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Dear Pediatric Otolaryngology Fellows:

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery is dedicated to improving the lives of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults as they relate to issues involving the ears, nose, throat and related structures.

The Section is governed by an executive committee consisting of seven section members including a section chairperson and chair-elect. The Section executive committee meets at the AAP National Conference & Exhibition (NCE) which is held in the fall and at American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology (ASPO) meeting in the Spring. The Section has an educational program and reception at the NCE and ALL section members are invited to attend. The section is focused on ADVOCACY (Optimizing the care of ENT disorders for all children; exemplified by the AAP Button Battery Task Force), EDUCATION (available at the annual AAP meeting and in Pediatrics, the official journal of the AAP), LEADERSHIP (Many opportunities exist within our section), REFERRALS (Listing of section members on the AAP website), and COVERAGE/REIMBURSEMENT ISSUES (AAP lobbyists working to optimize coverage for children and payment for physicians).

As a trainee in Pediatric Otolaryngology, you are eligible to join the AAP and the section for FREE until your training is complete. We invite you and encourage you to do so. We would like to welcome you now to this fellowship. To join the AAP and the Section as a Post Residency Training Member please contact Vivian Thorne, Section Manager, at vthorne@aap.org and obtain a letter of support from your pediatric otolaryngology fellowship training program director.

For more information about the AAP, please visit www.aap.org, especially the Section on Otolaryngology Web site at http://www.aap.org/sections/otolaryngology/.

We look forward to welcoming you to the membership of the AAP Section on Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

Sincerely yours,

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