



## 2025 Call for Abstracts: Program-Specific Guidelines

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Submitters must select one of the below programs. Submissions must meet all program-specific (see below) and general guidelines listed [here](#).

Program	Topics	Accepted Submission Types	Prior Presentation	Presentation Formats	Additional Information
<b>Council on Adolescents and Young Adults (CoAYA)</b> <b>*Updated 3/13/25</b>	Any topics that have an impact on adolescents and young adults will be considered.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	
<b>Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (COCAN)</b>	Any aspect of child abuse and neglect, trauma-informed care, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), resilience, sexual exploitation, and/or prevention of child abuse. Adverse Childhood Experiences can include, but are not limited to, household or community violence, poverty, food insecurity, parental or child mental health, household dysfunction and substance use. In addition, abstracts that pertain to identifying or improving child or family resilience will be considered.	Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original	Oral Poster	
<b>Council on Children and Disasters (COCD)</b>	Any aspect of disaster preparedness; response; recovery; emergency preparedness; emergency management; advocacy; mitigation; pediatric readiness.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	
<b>Council on Children with Disabilities (COCWD)</b>	The COCWD abstract program has established topic guidelines in accordance with priorities set forward in the Blueprint for Change: health equity, quality of life, access to services, and financing of services. Topic selections are as follows: anti-ableism in access to services and supports for CYSHCN; impact of social drivers of health on CYSHCN; unique models to overcome barriers to care for CYSHCN; systems to classify subpopulations of CYSHCN; models of sustainable service provision for children with medical complexity.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	
<b>Council on Clinical Information Technology (COCIT)</b>	Any aspect of clinical informatics/health information technology in pediatric care, especially electronic health record (EHR); clinical decision support; electronic documentation; documentation/EHR burden; digital health; augmented/artificial intelligence, machine learning, and large language models; patient portals; patient-generated health data; information sharing and blocking.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	

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<b>Council on Community Pediatrics (COCP)</b>	Any aspects of community pediatrics, including but not limited to child rights, health equity, social drivers of health such as poverty, housing, and food security, integrated models of care, public health partnerships, rural health, and nature.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Poster	One member of the authoring group must be a member of COCP.
<b>Council on Early Childhood (COEC)</b>	Any aspect of early childhood health, early care and education, pediatric primary care, early childhood mental health including infant and toddler mental health, early relational health, early literacy including shared reading, and reading aloud, child development, community health, home visiting, Early Intervention, developmental screening, DEI, preschool suspension, child care, resilience, parenting, vaccination, positive early childhood experiences, social determinants of health, early childhood obesity, protective factors in early childhood, resilience, pretend play, social-emotional development, language development, primary prevention, home visiting and community-engaged research measures.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	
<b>Council on Environmental Health and Climate Change (COEHCC)</b>	Any aspect across the spectrum of pediatric environmental health issues and are encouraged to include environmental justice and health equity considerations. Topics may include but are not limited to pediatric environmental health; childhood lead exposure; environmental asthma triggers; PFAS, microplastics, and other emerging pollutants; projects to combat climate change; projects to enhance sustainability; climate change education; benefits of nature and green spaces; and the intersection of child health with planetary health.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	
<b>Council on Foster Care, Adoption, and Kinship Care (COFCAKC)</b>	Any aspect of adoption (US-Based and International; Adverse Childhood Experiences, which can include, but are not limited to: food insecurity, household or community violence, household dysfunction and substance use, parental or child mental health, poverty; aging out of foster or kinship care; child, family, and/or caregiver resilience; developmental health of children involved in child welfare; disproportionality of black, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Hispanic/Latino children in child welfare; extended foster care; health care issues for children in foster care and kinship care; managed care organizations serving children in child welfare; placement, stability and permanency for children in foster care and kinship care; plans of safe care or unique needs of substance exposed infants; pediatrician roles in child welfare agencies; relational health; research; supporting the needs of families and caregivers who are child welfare involved; Trauma-informed Care (TIC)/ resilience; and the unique needs of kinship care.	Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation	Original	Oral Poster	

