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## GEORGIA CHAPTER FACTS.....

**I already belong to the national AAP, why should I become a member of the Georgia Chapter?**

### Advocacy

- The Georgia Chapter is your advocate in the state legislature for adequate Medicaid reimbursement
- We strive to positively influence the quality of pediatric care throughout the state
- We build coalitions with other organizations to improve children's healthcare in Georgia
- The Chapter advocates for the interests of Georgia pediatricians among private payors & government.

### Leadership

- Build your leadership skills via participation in Chapter committees and special interest groups.

### Networking

- For generalists: Network with other pediatricians with similar interests from around the state
- For subspecialists: develop ties to general pediatricians to build referral relationships

### Education

- Stay informed of latest issues in pediatrics via chapter newsletter, blast faxes, and website.
- Attend the Chapter's two major CME meetings: Fall Meeting, Atlanta and Pediatric by the Sea in June.
- Strengthen your practice management and nursing care via the Georgia Pediatric Practice Managers Association and Ga. Pediatric Nurses Association, formed by the Chapter
- Like to teach? Participate as an immunization educator or a breastfeeding educator in EPIC (Educating Physicians in their Communities), a peer-to-peer, in-office education program, or host an EPIC program for your office.

### What has your Chapter done lately?

- Held Pediatrics by the Sea, at Amelia Island, Fla. Attended by 166 physicians.
- Works with public health officials on statewide immunization efforts, including preparing for the H1N1 flu crisis, the immunization registry "GRITS."
- Lobbied (successfully!) against proposed cuts in Medicaid reimbursement in the Ga. General Assembly.
- Developed a physician placement bureau for practices
- Sponsored annual golf tournament with CME for the Pediatric Foundation of Georgia, an organization whose purpose is to promote the health and safety of children in Georgia.
- Launched ia Breastfeeding Educating Physicians In their Communities (EPIC), a peer-to-peer education program presented in the practice setting and focusing on office-based change to help improve breastfeeding rates.

### Annual Chapter Dues:

Voting Fellows	\$145	Candidate Fellows	\$110	Post Resident Fellows	\$50
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### Whom do I contact?

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You can visit the Georgia Chapter's Web page at [www.Gaaap.org](http://www.Gaaap.org).