

SECTION ON EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Benefits of Membership

Background:

The Section on Emergency Medicine (SOEM) was founded in 1981 for the purpose of providing a forum for the discussion of problems relating to the treatment and care of pediatric cases in the emergency department (ED). The Section's overall mission is to sustain, develop, and promote the delivery of optimal emergency care for acutely ill and injured children and to develop educational programs in Pediatric Emergency Medicine (PEM). The SOEM consults with the AAP Board of Directors on related issues and works collaboratively with the AAP Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine and its sister Section at the American College of Emergency Physicians. Membership in the Section is open to all Fellows, Post-Residency Training Fellows, Candidate Fellows, Honorary Fellows, Emeritus Fellows, Life Fellows, Dual Fellows, and Resident Fellows of the Academy with an interest in PEM. For SOEM Specialty Fellowship/Affiliate member criteria, go to: <http://www.aap.org/member/EMERGENCY%20MEDICINE.pdf>. Section members may vote on issues related to SOEM business and may be elected to serve on the SOEM Executive Committee. The Section currently has 1,280 members.

Mission:

The mission of the Section on Emergency Medicine is to sustain, develop and promote the delivery of optimal emergency care for acutely ill and injured children and adolescents.

Core Values

The Section believes in the following core values:

- Access to timely, effective, and efficient emergency care for all children.
- Safe emergency care while minimizing medical error in the care of acutely ill and injured children
- High-quality education and training and the promotion of professional development of our membership.
- The development of future leaders in Pediatric Emergency Medicine.
- The advancement of research in Pediatric Emergency Medicine.

Benefits:

- **Advocacy**
- **Educational programs**
- **Networking**
- **Leadership opportunities**
- **Awards (Abstract/Advocacy/Career/Research) – for SOEM members only**
- **Abstract submission**
- **Biannual newsletter**
- **Eligibility for election to the SOEM Executive Committee**
- **Access to SOEM Web site (<http://www.aap.org/sections/pem/>) and Listserv**
- **Online image gallery - PEMPix**
- **Vote on Section business**

How to Join?

It's easy! Go to <http://www.aap.org/moc/memberservices/sectionform.cfm> on the AAP Members Only Channel under Member Services to complete a fast-track online application or call AAP Membership at 800/433-9016. Annual dues are \$40 for AAP Fellows and \$10 for Residents.

Advocacy & Networking

The SOEM serves as an advocate for PEM physicians and children. The Section advocates for access to quality care, promotion of child health and injury prevention, professional growth and satisfaction of its members, and recognition of PEM subspecialists as experts who provide the highest level of emergency care for children. The Section provides input to the Academy on issues such as reimbursement and standardized drug dosing, and is interested in PEM fellowship and workforce issues. In addition, the AAP has a dedicated Department of Federal Affairs in Washington that advocates for the health of all children. The AAP is viewed as the “white hat,” and has considerable influence on advocacy related issues. Access to health care for all children, immunizations, children with disabilities, injury prevention, and Medicaid are a few of the topics on the AAP agenda. The AAP advocates for children and adolescents with chronic diseases more than any other medical organization. The SOEM collaborates with many other committees and sections of the Academy as well as outside organizations including the American College of Emergency Physicians. Each SOEM member that becomes involved in the AAP will benefit from these collaborations as well as the opportunity to network with other pediatric subspecialists. In addition, the Section has a very active PEM Fellowship Subcommittee and a Committee for the Future to advocate for the needs of junior faculty and identify and facilitate training of PEM leaders of the future. One of the most recent initiatives of the Committee for the Future is the creation of a mentorship program.

Policy & Research

The SOEM serves as an expert resource to the AAP by providing review and input to official AAP policy and by working with the AAP Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine to develop new and revised statements, listed at: <http://www.aap.org/visit/cmte26.htm> The Section Executive Committee has direct involvement in the PEM Collaborative Research Network (PEM CRC) as well as direct linkage to the HRSA/MCHB-funded Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN).

Education & Leadership

The SOEM sponsors scientific abstract presentations, a business meeting, and educational programming each year at the AAP National Conference & Exhibition. The Section also sponsors an annual call for abstracts, presented at this meeting and published in the journal, *Pediatric Emergency Care*. In addition, the Section continues to sponsor PREP-EM, a very successful intensive PEM review course, every 2 years, an annual PEM Fellow’s Conference, and periodic PEM Leadership Retreats. Recently the Section launched a new online image gallery called PEMpix, accessible to members only. A series of PEM coding was also developed as a resource for Section members. Members of the AAP and SOEM receive discounts on and access to the AAP educational resources such as *Pediatrics*, *AAP News*, PediaLink®, and manuals for health professionals (ie, the Redbook). Leadership training and lobbying workshops are available to SOEM members through the Academy. Section members are eligible for election to the SOEM Executive Committee and can participate in any of the Section subcommittees.

Awards

The SOEM sponsors several annual awards, including: \$1,000 Distinguished Service Award, \$10,000 Ken Graff Young Investigator Research Award, 2 \$800 advocacy scholarships, and several abstract and physician-in-training awards.

SOEM Executive Committee (2006-2007):

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