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<b>Council on Immigrant Child and Family Health (COICFH)</b>	Any aspect of children in immigrant and refugee families, children/families seeking asylum, unaccompanied children, language justice, trauma informed practice, advocacy, community engagement, and public health.	Advocacy Project Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	
<b>Council on Injury, Violence, and Poison Prevention Program (COIVPP) and Firearm Injury Prevention Special Interest Group</b>	<p>Any aspect of innovative research and programs related to intentional or unintentional injury. We will consider original research, program evaluation, quality improvement (QI), and advocacy abstracts.</p> <p>A separate half day program, in addition to the primary COIVPP program, will focus on firearm injury prevention. Submit abstracts with any aspect of firearm injury prevention, to include advocacy efforts, clinical anticipatory guidance, building partnerships to reduce and/or respond to firearm injury, firearm-related suicide, intentional firearm injury, community and youth violence, school and mass shootings, effects of firearm-related injuries and events, and supporting access to and distribution of secure storage.</p>	Advocacy Project Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	
<b>Council on Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (COQIPS)</b>	Any aspect of Quality improvement, patient safety, institution QI projects; collaborative QI projects, implementation science projects, clinical pathways projects, QI education projects, QI advocacy projects.	Quality Improvement Project	Original	Oral Poster	
<b>Council on School Health Program (COSH)</b>	Any aspect of school health primarily related to racial equity, school climate and environment, pandemic preparedness and response, addressing social determinants of health, integrating health and education, and serving families and communities through school-based health centers.	Advocacy Project Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral	The COSH abstract program is done as roundtable discussions.
<b>Council on Sports Medicine &amp; Fitness (COSMF)</b>	Any aspect of pediatric sports medicine, musculoskeletal medicine, concussion.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	

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<b>Section on Administration and Practice Management (SOAPM)</b>	Any aspect of practice management, including: coding and payment for pediatric offices; negotiating an insurance contract; evaluating an insurance contract; emerging technologies in primary care; implementing the patient centered medical home; evaluating the impact of the patient centered medical home; implementing the role of lead physician in a practice; physician wellness & leadership; mental health integration in primary care; employment contract: becoming a practice owner or solidifying employment in health system; adolescent confidentiality (e.g., Cures Act Implementation); OSHA training in pediatric office; cybersecurity in pediatric office well-child visits; benchmarking and reporting; patient/family communication; staff management; encouraging / implementing portal use; HIPAA compliance issues; preparation for patient volume surges / disasters. The poster session is intended to encourage participation by ECPs as well as to engage SOAPM members in implementing clinical research in their practices.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Poster	
<b>Section on Advances in Therapeutics and Technology (SOATT)</b>	Any aspect of clinical trials and/or regulatory FDA-approved studies of vaccines/drugs/devices, public policy and law related to drug and device development, utility of device/technology and use in pediatric office settings, use of electronic devices for information sharing with patients and families, and other emerging digital health technologies used by providers, patients or families including chronic condition management platforms, health tracking apps, patient engagement software.	Case Report Original Research Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Poster	Awards are available.
<b>Section on Breastfeeding Program (SOBr)</b>	Any aspect of breastfeeding, breastmilk, donor milk, human milk, lactating women, chestfeeding, lactation in workplace, milk supply, infant nutrition, pumping, breastfeeding and health equity, human milk in preterm, breastfeeding advocacy, breastfeeding education projects, community-informed breastfeeding related projects, breastfeeding in children with special health care needs.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	
<b>Section on Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery (SOCCS)</b>	Any topics relevant to CHD (including fetal cardiology), ACHD and acquired heart disease in fetuses, neonates, children and adults. We will consider advocacy topics related to congenital and acquired heart disease in children and ACHD.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original	Oral Poster	
<b>Section on Child Death Review and Prevention (COCDRP)</b>	Any topics related to the description of and/or prevention of neonatal, infant and child fatalities. We will also accept presentations related to Child Fatality Review.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	

