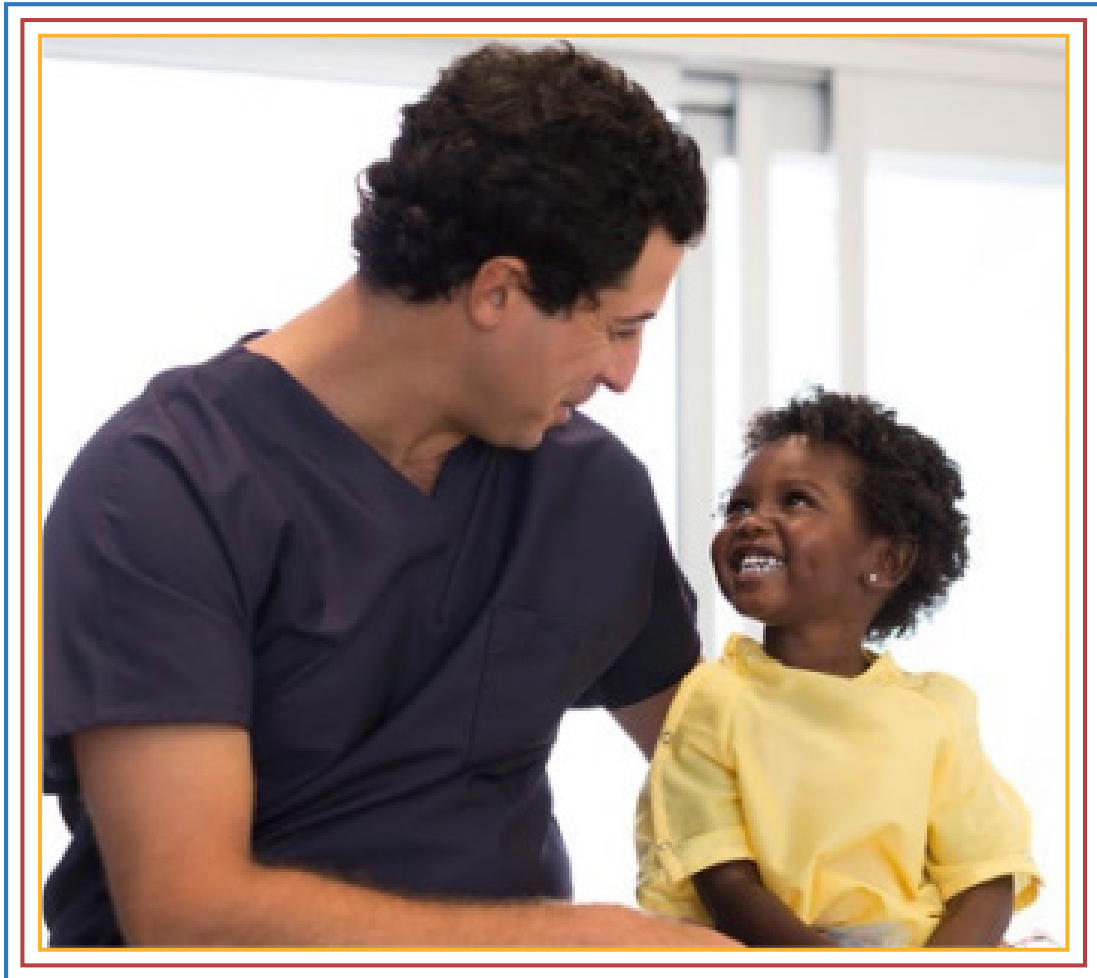




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NEW MEMBER **WELCOME KIT**



We're glad you're here!

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Vision and Mission

APSA VISION

All children receive the highest [quality](#) surgical care.



APSA MISSION

To provide the best surgical care to our [patients and families](#) by supporting an [inclusive community](#) through [education](#), [discovery](#) and [advocacy](#).

