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# South Carolina Chapter

American Academy of Pediatrics

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## SCAAP Newsletter

April 2024

Friends,

Happy Spring!

- **Registration & hotel block for the summer meeting in Hilton Head opens 5/6/24!** On Monday check here... <https://scaap.org/meetings/>
- **Congrats to the 2024-2025 SCAAP board including 2 pediatric residents for the 1<sup>st</sup> time!**
  - President: Dr. Martha Edwards
  - VP: Dr. Ramkumar Jayagopalan
  - Sec/treas: Dr. Heather Staples
  - Immediate past president: Dr. Elizabeth Mack
  - Lowcountry board member at large: Dr. Anna Hoffius
  - Midlands board member at large: Dr. Jonathan Brock
  - Upstate board member at large: Dr. Leigh Bragg
  - CME chair: Dr. Erin Balog
  - Membership: Dr. Jill Aiken
  - Trainee co-chair membership: Dr. Elena Goldstein
  - Practice support cmte: Dr. Blakely Amati
  - DEI: Dr. Silvia Pereira-Smith
  - Trainee co-chair DEI: Dr. Vanessa Navas
  - Out of office care: Dr. Debbie Greenhouse
  - PH-M chair: Dr. Caughman Taylor
  - PH-U chair: Dr. Robin LaCroix
  - MUSC chair: Dr. Andy Atz
- We thank **Drs. Bob Saul** (immediate past president), **Stephanie Kwon** (member-at-large), **Michael Foxworth** (member-at-large), **Dr. Scott Carney** (CME chair) for their service!

Greenville. Fortunately the building was unoccupied at the time. We wish them a successful transition period and rebuilding process as the staff, providers, patients and families all deal with this unfortunate disaster.

- Our executive committee met with our **investment advisor** at Morgan Stanley to be sure our investments align with our mission. Thankfully we have very few changes to make there.
- All: We are **recruiting for committee/subcommittee members!** Please check out the [committee list](#) and reach out to join.
- Please contact [president@scaap.org](mailto:president@scaap.org) if you want to include kudos or announcements in the newsletter!

#### In the news:

- Check out **Dr. Martha Edwards' blog** <https://overunderinbetween.wordpress.com/>
- **Dr. Bob Saul**, immediate past president, crafted another articulate [blog post!](#) If you'd like to receive his weekly blog post via email, contact him at [robertsaul@me.com](mailto:robertsaul@me.com)

#### Grants:

- AHIP Medicaid Unwinding grant: \$10,000
- AAP/Merck Adolescent Vaccinations and Wellness Grant Program: \$21,000
- Suicide prevention ambassador grant
- Abbott GI (4.5k) & Abbott nutrition (5k) grants
- Other active grants: Project Firstline, trainee engagement grant

#### Vaccine info:

- Download this [quick reference guide](#) from AAP for **age-appropriate dosing of the COVID-19 vaccine**. The chart includes information for immunocompromised children and has been updated to include the latest booster dosing information for children under 5yo.

#### Upcoming dates:

- Annual summer meeting August 8-11, 2024, Royal Sonesta in Hilton Head
- CATCH meeting January 24-26, 2025, Francis Marion hotel in Charleston
- Annual summer meeting August 7-10, 2025, Grove Park in Asheville

#### State advocacy updates:

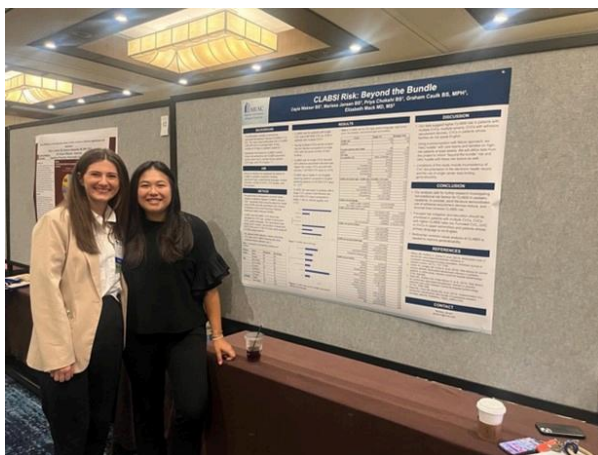
- Check out the incredible [Maggie Cash's update](#) as of 4/19/24.
- **Call or email your legislators here!** [www.scaap.org/advocacy](http://www.scaap.org/advocacy)
- There are numerous opportunities for various types of legislative advocacy this session. We put together a **What's App thread for advocates** who are interested in being activated for action!

subcommittee on 1/3/24 and offered input on amendments. This bill passed senate as amended, sent to House 3M.

