

Advocacy and the PPC

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- Mona Patel, MD
- Maya Ragavan, MD, MPH, MS

American Pediatric Society



- Lisa Chamberlain, MD
- David Keller, MD

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- **Priorities**

- Improving Health Care Access and Coverage
- Expanding Child Health Research
- Advancing Health Equity
- Strengthening the Next Generation of Diverse Researchers

- **Activities**

- Monthly PPC call
- Liaison, AAP Committee on Federal Government Affairs
- Address policy issues with legislators and agencies through letters, visits, legislation
- Policy commentaries in *Pediatric Research*
- Sponsor sessions at PAS and beyond
- Increase advocacy training and web and social media presence





Sign On Letters and Other Advocacy

- FY 2024 appropriations request for Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program, March 2023
- FY 2024 appropriations request for Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, March 8, 2023
- FY 2024 appropriations request for National Center for Health Statistics, March 9, 2023
- FY 2024 appropriations request for National Institutes of Health (Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research), March 14, 2023
- Letter to Congress in support of permanent protections for DACA recipients, March 21, 2023
- FY 2024 appropriations request for *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, March 27, 2023
- FY 2024 Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition workforce development programs funding request, April 3, 2023
- FY 2024 appropriations request for gun violence prevention research, April 19, 2023
- Letter opposing cuts to Medicaid, April 20, 2023
- FY 2024 appropriations request for Census Bureau, April 21, 2023
- FY 2024 appropriations request for Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program, May 17, 2023
- FY 2024 appropriations request for NIH Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes program, May 17, 2023
- Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program Implementation Letter to HRSA, August 3, 2023
- Letter to Congress supporting strong FY 2024 funding for Census Bureau, September 2023
- Letter supporting robust funding for the National Center for Health Statistics in final FY 2024 spending package, September 2023
- Children's Health Insurance Program Permanency Act Letter to Congress, November 15, 2023
- Letter to White House Urging Finalization of Menthol Cigarette Prohibition Rule, December 20, 2023
- Letter to Congress opposing use of Census Bureau appropriations as funding offset in FY 2024 funding bill, January 2024
- Emergency Medical Services for Children Program Reauthorization Letter of Support, January 2024
- PACT Act Letter of Support, February 2024



Commentaries in Pediatric Research

- February 9, 2024: Drs Shetal Shah and Heather Brumberg, [Advocate to vaccinate: moving away from the “politics” of vaccination](#)
- December 30, 2023: Dr David Keller, [Nuclear war and the academic pediatrician](#)
- October 16, 2023: Drs Hellen Ko, Ashwini Lakshmanan, and Jessie Maxwell, [Hydrocortisone may spare head growth, but the debate for steroid use rages on](#)
- July 22, 2023: Dr Shetal Shah, [“Medi-Mom”: maternal mortality and extending postpartum Medicaid coverage](#)
- July 3, 2023: Drs Tina Cheng, Tracy Glauser, and Ann Reed, [The evolving model of pediatric research](#)
- June 29, 2023: Dr Erin Paquette, [Tech-equity in pediatric primary care: applying pandemic lessons in a post-public health emergency state](#)
- May 4, 2023: Drs Mona Patel and Jean Raphael, [Pediatric subspecialty pipeline: aligning care needs with a changing pediatric health care delivery environment](#)
- February 25, 2023: Drs Mark Schleiss, Sallie Permar, and Chandy John, [What are the key pediatric public policy priorities as the COVID-19 pandemic persists?](#)
- February 17, 2023: Dr Shetal Shah, [Band aids for Medicaid: preserving the high numbers of child health coverage during the pandemic](#)
- January 23, 2023: Drs Kelsen Kobayashi, Anna Miller-Fitzwater, Cherece Grier & Kimberly Montez, [The lapse of federal COVID-19 funding: implications for health equity](#)
- December 8, 2022: Drs Brian Varisco, Sherin U. Devaskar, Kristy Murray, and Tina Cheng, [The Advanced Research Projects Agency—Health \(ARPA-H\): a new model for research in child health](#)
- October 25, 2022: Dr Shetal Shah, [Legislative remedies to mitigate the national emergency in pediatric mental health](#)

Topics of Focus



COALITION FOR PEDIATRIC MEDICAL RESEARCH

The Pediatricians Accelerate Childhood Therapies Act of 2023 (S. 2345 & H.R. 4714)

OVERVIEW

Without a healthy and sustained commitment to developing the next generation of pediatric-focused researchers – particularly physician-scientists who bridge the research lab and clinical care – the pace of innovation will be slowed. The result will be fewer research breakthroughs and more diseases and conditions lacking disease-treatments, therapies, or cures. While Congress and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) have recognized the challenges associated with developing early-career researchers, a number of barriers remain, particularly in the field of pediatrics.

Key pediatric stakeholders and experts continue to underscore the urgency of addressing these challenges. Most recently, in September 2023, the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NAEM) released a much-anticipated [report](#), entitled *“The Future Pediatric Subspecialty Physician Workforce: Meeting the needs of Infants, Children, and Adolescents.”* Among its many findings, the study found that existing NIH career development funding levels are insufficient and that pediatric physician-scientists specifically are in need for targeted support to empower pediatric research. As a policy remedy, the study recommended that NIH should “increase the number of career development grants in pediatrics, particularly institutional training awards.” This recommendation and complementary proposals directly justify the need for Congress to enact the Pediatricians Accelerate Childhood Therapies Act (S. 2345 & HR. 4714) to support pediatric researchers and address the unique challenges they face.

