pediatric Collections - Get research within reach when you access editor-curated, evidence-based articles on trending topics in pediatric medicine. collections.aap.org
- AAP Journal Insights - Sign up for alerts highlighting editor-chosen studies with the greatest impact on clinical care. go.aap.org/insights

Patient Education - Provide your patients the best in pediatric care knowledge with brochures and chart options.

AAP Point-of-Care Solutions - Clinical and patient education resources like the popular Pediatric Care Online™ and Pediatric Patient Education™.

AAP Toolkits - Streamline practice with these essential collections of clinical tools like the *Bright Futures Tool and Resource Kit*, *Caring For Children with ADHD*, and much more.

Professional Education

PREP® Self-Assessments - PREP products focus on lifelong learning in general and subspecialty pediatrics. shop.aap.org/prep

- PREP The Curriculum package includes PREP Self- Assessment with over 240 case-based questions and 12 issues of *Pediatrics in Review®* journal.
- PREP Subspecialty online self-assessment programs cover 14 areas of specialty care including neonatology, hospital medicine, and more!

Live & Virtual Activities - CME Live Activities provide the best in pediatric CME/CPD for the best pediatric care with exceptional live and virtual courses and conferences. These activities have been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. shop.aap.org/live-activities

- Practical Pediatrics CME Courses
- Subspecialty/Section Courses

National Conference & Exhibition - premier educational event for pediatric professionals and offers over 350 sessions in 70 topic areas from interactive, hands-on workshops to thought-provoking plenary sessions. AAPexperience.org



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Don't forget to tell your parents about... HealthyChildren.org

The official AAP web site for parents is the only parenting website backed by 67,000 members. Parents will find more than 5,000 articles on over 500 children's health topics as well as interactive tools such as the KidsDoc Symptom Checker and the Ask the Pediatrician column. The site's popular Find a Pediatrician service features only AAP member physicians and specialists. HealthyChildren.org is available in English and Spanish with an easy toggle between both languages. Members will find helpful ideas for spreading the word to the families they serve at healthychildren.org/spread-the-word.

The mission of the American Academy of Pediatrics is to attain optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. To accomplish this mission, the AAP shall support the professional needs of its members.

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