

# Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs

Membership & Bylaws Committee  
Loretta Cordova de Ortega, MD

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# Committee Members

- Loretta Cordova de Ortega, MD
- John Frohna, MD
- Charles Schleien, MD



# Accomplishments

- Approval of Bylaws revision to include Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) accredited osteopathic medical schools.
- DO programs were invited to apply pending ability to meet requirements.
- DO programs have applied for membership
- A new pediatrics program applied for membership



# Committee Approved Members

DO Program	Name	Email
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University of Pikeville - Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine	Rakesh Sachdeva	<a href="mailto:sachdev1@bellsouth.net">sachdev1@bellsouth.net</a>



# New Applications Since October 2023

- Atrium Health

- H. Stacy Nicholson, MD, MPH

Sara H. and Howard C. Bissell Endowed Chair

President, Atrium Health Children's Services

Clinical Professor and Charlotte Chair of Pediatrics, Wake Forest School of Medicine

- President for Children's Services for Atrium Health
- Responsible for care across all out children's hospitals and services across the Carolinas and Georgia. I
- Chair of Pediatrics for the Charlotte Campus of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine.
- a teaching campus for the WFSOM, but in 2025, we will be a fully accredited LCME four-year campus of the WFSOM.



# New Applications Since October 2023

- Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Virginia
  - Harsha Bhagtani  
Discipline Chair for Pediatrics



# Not Approved

- The Chicagoland Children's Health Alliance
  - Frank Belmonte, D.O., MPH (he/him/his)  
Chief Medical Officer and Chairman of Pediatrics  
Advocate Children's Hospital  
Co-Chief Medical Officer -
- I am responsible for the faculty who have been appointed to run our M3 and M4 student clerkships at our three aligned medical schools. I do not have a formal reporting relationship to the Dean of these schools, nor do they complete my annual evaluation. Let me know if you require further details.



# No Longer Affiliated

- U. of Texas Rio Grande Valley
  - Robert Nelson, MD
- Departments are being eliminated and the school will be organized into integrated service units. Pediatric faculty will become part of the Primary and Community Care Integrated Service Unit along with OB/GYN; Family Medicine, outpatient Internal medicine and 2 research departments.
- Peds will be in a subunit Women's and Children's Health. The Interim ISU lead is a pediatrician but in the future may be from any of the specialties.
- As of 9/1/23 will no longer be Chair of Pediatrics.





# Request from Board

- Per bylaws final approval of board for programs approved by the committee.