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<b>Section on Critical Care (SOCC)</b>	Any aspect of pediatric critical care medicine research including basic science, translational, clinical, quality improvement, advocacy and educational research-focused projects.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original	Oral Poster	The submitter must be a member of AAP and SOCC. Non-SOCC members can contact Sue Tellez for a list of current members at their institution.
<b>Section on Emergency Medicine (SOEM)</b>	Any aspect of pediatric emergency care.	Advocacy Project Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original	Oral Poster	Submissions must be sponsored by a member of the Section on Emergency Medicine. Sponsors may be a co-author on the submission, or a colleague of the submitter(s) who has familiarity with the project/work.
<b>Section on Epidemiology, Public Health, and Evidence (SOEPHE)</b>	Any aspect of epidemiology; public health.	Original Research Program Evaluation	Original Adaptation	Poster	
<b>Section on Global Health (SOCC)</b>	Any aspect of global child health, hospitalized children, pediatric critical care, global maternal and newborn health, immigrant and refugee child health, low- and middle-income countries and limited resource setting are welcome.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	
<b>Section on Hospice and Palliative Medicine (SOHPM)</b>	Any aspect of palliative care, serious illness, end of life, hospice, communication, communication training, shared decision making, advance care planning, complex care, intensive care, psychosocial supports, supportive care, goals of care, goal concordant care.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	Non-members can contact SOHPM staff and the SOHPM abstract chairperson to discuss finding a sponsor for their proposal.
<b>Section on Integrative Medicine Program (SOIM)</b>	Any aspect of integrative medicine, environmental, climate mental health, nature, music, art, yoga, acupuncture, mindfulness, cultural native methods of healing, culinary medicine, herbs, topics on equity and inclusion.	Advocacy Project Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original	Oral Poster	
<b>Section on LGBT Health and Wellness (SOLGBTHW)</b>	Any aspect of gender expression and gender identity, children of parents who are LGBTQ+ identified, LGBTQ+ youth in foster care, health disparities and resilience of LGBTQ+ youth, school safety/inclusion, making pediatric practices more welcoming to LGBTQ+ patients and families, pediatric providers providing PrEP, screening for safer sex practices in all patients, STI screening rates in LGBTQ+ youth, professional needs of LGBTQ+ pediatricians and trainees.	Advocacy Project Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	Seeking input before submitting your abstract? The SOLGBTHW Executive Committee is here to help! Simply email <a href="mailto:solgbthw@aap.org">solgbthw@aap.org</a> requesting feedback.

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<b>Section on Medicine-Pediatrics (SOMP)</b>	Any aspect related to clinical cases and quality improvement projects that have a particular "Med-Peds" perspective. Cases should be a clinical vignette that is applicable to both pediatrics and internal medicine, and presenters are expected to be either Med-Peds residents or faculty.	Advocacy Project Case Report Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	One member of the authoring group must be a member of SOMP.
<b>Section on Minority Health, Equity, and Inclusion and Council (SOMHEI)</b>	Any aspect of health equity, health disparities, racism, antiracism, implicit bias, health literacy, health equity informatics, language barriers, parental literacy, public health, advocacy, workforce diversity, minority tax, trauma-informed care, education, career development, structural violence, violence prevention, community engagement, artificial intelligence, environmental health, justice, burnout, moral injury, and mental health.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	
<b>Section on Neonatal Perinatal Medicine (SONPM)</b>	Submissions relevant to the practice of neonatology (as determined by the submitting author) that meet the indicated submission types will be considered by the abstract review committee.	Advocacy Project Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	Ten abstracts will be selected for oral platform presentations, the remainder will be presented during the poster session.  The top 10 abstracts submitted by fellows in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine or residents in training will receive an AAP SONPM Best Abstract Award of \$1,000. The top two presentations, as judged following oral presentation, will receive a Young Investigator Award and \$1,500.00.
<b>Section on Nicotine and Tobacco Prevention and Treatment (SONTPT)</b>	Any aspect of tobacco, nicotine, nicotine cessation.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	
<b>Section on Obesity and Innovations in Obesity Prevention, Assessment, and Treatment Forum (SOOb/IOPAT)</b>	The Section on Obesity will host a joint abstract program with the Innovations in Obesity Prevention Assessment and Treatment Forum focused on interventions findings, quality improvement results, HIT innovations, or evaluation results related to: obesity prevention, assessment and/or treatment at the point of care clinical workflow approaches, programmatic interventions, family prevention or treatment interventions, etc.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	
<b>Section on Oral Health (SOOh)</b>	Any aspect of health equity and oral health; teledentistry; caries management; interprofessional collaboration and interdisciplinary oral health; school-based oral health programs; community water fluoridation; public health dentistry.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	

