

# Committee on Bioethics

## Specific Needs for Vacant Member Position (1)

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**Committee Description:** The Committee on Bioethics advises on the ethical implications of policies and legislative proposals within the field of pediatrics

**Estimated Monthly Time Commitment:** Average 4 hours per month (Note: Additional time may be required for policy development, attending external meetings, and involvement in projects, as assigned)

**Meetings:** 1 in-person meeting per year; interim conference calls (2-4)

### Committee Needs:

- Expertise with bioethical issues related to children and child health
- Experience on an ethics committee, ethics consultation service, and/or Institutional Review Board
- Experience with AAP chapters, national committees, sections, and/or councils
- Excellent communication and public speaking skills
- Demonstrated scientific writing skills, ideally in the area of bioethics
- Knowledge of development and review of AAP policy statements, technical/clinical reports, and manuals
- Ability to meet deadlines and respond to issues and requests promptly, primarily through e-mail
- Ability to represent the Academy nationally

# Committee on Drugs (COD)

## Specific Needs for Member Position

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**Committee Description:** The Committee on Drugs is a multidisciplinary committee that dedicates itself to the advancement of rational therapeutics for children. The AAP member pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists who comprise the committee are supported by a team of liaisons who represent the Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development, Canadian Paediatric Society, and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Primary activities of the committee are directed toward: (1) the development and peer review of national AAP policy pertaining to use of medications in children; (2) peer review of applicable drug/therapeutics content; (3) legislative advocacy and engagement; (4) regulatory reforms, (5) drug safety, efficacy, and innovation; (6) media interviews and (7) education. Collectively, the committee draws on the knowledge and experience of its members and partners to ensure that the needs of children and perspective of pediatricians are appropriately considered in matters pertaining to optimal pediatric medication therapy/practice. The committee maintains both a proactive and reactive posture around such issues as pediatric clinical trials, product labeling, drug shortages, pediatric formulations/compounding, pediatric dosing, unapproved medications used in children, orphan drugs, post-marketing surveillance, off-label prescribing, and bioequivalence.

**Estimated Monthly Time Commitment:** Two 1½ day face-to-face meetings per year (or quarterly virtual meetings under certain circumstances) typically in Itasca and Washington DC. While member commitment will vary considerably, it is estimated that at a minimum an investment of approximately 7 to 10 additional hours per month will be required for project-related calls, policy development, peer-review of documents, media interviews, and serving as an AAP/COD liaison for various initiatives.

- Specific needs at the present time include expertise in general pediatrics (preferred), hospital medicine, behavioral/developmental medicine and/or adolescent medicine.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in pharmacology science/principles and its application to the therapeutic management of pediatric conditions.
- Interest/knowledge in medication policy issues (patent exclusivity, extrapolation, labeling, formulations, study design, international harmonization etc).
- Familiarity with FDA structure, process, and clinical drug studies.
- Experience/interest in advocacy at the national or chapter level (regulatory/legislative/education).

- Ability to prioritize and balance national committee service with other clinical interests and obligations; attends and participates in meetings and conference calls; responsive to member needs, requests for interviews; peer review of documents.
- Active in local AAP chapter; knowledge of practice issues related to drugs and therapeutics.
- Good scientific writer with ability to meet deadlines.
- No real or perceived conflicts that would impede the ability to develop policy and/or speak on behalf of the AAP.
- The committee also seeks members from diverse racial/ethnic backgrounds, geographical locations, perspectives, and experiences.

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# Committee on Hospital Care

## Specific Needs for Member Position

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**Committee Description:** The Committee on Hospital Care (COHC) focuses on the overall care of hospitalized children with an emphasis on children hospitalized on the general pediatric ward. However, the Committee also closely looks at interactions among ward, ER, PICU, NICU, WBN, and the primary care medical home. As such, it is important for COHC to have diverse representation across the spectrum of pediatricians and other healthcare providers involved in the care of hospitalized children.

Currently the Committee is examining the impact of health care reform on hospitalized children, examining issues such as quality, access to inpatient care, and reimbursement. COHC addresses issues in both community and children's hospitals, and includes liaison representatives from the American Hospital Association and the Children's Hospital Association in addition to National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Child Life Council.

**Estimated Monthly Time Commitment:** Time requirement – the Committee meets at least once each quarter virtually or in person, which requires about 4-6 hours of prep time. Monthly members contribute 1-2 hours of their time reviewing statements and updates.

