Chair's Corner
Scott R Schoem, MD FAAP

Greetings and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2012! I wish to update you on the Section's activities and plans over the next few years in advocacy, education and workforce issues. Your Executive Committee members have an ambitious agenda to accomplish and I will highlight a few areas where the entire membership has an opportunity to get involved and make a difference.

The Section has forged a new relationship between the American Academy of Pediatrics and American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery leadership in developing a multi-year educational and marketing campaign to reduce choking hazards and inadvertent ingestion of button batteries. All Section members are encouraged to get involved nationally and within your state AAP chapters to make a difference in the lives of children. This is the heart and soul of what we do in pediatric otolaryngology and prevention of these wholly avoidable injuries should be an integral part of our daily practice. In Congress and through the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Section is pushing for legislation to improve safety, especially with the ubiquitous nature of button batteries.

Many Section members contributed to our soon-to-be published “Pediatric Otolaryngology for Primary Care.” Immediate Past-Chair and Co-Editor, David Darrow, MD, DDS, and I send a heartfelt thank you to all chapter authors who contributed to this project. As an official AAP publication, this book will become the new standard reference for pediatricians and family practice providers. Pediatricians at your home institution will be asking you for additional information on these practical topics of interest to them.

The group within the AAP leadership known as the Surgical Advisory Panel (SAP) consists of Section Chairs from all the surgical subspecialties, dental and anesthesiology. I have been appointed by the SAP Chair, Michael Klein, to serve as the liaison to the Federal and State Advocacy Office in Washington, DC. In this way, the SAP has a direct link to the Washington office on issues of access to care, pediatric surgical subspecialty reimbursement and workforce issues. Please contact me on issues important to you.

Editor's Note
Steven E Sobol, MD MSc FAAP

The Executive Committee of the AAP Section of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (SOOHNS) is proud to bring you the first annual Section newsletter. The goal of the newsletter is to inform members of the pediatric otolaryngology community about leadership activities and upcoming AAP events. The following sections of the newsletter will focus on advocacy issues that directly impact our medical community, continuing medical education opportunities as well as highlights from the upcoming national meeting to take place October 20-23 in New Orleans, LA.

We hope that you enjoy!
Message from the Program Chair
Diego Preciado, MD PhD FAAP

It has been extremely exciting for the program committee to organize this year's SOOHNS program for the AAP NCE meeting in New Orleans, LA. First, Our H-session program theme will cover the "The Otolaryngologic Management of Down Syndrome." The session will include an overview of ENT disorders in children with Down syndrome by world renowned expert in these issues, Dr Sally Shott. Additionally, specific discussion of speech development expectations, chronic ear disease and sleep apnea in this population will be covered as separate 40 minute lectures during the H-session.

The last hour of the H-session will be a scientific plenary session where 4 selected abstracts from residents and fellows will be invited to present. The top scoring research presentation will receive a travel award from the Section.

Other highlights of the Otolaryngology program during the NCE meeting include the popular Otoscopy Workshop, a hands-on multi-station session which focuses on teaching the art of otoscopy skill and diagnosis, led this year again by Dr Kris Rosbe. Finally, interactive audience participation lectures on "A Potpourri of ENT disorders: You make the diagnosis" and "Otitis Media: Facts and Fallacies" will also be hosted by the Section during this year's meeting. We look forward to an exciting, innovative, and wonderful 2012 AAP NCE meeting!!

Section News
Charles Bower, MD FAAP

The AAP Section on Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery met on October 16, 2011 at the AAP NCE in Boston, MA. The Section consists of over 160 otolaryngology members of the AAP. Presentations at the NCE included two otitis media workshops, a session on pediatric lumps and bumps, and a lecture on acute and chronic ear disease. The Section session on pediatric rhinosinusitis included lectures by Dr Ellen Wald on the bacteriology of chronic sinusitis and a presentation on allergy by Dr Jordan Scott.

Committee members present included: Scott Schoem (Chair) Charles Bower, Kristina Rosbe, Sally Schott, Joshua Gottschall, Diego Preciado, David Darrow (immediate Past Chairperson) and Steven Sobol (Executive Committee member-elect). The committee discussed future trends in pediatrics with the AAP leadership. Planning topics included:
1. Changing demographics
2. Burgeoning health information technology
3. Ongoing medical advances
4. Alterations in health care–delivery system(s)
5. Growth of consumer-driven health care
6. Dynamics of pediatric workforce
7. Disasters, and

To encourage membership in the AAP, the Academy is offering pediatric otolaryngology fellows an AAP membership without cost. Fellowship directors are encouraged to assist their fellows in enrolling in the AAP.

