



***The Council of Pediatric Subspecialties advances child health through communication and collaboration within its network of pediatric subspecialties and liaison organizations.***

**CoPS Activities  
January 2017 Update**

- Ongoing dialogue with ABP to provide useful/applicable information and tools for Maintenance of Certification in pediatric subspecialties
  - The ABP giving serious considering for the suggestion to have fellows write some of the questions for MOCA-Subs
  - The issue of Department Chairs signing off QI projects locally is under consideration
  - The point system probably will not change in structure, but other options will likely become available to make it easier to meet this requirement, with only one rather than two or more projects needed
  - The peer review publication of a QI program raised several questions, so this is under further discussion. Issues include varying criteria by journals that publish articles and the preliminary and nonscientific rigor of abstracts
- We created a Workforce Assessment Action Team that is currently developing a plan to proceed with workforce assessment of pediatric subspecialties, helping to consolidate workforce efforts nationwide, starting by discussions with ABP and APPD, and exploring role / progress by AAP
- Collaborating with APPD on Fellowship Funding issue, initially to define problem for programs and trainees – survey in progress ([goo.gl/KRdaoR](http://goo.gl/KRdaoR))
- Assisting ABP in the communication of Milestones for subspecialty EPAs including creation of educational resources and posting them on the CoPS website
- Continuing to encourage acceptance of the common fall match date for all pediatric subspecialties (working with AMSPDC to help transition Heme-Onc and Cardiology to fall match)
- As per its recommendations published in 2015, the CoPS Fellowship Start Date Action Team continues to strongly encourage pediatric subspecialty programs to delay their start date until **July 7** beginning this academic year. With the support of APPD, CoPS has hired an immigration attorney to provide legal advice regarding the gap in training for those on a H1b visa.
- Mentoring lists posted on CoPS website to facilitate trainee communication with subspecialists
- Updating CoPS website and continued development of Social Media activities and opportunities for CoPS as a whole and within subspecialties
- Preparing initial submission of two articles for AMSPDC pages in J Peds, one describing the formation of the Subspecialty Pediatrics Investigator Network (SPIN) and the other Fellows as Teachers
- Assisting with APA in the development of a Core Curriculum in Scholarly Activities for all pediatric subspecialty fellows.
- The Subspecialty Pediatrics Investigator Network (SPIN) had its first article accepted for publication (in *Academic Medicine*) and is preparing to initiate its second study, a survey of pediatric fellowship program directors to determine the minimum level of supervision that a fellow must achieve for each common and subspecialty-specific EPA to graduate from fellowship.
- Spring CoPS Council meeting: May 7, 2017; 7-9am in San Francisco (at the PAS annual meeting)
- Fall CoPS Council meeting: Nov 16-17, 2017 in Chicago