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<b>Section on Orthopaedics (SOOr)</b>	Any original research on the topic of pediatric orthopaedics and pediatric sports medicine.	Original Research	Original	Oral	Study groups are not allowed to author a submission and will be removed by AAP. If data used in a study originates from a study group's data, please refer to the study group in the methods section of the abstract.
<b>Section on Osteopathic Pediatricians (SOOPe)</b>	Any aspect of osteopathic manipulative treatment, general pediatrics.	Case Report Original Research Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Poster	Any DO Pediatrician may sponsor. One member of the authoring group must be a DO or osteopathic medical student.
<b>Section on Pediatric Trainees (SOPT)</b>	Any interesting clinical case abstracts submitted by medical student, resident, or trainee members of the AAP.	Case Report	Original	Poster	Must be a SOPT Member
<b>Section on Simulation and Innovative Learning Methods (SoSILM)</b>	Any aspects of simulation and/or innovative learning methods for pediatric providers and pediatric care. Innovative learning methods include, but are not limited to, novel patient/parent education strategies, artificial intelligence, adaptive learning, immersive simulation, and gamification. Projects utilizing simulation for team dynamics, patient care, and/or procedural competency are also encouraged.	Advocacy Project Original Research Program Evaluation	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	
<b>Section on Surgery (SOSu)</b>	Any aspect pertaining to diagnosis and management of congenital and acquired pediatric surgical conditions will be considered. In addition to the use of diagnostic modalities and outcomes of intervention, topics affecting the pediatric surgical patient population or providers will be considered as well (e.g. population health, trauma system development, fetal interventions, equity and access, quality of life, cost-benefit, program development of pediatric surgery).	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original	Oral Poster	All submissions require a section member as author or sponsor.  Abstracts are eligible for four awards. The Rosenkrantz Award competition is open to surgical residents and training fellows. Submission of a manuscript is no longer required for the Rosenkrantz competition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Abstract Poster Award - \$1,000.</li> <li>- Chair's Award - \$800</li> <li>- Rosenkrantz Clinical Science Award - \$1,200.</li> <li>- Rosenkrantz Basic Science Award - \$1,200</li> </ul>
<b>Section on Telehealth Care (SOTC)</b>	Any aspect of telehealth, telemedicine, remote physiologic monitoring, remote therapeutic monitoring, or other forms of digital health care.	Advocacy Project Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	

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<b>Section on Transport Medicine (SOTM)</b> <b>*Updated 3/4/25</b>	Any aspect of quality and improvement neonatal research in treatment and management during transport pediatric research in treatment and management during transport.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	
<b>Section on Uniformed Services (SOUS)</b>	<p><b>The Ogden Bruton Award:</b> basic science research or research on the development, evaluation, or application of an emerging technology in military-connected pediatrics.</p> <p><b>The Andrew Margileth Award:</b> research performed by a Uniformed Pediatrician documenting clinical findings or assessing clinical diagnostic studies, therapeutic regimens, and outcomes leading to improved quality of health care for children.</p> <p><b>The Howard Johnson Award:</b> research by a Uniformed Resident (of any specialty) on a pediatric topic.</p> <p><b>The Leo Geppert Innovation Award:</b> scholarly work by a Uniformed Pediatrician outlining a Quality Improvement or Patient Safety innovation affecting the care of pediatric patients.</p> <p><b>The Leo Geppert Case Award:</b> case report by a Uniformed Pediatrician</p> <p><b>The Val C. Hemming Award:</b> scholarly work performed by a USUHS, HPSP, or ROTC medical student on a pediatric-related topic in clinical or basic science research.</p> <p><b>The Medical Education Research Award:</b> recognizes outstanding contributions and commitment to medical education research in undergraduate or graduate medical education in pediatric medicine with special emphasis on development of the military pediatrician.</p>	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	
<b>Section on Urgent Care Medicine (SOUCM)</b>	Any aspect of pediatric urgent care.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	A non-member can contact a member of the executive committee if they need to find a sponsor.
<b>Section on Urology (SOU)</b>	Any aspect of hydronephrosis, hypospadias, urinary tract dilation, fetal urology, transplant urology, urinary tract infections, oncology, transition care, spina bifida, voiding dysfunction and neurology, robotics, endourology, exstrophy, population health, quality improvement.	Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation	Original	Oral	