In addition to the benefits of AAP membership, members of the SOIM receive:

⇒ An opportunity to participate in annual section scientific and business meetings at the AAP National Conference.
⇒ Biannual electronic mailings of the SOIM newsletter and other educational materials.
⇒ Access to the SOIM Web site containing special information for members.
⇒ Networking opportunities through participation in electronic mailing lists,
⇒ Opportunity to apply for education and research grants funded by SOIM
⇒ Opportunities to participate in educational program and policy development, consultation, and provision of technical assistance.
⇒ Access to AAP staff who can help answer questions and provide additional information on Academy activities.

WHO CAN JOIN?
Members of the American Academy of Pediatrics who work or have interest/expertise in pediatric integrative medicine. We now accept affiliate members! Included are 1) licensed physicians not otherwise eligible for membership in the Academy with professional/personal interest/expertise in integrative medicine and 2) licensed mental health providers such as psychologists, social workers or counselors who are demonstrably active in pediatric integrative medicine with at least 50% of professional time dedicated to pediatric patients 3) Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants.

HOW TO JOIN
Applications for membership can be requested at 800/433-9016 or on the AAP Web site http://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/Committees-Councils-Sections/Pages/Online-Council-Section-Membership-Application.aspx

Already a member of the AAP?
You only need to complete the online Section application. Dues are currently $25 for Members and $60 for affiliates.

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A number of other approaches were found to be effective in the treatment of some disorders. Many of these modalities have been integrated into standard pediatric practice.

The SOIM recognizes that keeping abreast of advances in conventional medicine and knowing the risks and benefits of the myriad of other therapeutic modalities is close to impossible. As such, the Section is designed to serve as the educational clearinghouse for AAP members who want to be able to counsel their patients knowledgeably about Integrative Medicine.

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There are currently 225 members in the SOIM with varied backgrounds and expertise. Members’ professional settings range from academics to private practice specialties include general pediatrics, a range of subspecialist inpatient, and palliative care. The members of the SOIM are interested in thoughtful discussion and appraisal of natural approaches to Pediatric care and clinician wellness. Members are also interested in learning how to interpret a comprehensive array of effective integrative therapies can be incorporated into overall health management plans or the practice of integrative medicine. Some have been trained in general integrative medicine. Others have been trained to practice a specific modality, such as acupuncture, yoga, or biofeedback.