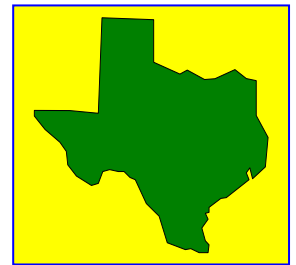


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TEXAS CHAPTER FACTS.....

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

Advocacy

- Advocate for local public health issues such as immunizations, childhood abuse and neglect, childhood obesity, disabilities, and more for you and your patients,
- Partner with state agencies to tackle regulatory, socioeconomic, and public health policy issues,
- Work to improve issues that affect the quality of care and the profession of pediatrics, and
- Increase your knowledge of and participation in legislative and advocacy activities at a local level.

Committee Participation

- Plan educational curriculum and programs through one of 18 committees,
- Make your voice heard in the Society's itinerary, policies, and legislative agenda, and
- Recommend representatives for positions on state, TMA, and AAP boards, councils and committees.

Educational Opportunities

- Attend CME-approved scientific programs, plenary sessions and subspecialty seminars, and

- Receive discounted conference and seminar fees.

Electronic Resources

- Receive a monthly e-newsletter regarding the latest health care trends and topics, and
- Post a classified such as job listings for pediatricians, office personnel, and allied health positions, as well as career or educational opportunities, products and services, practices, homes, travel and leisure.

Leadership Opportunities

- Chair or co-chair one of our 18 committees,
- Become an elected AAP and TMA Delegate to represent the profession of pediatrics, and
- Recognize pediatric champions with Lifetime Achievement Award, Award of Merit, the Distinguished Service Award and Special Advocacy Awards.

Practice Management Department

- Access to hands-on help with coding and reimbursement questions, and
- Representation at regular meetings with both public and private payers.

What has your Chapter done lately?

- The TPS/Chapter Executive Legislative Committee researched and developed *The Pediatrician's Role as an Advocate* an educational tool aimed to assess an individual's political activity and awareness, providing case examples of community and state level advocacy and outlining issues and on the horizon that will require future advocacy,
- Co-Hosted Texas Immunization Summit in November 2008. Interested stakeholders including physicians, nurses, public health workers, legislators and public policy makers focused on the costs associated with vaccine administration, immunization registry enhancements and addressing vaccine safety concerns with patients,
- Developed the Young Physician Section to provide a means for physicians under the age of 40 to participate in activities and programs relevant to the physician just entering practice, to generate interest, hosted 3 dinners across the state,
- Encouraged resident membership and participation by hosting 3 resident dinners in different locations around the state,
- Continuing to mentor residents through a grant for the annual resident e-poster contest and the Resident Section,
- Continuing to mentor medical students through a grant for the Preceptorship Program and the Medical Student Section,
- Continue to support the TPS Foundation, the charitable arm of the TPS that funds community based grants promoting child health and welfare,
- In October 2008, the TPS/Chapter Executive Board established a disaster relief fund to assist Texas physicians and UTMB residents impacted by the devastation caused by Hurricane Ike,
- The Primary Care Coalition, comprised of TPS/Chapter, the Texas Academy of Family Physicians and the Texas Chapter of the American College of Physician Services prepared and released *The Primary Solution: Mending Texas' Fractured Health Care System*, a document outlining the status of primary care in the state and advocating for specific reforms. The document was distributed to members of the Legislature and a media tour is set for the start of 2009.
- Sponsored an engaging 3-day CME annual program,
- Offered several Dental Varnish Webinars to educate pediatricians on oral health. Texas Medicaid has implemented a new fluoride varnish program that allows primary care physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners to receive reimbursement for providing a limited oral health evaluation, and
- Expanded membership to include dentists who treat children, billing provided through AAP.

Annual Chapter Dues:

Voting Fellows \$150 Candidate Fellows \$150 Associate Member \$150 Post Residency Training \$15

Whom do I contact?

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