### **Committee Needs:**

COHC is looking for members to add to its expertise and insights in the following categories:

- Particularly valuable would be a pediatric surgeon, pediatric emergency medicine physician or a pediatric medical subspecialist who regularly cares for hospitalized children.
- A pediatrician hospital administrator would be another strong addition to the Committee.
- Good writing and communication skills are required, and diversity of experience and background is highly valued.
- Knowledge of trends in the healthcare industry and quality improvement as they impact pediatric inpatient care is helpful.

# Council on Immigrant Child and Family Health

## Specific Needs for Member Position

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### **Council Description:**

The Council seeks to advance health equity for children and families whose lives are shaped by immigrant and refugee experiences. The Council will achieve health equity by developing, promoting, and advocating for evidence-based, experience-informed, and equitable policies and systems and access to high quality health care; educating child health professionals; and influencing society's attitudes and perspectives to support the dignity, value, and full potential of children in immigrant and refugee families.

**Estimated Monthly Time Commitment:** averages between 4-12 hours per month.

### **Committee Needs:**

- Expertise caring for unaccompanied immigrant children, children in refugee and asylum-seeking families and/or children in mixed immigrant families
- Experience in research, QI, advocacy projects and/or policy writing to advance health equity for children in immigrant and children in refugee and asylum-seeking families
- Experience in supporting the recruitment and engagement of AAP members
- Experience delivering educational offerings related to care of children in immigrant and refugee families in multiple formats
- Excellent writing skills including but not limited to experience writing and/or reviewing peer reviewed publications.
- Willingness to participate in public speaking engagements and trainings on how to improve this skill
- Lived experience and expertise that complement and/or offer new perspectives based on the current membership of the Executive Committee
- Ability to meet short deadlines if needed and respond to issues and requests promptly
- Time to devote to conference calls (at least monthly), meetings, assigned activities, and communication functions required to fulfill responsibilities. (Member should expect to devote about 5% FTE time to this volunteer position—an average of 2 hours per week—and commit at least 1-2 days a year to Academy related travel.)

Note: Preference will be given to candidates from communities on the US-Mexico border and/or AAP Districts not currently represented within the Executive Committee

**All candidates must be current members of the Council on Immigrant Child and Family Health.**

# **Committee on Native American Child Health (CONACH) Specific Needs for Member Position**

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## **Committee Description:**

The Committee on Native American Child Health (CONACH) develops policies and programs that improve the health of Native American children and advocates for Native American child health. The CONACH members are committed to increasing awareness of the major health issues facing Native American children and monitoring legislation affecting Native American child health. The CONACH also conducts pediatric consultation visits to Indian Health Service (IHS) and tribal health facilities, and works to strengthen ties with tribes throughout the United States.

**Estimated Monthly Time Commitment:** to be determined based on current initiatives

## **Committee Needs:**

- Experience practicing in hospital or ambulatory practice settings serving American Indian and/or Alaska Native communities
- Familiarity and/or expertise with relevant government or clinical initiatives in tribal health, urban Indian health or Indian Health Service (IHS) programs
- Preference will be given to candidates with technical experience in one or more of the following: behavioral health, substance use, oral health, early childhood education, trauma-informed care, weight management, diabetes, or LGBTQ and Two-Spirit health, particularly in Native American communities
- Ability to meet deadlines and respond to issues and requests promptly
- Excellent written and public speaking skills
- Geographic representation from any state with significant American Indian/Alaska Native communities, and/or of Indigenous descent
- Time to devote to the meeting, activity, and communication functions that CONACH requires. (Member should expect to devote about 5% FTE time to this volunteer position—an average of 2 hours per week—and contribute at least two weekends to Academy travel)

## **Committee on Psychosocial Aspects of Child and Family Health Specific Needs for Member Position – July 2022**

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- Experience in clinical pediatrics; general or primary care pediatrics experience desired
- Special competency in the psychosocial, developmental and mental health needs of children and families
- Understanding of the influences of social economic political, social, religious/spiritual and cultural issues on the well-being of families and children.
- Knowledge of a family systems approach in practice
- Chapter, state, and/or general community level advocacy experience desired
- Engaged in general pediatric health services research and public health issues
- Experience with AAP chapters, national committees, sections, and staff
- Excellent communication and public speaking skills and the ability to represent the Academy nationally
- Demonstrated sophistication in scientific writing skills
- Knowledge of development and review processes for AAP policy statements, technical/clinical reports, guidelines and manuals
- Ability to meet deadlines and respond to issues and requests promptly from the chairperson and/or staff
- Familiarity and experience with relevant government, community or clinical initiatives that work with families, demonstrate quality improvement, or have a systems change component within the primary care setting
- Available to attend two two-day meetings per year (spring and fall, one virtual and one in-person) and participate in conference calls as determined necessary by the committee

# Committee on Pediatric Workforce (COPW)

## Specific Needs for Member Position

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### Committee Description:

The Committee both creates and provides data-driven information on physician workforce topics (listed below) to the American Academy of Pediatrics, its constituent groups, and external health policy makers. It also creates and updates policy positions for the AAP, so as to ensure that there will be an informed pediatric perspective in the legislative and health policy arenas. The COPW functions as a constituent member of the Committee Forum Management Committee.

