



2026 Call for Abstracts: Program-Specific Guidelines

Submitters must select one of the following programs. Submissions must meet all program-specific (see below) and general guidelines listed [here](#).
AAP membership is not required but highly encouraged. Each program may have individual membership and sponsorship requirements.

Program	Topics	Accepted Submission Types	Prior Presentation	Presentation Formats	Additional Information
Council on Adolescents and Young Adults (CoAYA)	Any aspect of adolescent health, with special consideration given to submissions focused on AI and technology.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	
Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (COCAN)	Any aspect of child abuse and neglect, trauma-informed care, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), resilience, sexual exploitation, and/or prevention of child maltreatment. 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	
Council on Children and Disasters (COCD)	Any aspect of, but not limited to: Surge/MCI (Triage), natural disasters, patient tracking and reunification, mental health, emerging infectious diseases, CBRNE, disaster preparedness and mitigation, response, recovery, and resilience to disasters in communities, clinics, hospitals, emergency preparedness, advocacy, leadership, education/training, innovation, and/or improvement in emergency management and pediatric readiness.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Poster	Submitting authors are encouraged to join COCD.
Council on Children with Disabilities (COCWD)	Guidelines are in accordance with priorities set forward in the Blueprint for Change: health equity, quality of life, access to services, and financing of services. Topics include: any aspect of 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, and 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	

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Council on Clinical Information Technology (COCIT)	Submissions are invited on applied clinical informatics and health information technology that improve pediatric care, workflows, safety, quality, equity, or patient engagement. Topics include EHRs, clinical decision support, documentation burden, digital health, AI/ML/LLMs in clinical use, patient-facing tools, interoperability, and data privacy. Abstracts focused solely on secondary data analysis without a clinical informatics intervention are discouraged.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	
Council on Community Pediatrics (COCP)	Any aspect of child rights, social drivers of health, environmental justice, integrated models of care, community partnerships, climate change, health equity, trauma. Abstract submissions that incorporate youth, family or community voice and/or partnership are strongly encouraged.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	Must be a member of the Council on Community Pediatrics.
Council on Early Childhood (COEC)	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	Oral Poster	Must be a member of the Council on Early Childhood.
Council on Environmental Health and Climate Change (COEHCC)	Any aspect of pediatric environmental health, including (but not limited to) childhood lead exposure; environmental asthma triggers; PFAS, microplastics, and other emerging pollutants; projects to combat climate change; projects to enhance sustainability; benefits of nature and green spaces; and the intersection of child health with planetary health. Submissions are encouraged to include environmental justice and health equity considerations.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	

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Council on Foster Care, Adoption, and Kinship Care (COFCAKC)	<p>Any aspect related to the health and well-being of children and families involved in foster care, adoption (domestic or international), and kinship care that may highlight developmental and behavioral health, placement stability and permanency, extended foster care, and the unique needs of kinship families. We encourage abstracts addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)—including food insecurity, poverty, mental health concerns, community or household violence, substance use, and household dysfunction—as well as trauma-informed care, relational health, and child, family, or caregiver resilience. Work examining racial and ethnic disparities in child welfare, particularly among Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Hispanic/Latino children, is strongly encouraged. Submissions focused on systems and practice, including health care delivery for children in foster or kinship care, managed care models, pediatrician roles in child welfare agencies, Plans of Safe Care, and the needs of substance-exposed infants. Research, policy, educational, and community-based innovations that strengthen support for children and families involved in child welfare are welcome. Abstracts related to any additional topics connected to the themes above will also be considered.</p>	<p>Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation</p>	<p>Original</p>	<p>Oral Poster</p>	
Council on Health Equity (COHE)	<p>Any aspect of health equity, health justice, health disparities, racism, antiracism, implicit bias, health literacy, political determinants of health, 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.</p>	<p>Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project</p>	<p>Original Adaptation</p>	<p>Oral Poster</p>	
Council on Immigrant Child and Family Health (COICFH)	<p>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.</p>	<p>Advocacy Project Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project</p>	<p>Original Adaptation</p>	<p>Oral Poster</p>	

