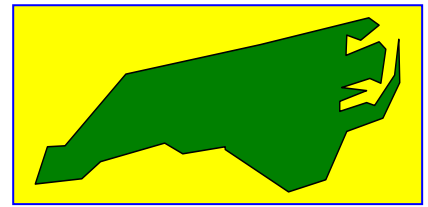


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## NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER FACTS.....

### I already belong to the National AAP, why should I become a member of the North Carolina Chapter?

#### Advocacy

- Consider participation in one of our state, regional or local efforts to improve child health, examples include the NC Emergency Medical Services for Children advisory group, the Kindergarten Health Assessment work group and the School Readiness Task Force
- Promote the interests of North Carolina pediatricians and the state Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

#### Leadership

- Join our Young Physicians Interest Group that includes enrollment on a listserv for discussion.
- Represent pediatrics in the delegation to the NC Medical Society and multiple national medical organizations on behalf of the Chapter.
- Participate in chapter committees and Task Forces to develop position papers, influence state laws and administrative rules, and inspire officials to promote child-friendly policies.
- Promote pediatrician involvement on state commissions and councils to influence child health policy and practice.
- Meet and mentor pediatric residents who participate in Chapter activities and meetings.

#### Networking

- Connect with other pediatricians in your state with similar interests – including 5 virtual groups communicating by listserv (Breastfeeding, Neonatal, Child Environmental Health, Young Physicians and Practice Managers).
- Attend one of three regional membership meetings each year to meet other pediatricians for educational and social functions.

#### Education

- Receive Chapter communications, email listserv, and multiple informative mailings on topics such as coding, reimbursement, and practice guidelines.
- Attend local PREP courses and Continuing Medical Education meetings sponsored by the Chapter.
- Prepare yourself for the future role of the pediatrician in the health care system and for the future management of their practices.

#### Research

- Participate in trials and research studies through Pediatric Research in Office Settings (PROS) and other Chapter efforts.
- Respond to frequent surveys on topics such as child maltreatment, immunization practices and coding issues.

### What has your Chapter done lately?

- Successfully lobbied for smoke-free school campuses and the elimination of second hand smoke in all public buildings.
- Revised the required Kindergarten Health Assessment form and started a data collection of this rich data source on pre-K children.
- Successfully lobbied for expansion of our state children's health insurance program to 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, helping more working families with affordable coverage on a sliding fee scale.
- Hosted 25 hours of CME programming, updates on current child health issues, networking with other pediatricians and with state government leaders.
- Sponsored 2 Career Days for residents and Pediatric Interest Day for medical students.
- Helped launch a mental health & primary care integration initiative across the state.
- Promoted the fluoride varnish program for Medicaid and SCHIP children up to age 3, including reimbursement and onsite training.
- Joined with other state professional societies to help define the Governor's Quality Improvement Initiative.
- Appointed Chapter liaisons from retired member pediatricians, med-peds, pediatric surgeons, pediatric sub-specialists, residents, students, practice managers and young physicians.

### Annual Chapter Dues:

Voting Fellows      \$180      Candidate Fellows      \$180      Resident/Post Resident Fellows      \$ 0

### Whom do I contact?

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