The Section has worked actively on a campaign to reduce choking hazards in collaboration with the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery. Several publications addressing this topic were completed this year. An AAP Grand Rounds on prevention of noise-induced hearing loss was published in the AAP news. The Section is working on a clinical report on the Evaluation and Management of Infantile Hemangiomas. Members of the Section are also completing a textbook on Pediatric Otolaryngology for Primary Care. The next Executive Committee meeting will take place during COSM in May 2012.

Coming in June!
Pediatric Otolaryngology

AAP Section on Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery; Edited by Scott R. Schoem, MD, FAAP and David H. Darrow, MD, DDS

Pediatric Otolaryngology gives you one place to look for expert help with virtually any commonly encountered pediatric ENT condition.

Get the answers you need for on-target ENT diagnosis, treatment and referral

From adenopathy to ankyloglossia…ear infection to epistaxis … stridor to speech disorders, look here for the state of the art across the length and breadth of pediatric ENT.

Many of the activities of the Section on Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery (SOOHNS) revolve around continuing education for pediatricians. Each year, we are asked to identify "critical topics" that we feel should be included in continuing education activities and Practical Pediatric courses. This past year, the topics included: management of stridor/stertor in the newborn and infant, management of head and neck masses, and complications of otitis media. The 2011 National Convention and Exhibition (NCE)—the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics—took place in Boston in October 2011.

David Darrow MD participated in one of the regional Practical Pediatric courses in Seattle, presenting several lectures including: Care of tympanostomy tubes, indications for tonsillectomy, noisy breathing in the neonate, and ENT emergencies for the primary care provider.

CME is also facilitated through publications in AAP Grand Rounds and Focus on Subspecialties, both published in the AAP News. This past year, David Walner MD and Julie Wei MD wrote about preventing choking in children as part of the Focus on Subspecialties in the April 2011 issue. The SOOHNS and the American Academy of Otolaryngology are also working together to establish a joint campaign for better education regarding choking hazards. Diego Preciado MD and Gresham Richter MD reviewed an article on "Prevalence of Noise-Induced Hearing Loss Among US Young" (Henderson E, et al Pediatrics 2011:127(1)) for AAP Grand Rounds in September 2011.

Through a joint effort between SOOHNS and the Section on Dermatology, David Darrow MD submitted an "Intent for Policy Statement, Technical Report or Clinical Report on the Evaluation and Management of Infantile Hemangiomas."

Sally Shott MD has submitted a proposal for several webinars as a possible new way to reach more pediatricians regarding common ENT subjects seen in their practices.

Another very exciting project is the book that our Section will soon be publishing, Pediatric Otolaryngology for Primary Care, with David Darrow MD and Scott Schoem MD, editors. This book, in its final stages of editing, will include 22 chapters of common ENT problems seen in all pediatricians' offices.

SOOHNS membership is up a bit from 6 months ago with currently 160 Section members. We are in the process of trying to partner with sister societies such as ASPO to capture members of ASPO who may not yet be members of the AAP. We continue our efforts to try to attract members who are currently pediatric otolaryngology fellows with a complimentary one-year membership.

CME Happenings
Sally Shott, MD FAAP

Membership News
Kristina Rosbe, MD FAAP

2012 Meetings
Josh Gottschall, MD FAAP

Surgical Specialists!
H2023 Section on Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Program
When: Sunday, 10/21/2012, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Where: Morial Convention Center, Room 203

Description: The Care of the Child With Down Syndrome: Otolaryngologic Consideration
Otolaryngologic problems are common in children with Down Syndrome (DS). This includes problems chronic ear infections and chronic middle ear effusions with associated hearing loss, airway obstruction, and sleep apnea, as well as problems with chronic rhinitis and sinusitis. Treatment of these relatively common disorders is often complex in the child with Down syndrome. Special considerations must be taken into account. Aggressive interventions, both medical and surgical, have led to a decreased incidence of hearing loss, good control of the chronic rhinitis, and a better awareness of the incidence of sleep apnea and sleep-disordered breathing in individuals with DS. This program will review common otolaryngologic manifestations of DS with recommendations for ongoing care and monitoring. Difficulties in the management of sleep apnea in Down populations will be also reviewed.

