What is the Section on Critical Care?

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Critical Care (SOCC), founded in 1984, is the leading advocate for critically ill and injured children and a professional home for Pediatric Intensivists. Its mission is to optimize the care of critically ill and injured children of all ages through the educational and professional support of its members. The SOCC provides a forum for Pediatric Critical Care Specialists and other members to meet, discuss, and develop ideas, programs, and projects to improve the care of children and to address issues of importance to pediatric subspecialists.

Benefits of SOCC Membership:

* Advocacy (State & Federal)
* Educational Programs & Online Self-Assessment
* Scientific Abstracts, Research, Awards
* Policy Guidelines & Section Newsletters
* Leadership & Networking Opportunities
* Collaboration with other Organizations
* SOCC Members’ Only Website & Listserv
* Low Dues, Great Value!

How to Join?

It’s easy! Go to aap.org/getinvolved and click on JOIN A COUNCIL OR SECTION NOW to complete a fast-track online application or call Customer Service at 866/843-2271.

We welcome health professionals in a related field (registered nurses and respiratory therapists) to fill out an online Affiliate Application at aap.org/getinvolved. Click on JOIN A COUNCIL OR SECTION NOW and affiliate application. Affiliates, including international members, must be actively involved in some aspect of the study or care of critically ill, infants, children, or adolescents.

Annual dues are $10 for Residents, $30 for Affiliates, and $35 for all other member types.

Visit the SOCC website at www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/Committees-Councils-Sections/Section-on-Critical-Care
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As a member, you’ll have the opportunity for:

**Advocacy:**
* The AAP serves as the nation’s primary advocate for the health needs of children, and the SOCC is the primary voice within the AAP for critically ill infants and children.
* The SOCC provides input to the AAP on issues related to the practice of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine.

**Leadership:**
* Leadership training and lobbying workshops are available to SOCC members through the AAP.
* SOCC members can influence policy and clinical practice by becoming active participants on SOCC subcommittees and if elected, serving on the Executive Committee of the section.

**Networking:**
* The SOCC collaborates with other committees and sections of the AAP as well as outside organizations, including the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM).
* SOCC members can benefit from collaborating with others in the section as well as members of other sections via e-mail, SOCC web site, LISTSERV, written communications or face-to-face meetings at the AAP conferences.

**Education:**
* The SOCC sponsors scientific abstract presentations, a business meeting, and educational programming each year at the AAP National Conference and Exhibition (NCE).
* The section implements an annual call for abstracts, presented at the NCE and published in the journal, Pediatric Critical Care Medicine.
* The section has sponsored Pediatric Critical Care Coding Courses, a webinar on pediatric critical care coding, and a course on “Preparing for Life in Academics.”

What has the Section on Critical Care done lately?
* The SOCC was instrumental in working with the AAP to gain AMA approval for establishment of two new global CPT codes for pediatric critical care.
* The SOCC serves as an expert resource to the AAP by providing review of official AAP policy and by developing policy guidelines on pediatric critical care. The SOCC has collaborated with the Pediatric Section of the Society of Critical Care Medicine where possible.
* The SOCC began developing an online subspecialty self-assessment program to help intensivists meet ABP requirements for lifelong learning and recertification.

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