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### From the Chair...



One of the great things about our work in pediatrics is that our patients grow and change with each passing season. Our patients challenge us with a fever on a winter day and inspire us with a folded up, wrinkled sports physical form in the summer. The kids grow and reach new heights and we are challenged professionally to meet them there.

This summer, I hope you will challenge the SOYP. Take some time to engage in our Section. We want to know YOU, your needs, your professional challenges, and your ideas. As Section leadership, we want the Section to grow and evolve as a result of your input.

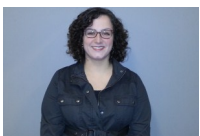
Our continual goal is to create the best environment possible for our members by staying connected to both the national Academy and your state chapter. From the leadership, we continue to advocate for representation of young physicians in every section, movement and interest that we can. We want our voice out there - add yours to our Section this summer!

Be safe, enjoy and talk to you soon!

Ashley Miller MD, FAAP  
Chair, Section on Young Physicians

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### Editor's Note...



Welcome to the new and improved SOYP Newsletter! This leaner letter will be delivered to you monthly, and will be full of brief, timely articles highlighting issues that young physicians need to know. Inside the newsletter, you will find information from the Academy, AAP section news, meeting highlights, and district updates. We also hope that you will enjoy our monthly member spotlights, reflections, and other special features. Our new embedded email format should allow you to access the content more easily on your mobile device.

This is my first month as assistant editor of the newsletter, and I'm so excited to be joining the team. June is often a time of transition in pediatrics, as our trainees leave their posts for positions in the "real world," and our patients finish the school year and move into the heady days of summer. Change can be exhilarating, but it can also be daunting; we worry about what is ahead, how we will react, and how we will be received. When I am intimidated by life's transitions, I try to remember what Albert Einstein once said: "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." I am really looking forward to gaining momentum in my new role as an editor, and I really, really hope that you will enjoy the changes that we have made to the newsletter.

Happy Summer!

Jennifer Kett MD, FAAP

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### Do You Know How to Reach Your State Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program?

*Michelle Esquivelle, AAP Staff*

A recent national survey from the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management revealed that most pediatricians have little to no communication with their state EHDI programs (<http://www.infanthearing.org/medicalhome/index.html>). Consequently, there is often confusion about the pediatrician's role in supporting early identification of children with hearing loss. To contact your state EHDI program and to learn about referral sources and procedures, go to [http://www.infanthearing.org/states\\_home/](http://www.infanthearing.org/states_home/).

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## A Family Affair

Submitted by *Veronica Booth, AAP Staff*

Taken from the "Textbook of Pediatrics" 7th edition

**Dr.** Waldo Emerson Nelson, one of the most respected and recognized figures in pediatric instruction, believed that education started at home.

Before he became a doctor he had actually decided to attend the Wharton School of Business but couldn't afford it. He had a successful career in commerce selling everything from Jeeps, peaches, insurance and magazines before the death of his infant sister prompted him to get into children's health. Although he left the business field, he never forgot the value of a dollar.

In 1941, he took over the editorship of the textbook and, in part to further his children's education and also to save money, recruited his family to help. He dictated items from each page and had his wife and three children write them down on index cards for organizational purposes.

They were not as enthusiastic about the idea as he was. His daughter Ann let her ire be known nationally through an entry that found its way into the published index of the 7th edition of the textbook published in 1959:

Birds, for the, 1-1413.

The book was 1413 pages.

There is no documentation on Dr. Nelson's reaction once this intended mistake was found, but when the publishers asked Dr. Nelson to keep it in for the next edition he refused.

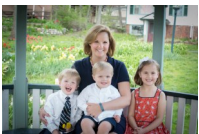
Ann later married Dr. Richard Behrman, who later went on to be an editor of the textbook; but she did provide one stipulation before agreeing to the marriage. He had to agree that she would never have to help him on the textbook in any way. They had a very happy marriage that lasted 54 years until her death in 2005. It is not known if their four children were pressed into service during their father's tenure at the helm.

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## Member Spotlight:



**Jennifer McGuirl DO, FAAP**  
**Post Residency Training Member**  
**District 2**  
**SOYP Member since August 27, 2013**

**Who are you?** Jen grew up in New Jersey and has remained on the east coast ever since. After completing her pediatrics residency at Goryeb Children's Hospital in Morristown, NJ, she worked as a primary care physician for one year. During that time, she realized that her true calling was neonatology, and she decided to pursue fellowship training in that sub-specialty. Jen is currently a second year fellow at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore in the Bronx, NY and is enrolled in a Master's Degree program in Bioethics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Jen is also the mother of three fantastic kids.

**What is your favorite book?** Jen's favorite book is *The Grapes of Wrath*, by John Steinbeck, but she really enjoys listening to audiobooks. Her long commute (1.5 hours each way!) means that she has plenty of time for listening. Jen just started *The Fault in Our Stars*, by John Green, which was just released as a major motion picture.

**What is the best part of your job?** Jen believes that the best part of her job is interacting with patients' families. She really appreciates the long term relationships that she is able to form with them. Even when the outcome for a particular infant is uncertain, or is not what she had hoped for, making a strong connection with that child's family can be extremely rewarding. Because of these strong relationships, Jen really enjoys her work and looks forward to coming to the NICU each day.

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## An intensive Review and Update of Pediatric Emergency

Heather McGhinnis, AAP Staff

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