Program Schedule:
Sunday, October 21st, 2012
8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Moderator: Diego Preciado, MD, PhD

8:30AM Introduction
Diego Preciado MD, PhD, FAAP

8:35AM An overview of common ENT disorders in Down syndrome
Sally Shott, MD, FAAP

9:15AM Developmental expectations in Down syndrome, how much difference can aggressive early communicative interventions make
Libby Kumin, PhD, CCC-SLP

10:00AM Break

10:15AM Management of sleep apnea in Down syndrome, special considerations. Is T&A ever enough?
Charles Bower, MD, FAAP

11:00AM Chronic middle ear disease and Hearing Loss in Down syndrome
Scott Schoem, MD, FAAP

11:45AM Case Presentations and Discussion
Diego Preciado, MD, PhD, FAAP

12:00 noon Abstract Presentations
1) 17591: Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) Pediatric Tympanostomy Tube Otorrhea
Jeffrey Cheng, MD and Luv Javia, M.D., Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

2) 17648: Ear Molding In Newborn Infants: Dispelling the Myths about Ear Deformities
Philemon Eric Payne, MD1, Damien Mitchell2, Matthew Trovato, MD3, Thomas Kevin Cook1, Richard Y. Ha3 and Michelle Kravit2, (1)Craniofacial and Plastic Surgery, The Craniofacial and Plastic Surgery Center of Houston, Houston, TX, (2)Pediatrics, Forest Lane Pediatrics, Dallas, TX, (3)Craniofacial and Plastic Surgery, Medical City Children's Hospital, Dallas, TX

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3) 18416: A Novel Model for Educating the Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care Community: Endotracheal Tube Use and Management Program
Leighanne H. Dorten, MD, Adele K. Evans, Scott A. Hardison, B.S. and Elizabeth Bradford-Bell, M.S., Department of Otolaryngology, Wake Forest School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC

4) 18773: Steroids and Endotracheal Tube Related Laryngotracheal Trauma: A Study In a Sus Scrofa Model of Accelerated Airway Injury
Sohit Kanotra, MD, Alexander Osborn, MD, PhD, Rose Chami, MD, Evan Propst, MD, Paolo Campisi, MD, Glenn Taylor, MD and Vito Forte, MD, Otolaryngology, Hospital For Sick Children, Toronto, ON, Canada

12:40 PM  Section Executive Committee Meeting  and Lunch
4:30PM  Section Award presentation

Faculty:  Charles Bower, MD, FAAP;  Libby Kumin, PhD, CCC-SLP;  Scott R. Schoem, MD, FAAP;  Sally Shott, MD, FAAP

A2118/3037 A Potpourri of ENT disorders: YOU Make the Diagnosis (x2)
When:  Sunday, 10/21/2012, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Monday, 10/22/2012, 8:30 am - 10:00 am

Description: Many disorders of the ears, nose, throat, head, and neck (ENT) regions have similar presentations and their correct diagnosis may be a source of frustration for the pediatrician. This audience response case discussion will review cases featuring common presentations of ENT pathology and their differential diagnosis. Participants will be encouraged to select the most appropriate diagnosis and treatment options for each case, and tabulated responses will be used as a basis for case discussions and suggested treatment algorithms. Topics will likely include the draining ear, congenital and acquired hearing loss, nasal obstruction, oral cavity lesions, neck masses, and stridor.

Faculty:  J. Lindhe Guarisco, MD, FAAOHNS, FAAP

A3113 Otitis Media: Facts and Fallacies
When:  Monday, 10/22/2012, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Description: The audience response system will be employed to focus on popular misconceptions of otitis media (OM) management and to review evidence-based medicine regarding OM. Specifically, faculty will review the need for oral antibiotics in tube otorrhea, evidence base for speech delay in OME, concept of "amoxicillin does not work for my child," role of supine bottle-feeding in OM, and other common facts and myths.

Faculty:  Scott R. Schoem, MD, FAAP

W4024/4084 Otoscopy Workshop: Important Observations and Diagnosis Using the Otoscope (x2)
When:  Tuesday, 10/23/2012, 8:30 am - 10:00 am, Tuesday, 10/23/2012, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Description: This workshop provides both didactic education and hands-on training in otoscopy. This teaching session will enable physicians to improve their diagnostic skills. Attendees will participate in teaching stations that will help them become familiar with a variety of available working otoscopes and better understand common subtleties in the identification of eardrum anomalies.

Faculty:  Kristina Rosbe, MD, FAAP
### AAP Advocacy on Academic and Subspecialist Issues

The American Academy of Pediatrics is actively engaged in federal advocacy for the needs of academic and subspecialist pediatricians and the children their work benefits. Through its Department of Federal Affairs and dedicated staff for academic and subspecialty issues, the Academy works to promote medical research for children, funding for medical education, child access to needed providers through suitable payment, and a pediatric workforce able to meet the needs of children across the country.

Below is the Table of Contents from the latest Academic and Subspecialty Advocacy Report from Washington, DC. To read the report, click here.

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