- **Seizure Safe Schools Act ([H.3309](#))**: We have been working with SCASA and SC Advocates for Epilepsy again on this bill, and it passed house and senate.
- **Gender affirming care ban [H.4624](#)**: We have been active in testifying against this in house and senate however it was put up for special order 4/25 and will likely be taken up 4/30 on the senate floor. To learn more about GAC check out this article from [AAMC](#).
- **[H.3988](#) PREP act**: We have been in communication with other stakeholders on this issue and testified against it then worked on amendments. [S.505](#) is the companion bill. It passed the house and senate med affairs.
- **[S.21](#) Children's Firearm Accident Prevention Act**: this bill would provide consequences for adults who do not store firearms safely, creating accountability if a child is injured. We are in support. This was referred to senate judiciary and has not moved.
- **[S.109](#) Permitless Carry of Firearms**: this bill would allow firearm owners to carry handguns openly or concealed in public without a state permit. Despite law enforcement and medical professionals uniformly testifying in opposition, this became law.
- **Hate crime penalty enhancement bill [H.3014](#)**: we continue to support this bill an urge leg to be taken up in the senate this session. This passed house and hasn't moved in Senate since 2023.
- **[S.975](#) anti-covid vax**: we submitted testimony in opposition (along with the governor and DHEC) and despite this, the bill passed favorably out of senate med affairs but no action in House thankfully.

### National advocacy updates

- Shoutout to **Cayla Wakser**, medical student member, who drafted a SCMA resolution focused on incorporating advocacy into the medical school curriculum which was accepted. And her poster focused on central line-associated bloodstream infection reduction won 1<sup>st</sup> place in their resident/student poster session!



- We signed onto a letter supporting funding for **National Center for Environmental Health** (NCEH) at the CDC. NCEH helps protect the American people from environmental hazards, promotes a healthy environment, and prevents premature death, avoidable illness and disability caused by non-infectious, non-occupational environmental and related factors.
- We signed onto a letter supporting funding for **Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry** (ATSDR), which is under the direction of the CDC Director. ATSDR responds to environmental health emergencies, investigates emerging environmental health threats, conducts research on the health impacts of hazardous waste sites, and builds capabilities of and providing actionable guidance to state and local health partners.
- We signed onto a letter supporting FY25 appropriations for appropriations for the **Pediatric Mental Health Care Access** (PMHCA) program which supports pediatric primary care practices with telehealth consultation by child mental health teams, thereby increasing access to mental health services for children and enhancing the capacity of pediatric primary care to screen, treat, and refer children with mental health concerns.
- [OnCall4Kids](#) is hosting their next in-person lobbying day on the hill 5/21/24 focused on gun violence prevention. [RSVP here](#). Committee application [here](#).
- **How to Sign Up for AAP Advocacy Emails:** The Academy sends regular advocacy updates and advocacy action alerts to AAP members, along with a weekly Capital Check-Up email, recapping the child health policy news from Washington when Congress is in session. To sign up, email [kids1st@aap.org](mailto:kids1st@aap.org) along with your name, email address, and AAP ID if known.

**Elizabeth Mack, MD, MS, FAAP**

*SCAAP president*

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## 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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## Mark Your Calendars!

- **5/1/2024:** [Webinar: Eating Disorders in Children and Adolescents](#)
- **5/3/2024:** [Webinar: Treatment Across the Lifespan for Persons with FASD](#)
- **5/7-8/2024:** [Virtual Course: Pediatric and Adolescent HIV Training](#)
- **5/14/2024:** [Webinar: Exploring Second and Thirdhand Smoke/Aerosol Effects of Cigarettes, E-cigs, & Cannabis](#)
- **5/15/2024:** [Nominations Due: 2024 Lou Halamek Pediatric Simulation Excellence Award](#)
- **5/15/2024:** [Nominations Due: National Conference & Exhibition Planning Group](#)
- **5/15/2024:** [Webinar: Understanding the Medical Evaluation of Eating Disorders in Children and Adolescents](#)
- **5/16/2024:** [Webinar: Supporting Student Mental Health Through Play](#)
- **5/16/2024:** [Webinar: AI and EHRs Part 2: How Are EHR Vendors Thinking About AI?](#)
- **5/16-19/2024:** [In-person Course \(Denver, CO\): Practical Care of the Adolescent and Young Adult](#)
- **5/24-26/2024:** [In-person Course \(Hilton Head, SC\): Practical Pediatrics CME Course](#)
- **5/29/2024:** [Webinar: Screening and Ongoing Surveillance for Eating Disorders in Children and Adolescents](#)
- **5/31/2024:** [Applications Due: Leonard P. Rome CATCH Visiting Professorship](#)
- **5/31/2024:** [In-person Course: Pediatric Musculoskeletal Boot Camp for Primary Care Providers](#)