**Estimated Monthly Time Commitment:** 5-10 hours

### Member Needs:

1. Clinical experience in practicing pediatrics in any setting
2. Familiarity with issues pertaining to the general and pediatric medical subspecialty and surgical specialty workforce including the supply of physicians, demand for their services, current demographics, and geographic distribution.
3. Awareness of major policy issues that shape the pediatrician workforce, such as:
  - funding of graduate medical education,
  - the pediatrician workforce,
  - the scope of practice of non-physician clinicians,
  - the provision of culturally effective pediatric care,
  - working knowledge of health care reform initiatives,
  - equity, diversity and inclusion as it applies to the pediatric workforce,
  - the influence of changing demographics (e.g. gender) and practice patterns (e.g. part-time practice) on the pediatrician workforce, and
  - physician reentry (i.e. returning to professional activity/clinical practice for which one has been trained, certified or licensed after an extended period)
4. Ability to evaluate the policy and positions of federal agencies, national medical associations, other specialty societies and related organizations on a host of physician workforce topics.
5. An interest in investigating the influence of physician demographics and geographic distribution on the pediatrician workforce and on the health care needs of the pediatric population in both the current and future health care environment.
6. Demonstrated scientific writing skills.

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7. Ability to meet deadlines and respond to issues and requests promptly.
8. Ability to represent the Academy nationally

# Committee on State Government Affairs (COSGA)

## Specific Needs for Member Position

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- Practicing pediatrician or academician; other professional experience related to state advocacy mission of the committee also acceptable
- Significant experience with AAP chapters, districts, national committees, sections, and staff
- Significant experience and involvement in chapter and/or district level state advocacy activities (eg, chapter officer, chapter government affairs/legislative committee chairperson)
- Current knowledge and understanding of state-level policy, political, and fiscal trends across the country
- Ability to collaborate closely with federal counterparts/colleagues (Committee on Federal Government Affairs and AAP Federal Advocacy staff)
- Ability to attend COSGA meetings (two one-day, virtual and/or in-person meetings held annually out of the national AAP headquarters in suburban Chicago, IL), as well as the AAP National Conference and Exhibition, the AAP Advocacy Conference, and other national meetings as needed
- Experience in and/or familiarity with advocacy education and training, and serve as faculty at Academy advocacy training meetings
- Knowledge of development and review of AAP policy statements, technical/clinical reports, and manuals
- Ability and willingness to take on tasks and projects on behalf of committee
- Ability to meet deadlines and requests promptly and respond to email inquiries reliably
- Ability to represent the Academy nationally before other groups and organizations
- Experience in public speaking and ability to develop state advocacy presentations

# Committee on Substance Use and Prevention (COSUP)

## Specific Needs for Member Position

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**Committee Description:** The mission of the Committee on Substance Use and Prevention (COSUP) is to produce guidance for pediatricians, state and federal government, and other stakeholders to reduce harm from substance use.

**Estimated Monthly Time Commitment:** to be determined based on current initiatives.

The Committee is seeking to fill 2 positions.

### Committee Needs:

- A general pediatrician
  - A Plus: someone with primary work and advocacy experience serving underserved/marginalized communities.
- Demonstrated sophistication in writing skills.
- Interest in and familiarity with health and health care aspects of substance use, including evidence-based strategies for prevention, identification, screening, referral, and interventions for substance use.
- Interest in pediatric behavioral health primary care practice.
- Well-developed technical skills with computer use and 'Office' software, particularly editing and presentation software.
- Ability to meet deadlines and respond to issues and requests promptly.
- Excellent communication and public speaking skills, and the ability to represent the Academy nationally.

### Also helpful to have, but not required:

- Experience with AAP chapters, national committees, sections, and staff.
- Advocacy experience
- Knowledge about the development and review process for AAP policy statements, clinical reports, and technical reports. (but this can be taught)