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Council on Injury, Violence, and Poison Prevention Program (COIVPP) and Firearm Injury Prevention Special Interest Group	<p>Any aspect of intentional or unintentional injury, including clinical research, clinical anticipatory guidance, building partnerships to reduce and/or respond to pediatric injury, and advocacy efforts. Four types of abstracts related to injury prevention are encouraged: research abstracts presenting original research findings; program abstracts describing projects with evaluative data; quality improvement (QI) abstracts presenting QI projects; and advocacy abstracts describing work to advance injury prevention issues and interventions at all levels.</p> <p>Specific to firearm injury, a wide array of abstracts are welcome, including any aspect of intentional or unintentional injury, firearm injury prevention, including 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. Please note that abstracts related to firearm injury prevention may be considered for oral presentation as part the Firearm Injury Prevention Symposium, a half-day program specifically focused on firearm injury prevention which occurs the Friday before the NCE begins.</p>	Advocacy Project Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	
Council on Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (COQIPS)	Any aspect of Quality Improvement and Patient Safety.	Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	
Council on School Health (COSH)	Any aspect of school health primarily related to health equity, school climate and environment, pandemic preparedness and response, addressing social drivers 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.
Council on Sports Medicine and Fitness (COSMF)	Any aspect of pediatric sports medicine, musculoskeletal medicine, concussion, and physical activity.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	

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Section on Administration and Practice Management (SOAPM)	Any aspect of pediatric primary care practice management and administration, including coding and payment strategies, negotiating and evaluating insurance contracts, leveraging emerging technologies, and implementing or assessing the medical home model. Submissions can also address physician leadership roles and wellness, integration of mental health services in primary care, employment contracting, and systems to ensure adolescent confidentiality. Additional areas of interest include compliance and safety measures such as OSHA training, HIPAA, and cybersecurity; operational efficiency through benchmarking, reporting, and disaster preparedness; and patient and family engagement strategies, including communication and portal adoption. The poster session is designed to encourage participation by early career professionals (ECPs) and to engage SOAPM members in applying clinical research within practice settings.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project		Original Adaptation Encore Poster	
Section on Advances in Therapeutics and Technology (SOATT)	Any aspect of clinical trials/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, and use of electronic devices for information sharing with patients and families.	Case Report Original Research Quality Improvement Project		Original Adaptation Encore Poster	
Section on Breastfeeding (SOBr)	Any aspect of breastfeeding, breastmilk feeding, donor milk, social media myths about breastfeeding, community outreach around increasing breastfeeding rates in minoritized populations; breastfeeding equity, breastmilk components, anything breastmilk related.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project		Original Oral Poster	Must be a member of the Section on Breastfeeding. Non-member trainees may submit if their faculty advisor is a member of SOBr.
Section on Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery (SOCCS)	Any topics related to pediatric congenital and acquired heart disease, including fetal cardiology and adult congenital cardiology. We will also consider advocacy abstracts relevant to these topics as well. Prizes will be awarded for the Advocacy, Young Investigators, and poster abstract presentations.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project		Original Oral Poster	
Section on Child Death Review and Prevention (SOCDRP)	Any topic related to child death prevention and child death review committees. We will consider topics that look at child death statistics and particular causes of child deaths.	Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation		Original Oral Poster	
Section on Critical Care (SOCC)	All aspects of pediatric critical care 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	All submitters must be a member of AAP and the Section on Critical Care. Non-SOCC members can contact AAP for a list of current members at their institution.

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Section on Emergency Medicine (SOEM)	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.
Section on Epidemiology, Public Health, and Evidence (SOEPHE)	Any research that focuses on epidemiology, public health, and evidence.	Original Research Program Evaluation	Original Adaptation	Poster	All submitters must be a member of AAP and the Section on Epidemiology, Public Health, and Evidence
Section on Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition (SOGHN)	Any aspect of gastroenterology, liver, and nutrition topics.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	
Section on Global Health (SOGH)	Any aspect of global child health, global maternal and newborn health, immigrant and refugee child health, humanitarian pediatrics, and environmental health and climate change in low- and middle-income countries or limited resource settings are welcome.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	
Section on Home Care (SoHCa)	Any aspect of pediatric home health care including pediatric hospital at home or advanced care at home, respite care, paid family caregiving, models of partnerships with home health care agencies, home-based pediatric palliative and hospice care services, home behavioral/mental health services, home modifications and durable medical equipment, and related settings that utilize or transition children to home health services (e.g., prescribed pediatric extended care services (PPECS), post-acute care facility).	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	
Section on Hospice and Palliative Medicine (SOHPM)	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, and goal concordant care.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	Must be a section member. Non-members can contact SOHPM staff and the SOHPM abstract chairperson to discuss finding a sponsor for their proposal.
Section on Integrative Medicine (SOIM)	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	

