Call For Submissions

The Section on Pediatric Trainees (SOPT) Monthly Feature in Pediatrics publishes thought-provoking op-eds on a variety of topics. Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. At this time, we are issuing a call for submissions on the following topics, though any topic will be considered:

Pediatric Healthcare in an Evolving Political World: With the proposed changes to The Affordable Care Act and recent decisions regarding immigration put forth by the current administration, the world of medicine will undoubtedly change. How do these recent shifts in political culture affect our pediatric patients? What role should pediatric trainees take with regard to immigrant health and the protection of healthcare access for patients?

Training in Primary Care: Numerous factors such as medical advancements, trainee debt and reimbursement structures have led physicians to turn away from primary care and focus on specialty care. Such changes have brought forth suggestions to alter or perhaps even eliminate aspects of primary care such as well child checks.¹ In an evolving, specialty-driven world, do you believe that training in primary care is still important? If so, what aspects of training in primary care are critical to resident education and which are not?

Residents as Teachers: Residents play an integral role in the education of medical students and other co-residents, as well as patients and their families. However, many residents are provided little instruction on the art of teaching and their efforts may easily be overshadowed by those more senior in status. Is becoming a resident educator important? If so, how can we best empower residents to fulfill their roles as educators?

Submission Guidelines:
- 3-4 articles selected annually to be published in Pediatrics
- First author must be a resident, fellow, or medical student
- Submit manuscripts via email to: SOPTpediatrics@aap.org
- Word Limit: 1,200 words
- Reference Limit: 15 references
- “Runners Up” will be considered for alternative SOPT publications

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