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Welcome

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Dear New APSA Member,

On behalf of the leadership of the American Pediatric Surgical Association, we'd like to welcome you to APSA and the pediatric surgical community. As a member of APSA, your investment provides opportunities to excel in your profession and contribute to the field.

Being part of this close-knit society presents you with multiple ways to interact with a wide range of colleagues and specialists – from pioneers in the field to trainees at all levels to a section dedicated to affiliate professionals – who share your desire to fulfill APSA's mission of *Saving Lifetimes*.

APSA's unparalleled **educational programming** is all within your easy reach and comes with a member discount. Explore the multiple ways to keep current on research, techniques and best practices in **pediatric surgery** and also to earn valuable **pediatric surgery Continuing Medical Education credits**. Learn more on page 12.

Involvement in **committees, task forces and strategic initiatives** is a great way to engage in the APSA community. Often these are very effective vehicles for getting things done and networking with those with similar interests. Learn more on page 14.

The **APSA Foundation** is the philanthropic partner of APSA and supports pediatric surgical innovation and discovery, surgeon-scientist career development, member education, and other efforts which ensure access, quality, and equity in the surgical care and lives of all children. Through inspired giving, members support its vision to promote excellence in pediatric surgery by fostering scientific, clinical and educational endeavors through inspired giving. The Foundation offers several scholarships. Read more on page 10.

We welcome you to our community and look forward to seeing you in person or online. Should you have questions of any kind or need assistance accessing the member benefits, please contact us at info@apsaped surg.org.



Who's Who at APSA?

BOARD OF GOVERNORS



Thomas F. Tracy, Jr.
MD MBA
President

THOMAS TRACY

Dr. Thomas Tracy is a native of Albany, New York. He is a graduate of Colgate University, Albany Medical College and the first class of the New York State Program, Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University. He received his MBA from the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University. Dr. Tracy most recently served the American Pediatric Surgical Association as its Executive Director. He spent 19 years in a variety of leadership roles at Brown University and Lifespan Health System, role of Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President at PennState Health, Hershey Medical Center, Lifespan's Miriam Hospital, and served the health system's Rhode Island Hospital. He was appointed the first Surgeon-in-Chief at Lifespan's new Hasbro Children's Hospital in 1997. He has also served as the Executive Vice Chair of the Department of Surgery at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University since 2003.

Dr. Tracy completed his internship and residency in general surgery at the Medical College of Virginia and Pediatric Surgery at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. He held positions at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis, leadership positions in the Pediatric Research Institute of Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and maintained 18 years of continuous NIH funding with RO1, T32 and Program Project studies, and was recruited to Brown on the Research/Scholar track in 1997 with peer reviewed research funding in both basic and clinical science. He is the author of over 130 scientific publications and served on numerous editorial boards. He is a member of leading national and international organizations, including Alpha Omega Alpha, the Society of University Surgeons, the American Surgical Association, The Southern Surgical Association, and the Halsted Surgical Society. He has served on the Board of Governors of the American Pediatric Surgical Association, on the Foundation Board of the Society of University Surgeons, Chairman of the Advisory Council for Pediatric Surgery, the American College of Surgeons, and Chairman of the Chairs Council for all of the Advisory Councils. He also has had a longstanding commitment to the New England Surgical Society serving as President 2011/2012. Dr. Tracy serves as a Health Policy and Leadership Scholar for the American College of Surgeons and participates on its Regental Committee for Optimal Access and Health Care Disparities, and has previously served with the Children's Hospital Association (formerly NACHRI) on its task force for children's surgical care to outline optimal resources for surgical care of children in the United States, as a Director of the American Board of Surgery and as the Chairman of the Pediatric Surgical Board of the American Board of Surgery, as the President of the Association of Pediatric Surgery Training Program Directors and was an elected member of the Surgery Residency Review Committee of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.



