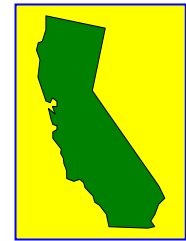


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California Chapter 3 - San Diego and Imperial Counties



CALIFORNIA CHAPTER 3 FACTS.....

I already belong to the National AAP, why should I become a member of the California Chapter 3 (AAP-CA³)?

Advocacy

- Participate in legislative and advocacy activities impacting the San Diego region and California.
- Influence the quality of pediatric practice and the welfare of children in our state and in San Diego County.
- Work with other organizations to improve the health and well being of children.
- Promote the interests of California pediatricians in the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- The local chapter can help you with concerns about pediatric practice, children's issues, and local policy.

Leadership

- Join with chapter leaders in chapter groups or committees in your areas of interest or expertise.
- Help the chapter leadership work with local government, civic and social institutions, and educational and healthcare organizations.

Networking

- Dialogue and engage with other pediatricians with similar interests and facing similar challenges.
- Represent the chapter membership in national and California State AAP affairs.
- Benefit from the unique and balanced representation of pediatric leadership in the chapter. Pediatricians from academia and community clinics, private practice and public health, and managed-care settings are all important members of the chapter and play strong roles in forging its priorities and direction.
- Be part of our growing membership and be part of an all electronic, web-based and email network at www.aapca3.org.
- We have a strong connection with our local pediatric residency program at UCSD.

Education

- Receive our chapter e- newsletter, "Coastal Currents" – our bi-monthly mailing, and other informative updates.
- Attend local Continuing Medical Education meetings sponsored by the Chapter, often at no-cost or discounted fees.
- Receive updates on important practice management and pediatric patient related information for your office or clinic.

What has your Chapter done lately?

- We are working with the First 5 Commission of San Diego County on an expanding program for health and developmental screening and intervention, which includes important elements for the general pediatrician. The chapter has explored other grant-funded projects that are practical and office-based, covering topics such as obesity, immunizations, literacy, and school health.
- Another chapter project is the Reach Out and Read San Diego Collaborative, an office-based early literacy project for pediatricians. We have secured help from local and national agencies to help expand Reach Out and Read throughout San Diego County. We held a successful 1 day Early Childhood Literacy Conference in March 2009.
- We co-sponsor a large, national, 3-day CME conference with Rady Children's Hospital San Diego. Our regular CME calendar now includes our Annual School Health Leadership Conference (Fall) & an Immunization forum with the San Diego County Immunization Branch during National Infant Immunization week (Spring).
- Help preserve Medi-Cal funding for care for children by working with other physician and child-advocacy groups in California.
- Prioritize our legislative efforts on insurance and Medi-Cal reimbursement rates, funding and eligibility for Healthy Families (SCHIP) enrollees, assuring adequate managed-care capitation rates to cover new vaccines and building coalitions with other physician groups and child-advocacy groups at the state level.
- Established four priorities for our strategic plan: Advocacy, Access to Care, Membership, and the Profession of Pediatrics.
- Work with the San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative to help pediatricians on issues related to nutrition and fitness within schools, their offices, and the community.
- Help the pediatric residency program with gift certificates to recognize two outstanding residents per month with a "book award".
- Continue with a series of get-togethers and meetings to discuss "Life after Residency" with pediatric residents in San Diego.
- Held two special social events for Young Physicians in our Chapter and encourage their involvement with our chapter and the AAP.
- Continue supporting many of our Advisory Committee Members in other community organizations and groups.
- Strengthen our CATCH program with 2 excellent facilitators, joining a long history of multiple CATCH grant recipients.
- Established a new and growing committee interested in International Health working on establishing and updating resources and skills for humanitarian work for children worldwide.

Annual Chapter Dues:

Voting Fellows	\$145	Candidate Fellows	\$145	Post Resident Fellows	\$0	Affiliate (Dentist, non-peds Physician)	\$145
Retired Fellows	\$100	Chapter Pediatric Residents & Medical Students	\$0	Nurses / Allied Health Professional	\$100		
Professional Staff / Non-Health Care			\$100				

Sixty (\$60) dollars of our chapter dues are sent directly to our District (CA District IX), which works on legislative issues, educational events, State Policy, and other programs in California that impact children and Pediatricians.

Whom do I contact?

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