



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

CoPS Activities
August 2017 Update

- Ongoing dialogue with ABP to provide useful/applicable information and tools for Maintenance of Certification in pediatric subspecialties
 - The suggestion to have fellows write some of the questions for MOCA-Subs has been withdrawn as impractical due to several issues, primarily that fellows would require a lot of time to become proficient question writers, and supervision time would be significant for this activity
 - The structure of the point system will not change although there are increasing options to meet the MOC part 2 and 4 requirements.
- The Workforce Action Team is working to address the multitude of workforce issues it has identified over the past year. In partnership with the ABP, the Action Team is working to review past workforce research and to develop new workforce research questions pertinent to pediatric subspecialists. In addition, the Action Team is going to choose 2-3 workforce issues within our subspecialty community that CoPS will lead efforts to design tangible solutions.
- In collaboration with the APPD on the Fellowship Funding issue, a survey sent to FPDs in late May/early June has generated data on funding of fellows. Results are currently being analyzed.
- AMSPDC will be hosting a webinar, likely in October 2017, and has asked CoPS leadership to review several CoPS initiatives currently in progress.
- CoPS continues to assist ABP and CoPS members in communications regarding Milestones for subspecialty EPAs, including creation of educational resources and posting these on the CoPS website.
- Breaking news: both Cardiology and Hematology/Oncology have joined the other subspecialties in accepting a common fall match date, so all pediatric subspecialties are now on board!!
- The CoPS Fellowship Start Date Action Team continues working particularly with APPD and AMSPDC to transition the fellowship start date to July 7 or later. We are assessing the progress this summer, July 2017 and are continuing to work with the other non-pediatric specialties to better unify the match process.
- Updating CoPS website and continued development of Social Media activities and opportunities for CoPS. CoPS became active on Twitter in March, 2017 (handle: @_pedsubs)
- For AMSPDC pages in the Journal of Pediatrics: SPIN (R Mink, et al) has been accepted for publication! Further manuscripts are in various stages of preparation and include: (1) Pediatric Subspecialty Workforce issues, (2) Fellowship funding, and (3) CoPS over 10 years.
- Assisting, with APA, in the development and dissemination of a Core Curriculum in Scholarly Activities for all pediatric subspecialty fellows.
- Fall CoPS Council meeting: Nov 16-17, 2017; Chicago, IL.