- Proposes new trans-NIH funding mechanism for pediatric research training targeted at early-career researchers and diversity

- Formalizes under law the Trans-NIH Pediatric Research Consortium (N-PeRC) that has been established at NIH to coordinate pediatric research activities across institutes and centers



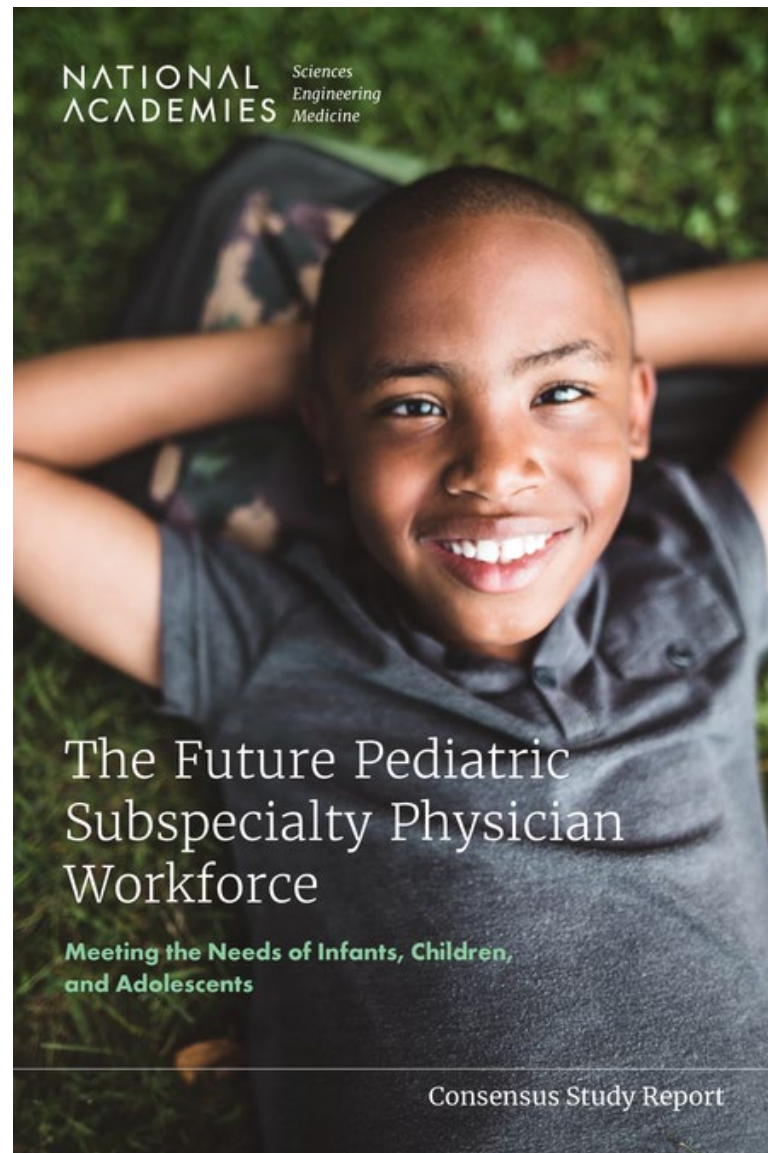
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First AMSPDC DC Hill Day December 6, 2023

16 institutions, 34 people



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Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program

2023

2023 PSLRP Applicant Pool and Acceptances	Applied	Accepted	Acceptance Rate
PROVIDER TYPE			
Physician	836	34	4.1%
<i>Allopathic Physician</i>	745	27	3.6%
Internal Medicine	1	0	0.0%
None	13	0	0.0%
OB/GYN	2	0	0.0%
Pediatrics	619	25	4.0%
Psychiatry	27	2	7.4%
Surgery	45	0	0.0%
<i>Osteopathic Physician</i>	91	7	7.7%
None	2	0	0.0%
Pediatrics	81	7	8.6%
Psychiatry	4	0	0.0%
Surgery	4	0	0.0%
Non-Physician	600	88	14.7%
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	117	15	12.8%
Licensed or Certified Master's Level Social Worker	119	26	21.8%
Licensed Professional Counselor	121	35	28.9%
Marriage and Family Therapist	36	7	19.4%
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	48	0	0.0%
Psychologist	155	4	2.6%
SUD Counselor	4	1	25.0%
Total	1436	122	8.5%



National Academy of Medicine Studies focusing on children

- Addressing the Long-Term Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Children and Families (Chair: Coker), 3/2023
- The Pediatric Subspecialty Workforce and Its Impact on Child Health & Wellbeing (Chair: Rivara), 10/2023
- Low Birth Weight Babies and Disability (Member: Devaskar), 11/2023
- Assessment of the Impact of Social Media on the Health & Wellbeing of Adolescents and Children (Member: Walker Harding), 12/2023
- Improving the Health & Wellbeing of Children and Youth through Health Care System Transformation (Chairs: Cheng & Perrin): in progress

Nominations for membership October thru January