[Future NCE dates](#)

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## National AAP Updates

### AAP Releases Guidance on Maintaining Confidentiality in Care of Adolescents

The AAP Confidentiality in the Care of Adolescents policy statement provides recommendations for pediatricians and other pediatric health care professionals, clinics, health systems, payers, and electronic health record developers to optimize confidentiality practices and protections for adolescents and young adults across the spectrum of care.

- **Policy Statement:** [Confidentiality in the Care of Adolescents](#)
- **Technical Report:** [Confidentiality in the Care of Adolescents: Technical Report](#)
- **News Release:** [American Academy of Pediatrics Releases Guidance on Maintaining Confidentiality in Care of Adolescents](#)
- **AAP Toolkit:** [Adolescent Health Care Campaign Toolkit](#)
- **AAP News:** [AAP Policy Offers Recommendations to Safeguard Teens' Health Information](#)
- **HealthyChildren.org:** [One-on-One Time with the Pediatrician](#) and [Information for Teens: What You Need to Know About Privacy](#)

identify populations that are underdiagnosed, and will introduce developmental and medical risks associated with eating disorders. It will also describe best practices, screening approaches, risk factors and unique medical complications of eating disorders. Case vignettes will be woven into each webinar within the 3-part series. Learn more about each session and [register here](#) for one or more webinars in the series.

### **Webinar: Treatment Across the Lifespan for Persons with FASD – May 3**

This free webinar hosted by Yasmin Senturias, MD, FAAP, will be held on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 11:00 am CT, providing primary care clinicians with the tools they need to treat children with an FASD across the lifespan. The session will focus on identifying and managing neurobehavioral and medical concerns at different developmental stages. Trauma-informed approaches to building family resilience and working with the school system to access services will also be discussed. This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* and MOC points in the American Board of Pediatrics' (ABP) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. [Register here](#). For more information on the FASD webinar series, [click here](#).

### **Webinar: AI and EHRs Part 2: How Are EHR Vendors Thinking About AI? – May 16**

Join the AAP on Thursday, May 16, 2024, 11:00 am–12:00 pm CT, to learn about how and where EHR vendors are integrating AI tools and functionality within their software. [Register here](#). All registrants will receive a link to the recording. To catch up on the previous AAP AI webinars, visit the [AAP AI page](#). Questions and comments about these webinars, or AI in pediatrics more broadly, can be directed to the [Council on Clinical Information Technology](#).

### **Strengthen & Enhance Epilepsy Knowledge Training | Module 4**

Ready to learn about epilepsy care for children and youth with epilepsy (CYE)? Check out the fourth module of the Strengthen & Enhance Epilepsy Knowledge Training: [Care Coordination & Health Care Transition for Youth/Young Adults with Epilepsy & Their Families](#). A free, pre-recorded webinar, presentation, case study, and post-training evaluation and certificate are included. Check out additional epilepsy resources on [care coordination](#) and [health care transition](#) from the National Coordinating Center for Epilepsy.

### **Conversations About Care Podcast: The Built Environment and Pediatric Health: Reflections on the AAP Policy Statement**

In the [latest episode](#) on the Conversations About Care podcast from the AAP Institute for Healthy Childhood Weight, host Sandy Hassink, MD, FAAP, is joined by Michelle J. White, MD, MPH, FAAP, a primary author on [The Built Environment and Pediatric Health](#), a new AAP policy statement.

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## SCAAP Information

### SCAAP officers (August 2022 – July 2024):

- Elizabeth Mack, MD, MS, FAAP [president@scaap.org](mailto:president@scaap.org) - President
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- Bob Saul, MD, FAAP [robertsaul@me.com](mailto:robertsaul@me.com) – Past president & Nominating committee chair

### [SCAAP Executive Committee, Board, Committees, Liaisons.](#)

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