Much of what we do as pediatricians is combating misinformation by providing evidence-based data. The AAP has worked tirelessly to promote vaccine safety, explain facts and myths about firearms, and increase breastfeeding by getting new moms good information.

In the same way, SOAPM labors to counter the misconceptions that private pediatric practice is dead, that it’s no longer fun to be a pediatrician, and that pediatrics is not a viable career for a young person.

SOAPM has counseled thousands of pediatricians (and through PPMA, their practice administrators) on how to effectively take charge of their practice, reorganize their workflows, and definitively address employment law issues. As a result of becoming more knowledgeable of the operations of their practice, they are more confident, more empowered, and are getting the joy back from pediatric practice.

We have free peer-to-peer counseling through our listserv, the single most active social network platform in the AAP. Our education program includes webinars and a popular CME event at the National Conference & Exhibition (NCE). SOAPM members include subject matter experts on insurance contracts, employment law, the VFC program, practice finances, claims submission, HIPAA compliance, and coding. Because our leaders regularly cross-pollinate their expertise into other areas of the AAP, SOAPM provides an excellent leadership track for participating in the AAP.

I’ve posted a message to the SOAPM listserv and got rapid answers from people both on this listserv and locally. Where else could they get answers and help to a problem like this 16 minutes after initial posting...SOAPM rocks! - David Horowitz, MD, FAAP

I wanted to officially announce that I have decided to leave my current practice open up my own Pediatric practice. I wanted to thank the SOAPM community for all the advice over the last 2 years I have been on board. I could not even think about doing this without the knowledge I have gained through this listserv.
- Joel Warsh, MD, FAAP

Whenever I am at conference/meeting or networking with new people, I am beginning to notice a pattern whenever I mention being in SOAPM, and the most frequent response I am getting is "ooooooh, yeah, I heard about you guys!" Our name as a section goes before us and it is beginning to be synonymous with "leadership". - Sonia Khan, MD, FAAP

I just found out that I have successfully negotiated with my biggest managed Medicaid payer here in Nevada! I received an amendment to my contract today for increased payments!! This is something I previously thought was impossible, but with SOAPM’s guidance over the years ...I did it!
- Mary Kiepert, MD, FAAP

Suzanne Berman, MD, FAAP, Chairperson, SOAPM
What is SOAPM?
The Section on Administration and Practice Management (SOAPM) is the AAP “home” to pediatricians interested or involved with the management or administration of pediatric practices. The Section consists of more than 1,600 AAP Fellows, Pediatric Residents and Medical Students as well as Affiliate Members.

SOAPM is dedicated to imparting basic and cutting edge administration and practice management information to its members. The Section accomplishes this by developing specialized educational programs and projects, providing open forums for discussing and disseminating practical information on all aspects of pediatric administration practice management, and by advocating for pediatricians in practice at all levels.

Who Can Join SOAPM?
Academy Fellows, Resident Fellows, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants with an interest or active involvement in pediatric administration and practice management.

Affiliate membership (PPMA Membership) is also available to:
- Pediatric Practice and Clinic Managers and Administrators who are sponsored by an AAP Fellow.
- Non-Practice Administrators who are intimately related to pediatric practice management.

What are the Benefits of SOAPM?

**SOAPM Listserv®**
SOAPM Members have access to the SOAPM Listserv®. The SOAPM Listserv® is an electronic mailing list of pediatricians and practice managers use to share practice management ideas. The SOAPM Listserv® is also used for advice, SOAPM members can post questions and get, in essence, free consulting advice as well as other resources such as forms, protocols and advertising ideas.

**soapmnews**
SOAPM members receive a copy of soapmnews, the bi-annual SOAPM newsletter for timely updates on the latest practice management news.

**Practice Management Webinars**
SOAPM members can attend free practice management-related webinars that cover a variety of pediatric practice management topics.

**AAP NCE Practice Management Programs**
SOAPM Members have access to courses on issues related to practice management at the AAP National Conference and Exhibition (NCE). Sessions include traditional lectures, open discussion with leadership, and addressing current events related to practice management.

**AAP Practice Transformation Web Pages**
SOAPM members have access to the AAP Practice Transformation Web Pages – the “virtual home” for pediatricians seeking practice management information. Content focused on effective management of a pediatric practice, but also on re-engineering pediatric practices to adapt to the evolving healthcare environment. Members can access the site by visiting www.aap.org/practicetransformation.

Joining SOAPM is easy!
Additional information can be found on the Section Website at: www.aap.org/soapm, or by scanning the following QR code using your Smartphone or Tablet Device:

Have questions or need assistance?
Please contact AAP staff at PracticeManagement@aap.org. You can also contact the AAP Membership office at 800/433-9016 ext. 7869.