President’s Message

Friends,

So much to be thankful for in this month of November and every month! I want to acknowledge the current pediatric crisis…thank you for all you are doing! Your board and executive committee have been busy

- **Time to register for the CATCH meeting** Jan 20-22, 2023, at Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston! Click [here to register](#).
- We held a board meeting on October 13 and the board approved bylaws change to add the DEI chapter representative to the board. Subsequently Dr. Silvia Pereira-Smith has accepted this position. Welcome Silvia!
- See the [SCAAP’s statement](#) on gender-affirming care approved at the last board meeting. This was on the coattails the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Medical Association (AMA) and Children’s Hospital Association (CHA) unite in support of physicians and hospitals who have been threatened and attacked in recent months. [See press release here](#).
- Thanks to members who testified at the October JCLCC! See here for some media [coverage](#).
- We continue to participate in the [SC Coalition for Safer Schools](#) which is growing, making statements, in the media, and turning the policy agenda into action.
- In our meetings w DHHS and others, we were reminded of the [enhanced foster care reimbursement](#).
- Dr. Lilliane Lewis Debnam is now a co-Chapter CATCH Facilitator for South Carolina, along with Dr. Michael Foxworth
- Dr. Becky Wright is now leading the foster care subcommittee
members to develop some action items focused on awareness, advocacy, partnership, capacity building, funding. If you’re interested, pls email mackeli@musc.edu

- SCAAP signed onto a letter to President Biden around follow-up from the child mental health emergency declaration
- See the notice received from the FDA about the trach shortage
- Don’t forget to make your voting plan! Info from AAP: Have a plan to vote and understand your options for early and absentee voting—with the current surge in respiratory diseases in children impacting pediatric clinic staffing and hospital capacity, it’s more important than ever to have a voting plan in place to ensure your vote is cast. Encourage your partners, colleagues, families, and voting-age adolescent patients to do the same. AAP is partnering with Vot-ER to give clinicians simple tools, like badges and QR codes, to educate patients and other members of the public about the importance of voting and its impact on health outcomes. Use our Vote Kids social media messages and graphics to get the word out as well, and consider ramping up your online engagement and outreach as we approach Election Day. Don’t throw away your shot—make sure that you cast your ballot and Vote Kids in 2022!

Elizabeth Mack, MD, MS, FAAP
President

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**Healthy Learners**

Our executive committee met with this organization this week and wanted to share more info.

Healthy Learners is regional nonprofit ministry in South Carolina devoted to removing children's health barriers to learning with love and compassion. Healthy Learners is dedicated to increasing access to healthcare for children struggling in school. Using a screen, refer, serve model, they provide on-site health screenings at schools and organizations, care coordination and transportation for students in need of healthcare, and advocacy for every child and family they serve. The work is accomplished in partnership with school districts, local healthcare providers, civic organizations and other friends dedicated to seeing all children learning and thriving in South Carolina. Learn more about their mission and how to be involved at [www.healthylearners.com](http://www.healthylearners.com).
CATCH 2023 Call for Proposals Now Open

The Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) program is a flagship initiative of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) which supports pediatricians to lead innovative, community-based projects that increase children's access to optimal health or well-being. The Call for Proposals for funding through the CATCH program opened on November 1, 2022, with applications due on January 23, 2023. CATCH grants—including CATCH Planning, CATCH Implementation, and CATCH Resident grants—are open to AAP member pediatricians and resident trainees in US and Canadian AAP chapters. Pediatricians and residents with innovative ideas to plan or implement initiatives that address critical child health issues in their local communities may apply for $10,000 and $2,000, respectively. The Resident Call for Proposals guidelines includes additional targeted funding opportunities on 12 topics.

Browse the Community Pediatrics Funded Project list to learn about more than 300 community based projects funded from 2017 to the present and review over 30 recent CATCH projects' impacts in the CATCH Poster Hall. Further information can be found at www.aap.org/catch and by reaching out to your Chapter CATCH Facilitators, District Resident Liaisons, and AAP CATCH staff.

Advocacy Corner

Check out www.scaap.org/advocacy for our latest actionable state issue! If you sent an action before on this issue, do it again…we adjust the recipients based on where the bill is in the process.
Be sure to check out the AAP’s Academic and Subspecialty Advocacy Report to reflect the work we’ve done recently on behalf of AAP subspecialty members. This includes extensive work to address both urgent and long-term needs of pediatric subspecialists.

**Student, Resident, and Fellow Membership Fees: Nudge a Trainee Today to Join!**

*Medical Students:* $25 national AAP, $0 SCAAP  
*Residents:* $135 national, $30 SCAAP (usually sponsored by a program)  
*Fellowship Trainees:* $145 national, $30 SCAAP

Visit [www.scaap.org](http://www.scaap.org) and go to membership to join.

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**Hyperhidrosis Conference**

This is the official call to gather all who provide care and are part of the ecosystem impacting the wellbeing of 365 million hyperhidrosis patients and sufferers. Join us **Saturday, November 5th in Charleston, SC**, for the [International Hyperhidrosis Society's Annual Master Class in Hyperhidrosis Care and Practice Efficiency](http://hyperhidrosis.org), with a VIP Welcome Reception Friday. You are hereby invited, and [registration](http://hyperhidrosis.org) is open!

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**Pediatric Primary Care (PPC) Quality Network**

The Chapter Quality Network (CQN) and the Quality Improvement Innovation Network (QuIN) have merged into one consolidated network. The new network name is the Pediatric Primary Care (PPC) Quality Network. The PCC Quality Network serves as the sister QI network to the already existing acute care network (currently known as the Value in Inpatient Pediatrics (VIP) Network).

**Pediatric Primary Care (PPC) Quality Network Steering Committee Launch:** To help launch this newly aligned primary care network, the steering committee will convene in January 2023 and collaborate with AAP Quality Network staff to develop, plan, and execute activities of the network. The committee will consist of 1 chair (paid AAP consultant), 7 committee members, and a chapter liaison (chapter executive director). Committee applications are now being accepted through Sunday October 23rd. To learn more about this opportunity, please see the attached steering committee roles & responsibilities. For reference, a PDF of application questions are also attached. Please
Steering Committee Application

Questions should be sent to Brittany Jennings at bjennings@aap.org.

Climate Health Equity Conference

Mark your calendars!

SCAAP Activities:

- **SCAAP O. Marion Burton CATCH meeting**: January 20-22, 2023, at Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston
National AAP activities:

- PEM Coding Webinar on Nov 15
- Due 11/7/2022: Congenital Heart Disease Quality Improvement Learning Collaborative Applications
- On 11/10/2022: Town Hall to Address Racial and Ethnic Inequities in Pediatric Cardiac Arrest
- Due 11/10/2022: AAP Rural Pediatrics: Anxiety and Depression ECHO Applications
- On 11/15/2022: AAP Webinar on Child Health and Tobacco Control
- On 11/15/2022: PEM Coding Webinar: Review Coding Rules
- Due 11/15/2022: PREP Editorial Board Nominations
- Due 11/15/2022: APEX Teaching Program PAS Cohort Applications
- On 11/17-20/2022: Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Course
- Future NCE dates
- AAP advocacy conference: March 26-28, 2023

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SCAAP Executive committee, Board, Committees, Liaisons.

Lutine Management Associates: https://lutinemanagement.com/our-team/

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