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Section on LGBT Health and Wellness (SOLGBTHW)	All topics related to the care of LGBTQ+ youth are welcome.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	
Section on Medicine-Pediatrics (SOMP)	Any 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.	Case Report Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	
Section on Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine (SONPM)	Any aspect 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	
Section on Nicotine and Tobacco Prevention and Treatment (SONTPT)	Any aspect of tobacco, nicotine, and nicotine cessation.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	
Section on Obesity (SOOb) and Innovations in Obesity Prevention, Assessment, and Treatment Forum (IOPAT)	Any aspect of obesity prevention, assessment, evaluation, and treatment innovations at the point of care. Quality improvement, clinical workflow approaches, HIT innovations, programmatic interventions, family prevention or treatment interventions, etc. Submissions are considered for both the Section on Obesity and Innovations in Obesity Prevention, Assessment and Treatment Forum programs.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	
Section on Oral Health (SOOH)	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, and public health dentistry.	Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation Encore	Oral Poster	
Section on Orthopaedics (SOOr)	Any aspect of pediatric orthopedics and pediatric sports medicine. <i>A maximum of 2 abstracts per presenting author will be accepted for presentation.</i>	Original Research	Original	Oral	Study groups are not allowed to author a submission and will be removed by AAP. If an abstract's data originates from a study group, please do not include the study group as an author, but instead make note of this in the methods section of the abstract.

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Section on Osteopathic Pediatricians (SOOPe)	Any aspect of osteopathic manipulative treatment, general pediatrics.	Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation 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.
Section on Pediatric Trainees (SOPT)	Any interesting clinical case abstracts submitted by medical student, resident, or trainee members of the AAP.	Case Report	Original	Poster	Must be a member of the Section on Pediatric Trainees.
Section on Simulation & Innovative Learning Methods (SoSILM)	Any abstracts that highlight simulation and innovative learning approaches that advance experiential learning in pediatric care. SoSILM Best Abstract Award - Simulation-Based Education <i>best research focused on simulation-based education</i> SoSILM Best Abstract Award - Innovative Learning Methods <i>best research focused on innovative learning methods</i> SoSILM Outstanding Trainee Abstract Award - Simulation & Innovative Learning <i>best research submitted by a pediatric trainee</i>	Advocacy Project Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	
Section on Surgery (SOSu)	Any aspect of Pediatric Surgery will be considered including algorithms, functional outcomes, disparity research, and large database research. Prizes will be awarded for Rosenkrantz and Quick Shot Abstract presentations. <u>Oral abstract presenters may</u> submit a manuscript based on your presentation to the Journal of Pediatric Surgery . The manuscript deadline is <u>August 14, 2026</u> .	Advocacy Project Original Research Quality Improvement Project	Original	Oral Poster	At least one abstract author should be a member of the Section on Surgery. If a sponsor cannot be found, the authors should contact the Program Chair for sponsorship.
Section on Telehealth Care (SOTC)	Any topics that relate to telehealth and virtual care, in any aspect of health care delivery.	Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original Adaptation	Oral Poster	
Section on Transport Medicine (SOTM)	Any aspect of transport medicine and telemedicine.	Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project	Original	Oral Poster	

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<p>Section on Uniformed Services (SOUS)</p>	<p>The Ogden Bruton Award: basic science research or research on the development, evaluation, or application of an emerging technology in military-connected pediatrics.</p> <p>The Andrew Margileth Award: 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>The Howard Johnson Award: research by a Uniformed Resident (of any specialty) on a pediatric topic.</p> <p>The Leo Geppert Innovation Award: scholarly work by a Uniformed Pediatrician outlining a Quality Improvement or Patient Safety innovation affecting the care of pediatric patients.</p> <p>The Leo Geppert Case Award: case report by a Uniformed Pediatrician</p> <p>The Val G. Hemming Award: scholarly work performed by a USUHS, HPSP, or ROTC medical student on a pediatric-related topic in clinical or basic science research.</p> <p>The Medical Education Research Award: 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>	<p>Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Quality Improvement Project</p>	<p>Original Adaptation</p>	<p>Oral Poster</p>	
<p>Section on Urgent Care (SOUCM)</p>	<p>Any aspect of pediatric urgent care.</p>	<p>Advocacy Project Case Report Original Research Program Evaluation Quality Improvement Project</p>	<p>Original Adaptation Encore</p>	<p>Oral Poster</p>	<p>Must be a member of the Section on Urgent Care. A non-member can contact a member of the executive committee if they need to find a sponsor.</p>