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Dear Members of the AAP Section on Emergency Medicine (SOEM):

Two years ago, the “Committee for the Future” was formed by the SOEM Executive Committee in an effort to enhance the participation of the younger members of our Section in activities of both SOEM and in the field of Pediatric Emergency Medicine (PEM).

One of the first items that the Committee for the Future addressed was a needs assessment of recent graduates of PEM. The majority of the recent graduates listed the need for mentorship as a high priority item that wasn't currently addressed in their place of work.

In an effort to improve the overall PEM experience of both junior and senior faculty members, the SOEM Committee for the Future is sponsoring a mentorship program. The goals of this program are the following:

- To create a one-on-one relationship between a junior and senior PEM practitioner
- To provide an outlet for advice on career planning
- To offer a learning venue from someone with valuable experience in the field of PEM
- To maximize members' Section experience

We are asking that you participate in this program in order to make it a success. If you are a junior faculty member, the benefits are clear. If you are a more experienced faculty member, we believe the experience will be a formidable one for you and that the merits of a mentorship program will prove to be a positive experience for both parties involved.

Please go to the SOEM Web site at <http://www.aap.org/sections/pem/> and check out the information under the Mentorship Program subheading. You will find application forms for both junior and senior faculty members. Fill out the one that applies to you and email it to Prashant or Lina. We will arrange the mentorship relationships and you will be on your way!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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