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Andrea A. Hayes Dixon, MD
President-Elect

ANDREA HAYES DIXON

Dr. Andrea Hayes Dixon is the Dean of Howard University's College of Medicine and Vice President of Clinical Affairs. Dr. Hayes Dixon is the first African American female pediatric surgeon in the USA and the first female Dean at the HUCOM. She is nationally and internationally known for her work pioneering Desmoplastic Small Round Cell Tumor, DSRCT. Her patients request her services from around the world because she was the first to do hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy, HIPEC, and cytoreductive surgery in a child. Dr. Hayes Dixon has a basic science laboratory that focuses on finding a cure for DSRCT. She has cared for the largest number of DSRCT patients at any one hospital and by any one surgeon. Dr. Hayes Dixon was appointed by former President Trump to the National Cancer Advisory Board. (The National Cancer Advisory Board reports to the Director of the National Cancer Institute and the Secretary of Health). Dr. Hayes Dixon has published over 160 manuscripts and dozens of book chapters.



David M. Powell, MD
Immediate Past President

DAVID POWELL

Dr. David Powell grew up in the Midwest fully expecting to become a shortstop for the Chicago Cubs. His career plans turned to medicine when, while an undergraduate at Johns Hopkins, it became clear he could not hit a curve ball.

During medical school he was exposed to many great physicians who, as it turned out, were all surgeons. During general surgery, research and pediatric surgery residencies at the Medical University of South Carolina, Massachusetts General Hospital and Children's National Medical Center, respectively, he learned the benefit of accumulating first-hand experience, problem solving by breaking an issue down into its parts and the fulfillment of saving whole lives. After establishing a too busy pediatric surgical practice, he was fortunate enough to be accepted into the transformative inaugural Master Teacher in Medical Education program at the George Washington University with the belief that every surgeon wants to take better care of their patients. After thirty-five years of trainees, colleagues, collaborators, and programs that philosophy has yet to be proven wrong.

Dr. Powell also enjoys golf, sailing, woodworking, photography, fly fishing, and having had the life experience that allows him to now hit the occasional metaphorical curve ball.



Anthony Stallion MD MBA
Treasurer

ANTHONY STALLION

Dr. Anthony Stallion is the Chief of Pediatric Surgery and Chief of Pediatric Surgical Services at Beaumont Children's and Beaumont Health in Southeast Michigan. He specializes in pediatric general and thoracic surgery. He attended Oberlin College for his undergraduate degree, the University of Michigan for his medical degree, the University of Cincinnati for his general surgical training, and the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit for his Pediatric Surgical fellowship. He is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He did fellowships in ECMO at the Children's Hospital of Cincinnati, and research in Cancer Nutrition at the University of Cincinnati Department of Surgery. He is a former American College of Surgeons, American Cancer Society, and American Pediatric Surgery Research Scholar. Dr. Stallion completed his MBA at Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University.

Dr. Stallion has served in many leadership positions, including as the Chief Community Relations and Diversity Officer of the Cleveland Clinic where he spearheaded diversity and community programs many of which were for the benefit of minority and disadvantaged youths. He was instrumental in developing the first Charles R. Drew Saturday Academy for underrepresented minority students interested in careers in medicine and research. In Southwest North Carolina Dr. Stallion was instrumental in developing the only Level I Pediatric Trauma Center and establishing the health systems department of Pediatric Surgery. He is former President of the Society of Black Academic Surgeons and is involved nationally on numerous surgery committees. In 2022 Dr. Stallion was elected to the American Pediatric Surgical Association's board of governors as their Treasurer-Elect.



Kenneth W. Gow, MD
Secretary

KENNETH GOW

Dr. Kenneth Gow is a pediatric surgeon with a career spanning over three decades. He completed his medical degree at the University of Manitoba in 1991, followed by a residency in general surgery and pediatric surgery at the University of British Columbia, finishing in 1999. Furthering his specialization, Dr. Gow pursued a fellowship in pediatric surgical oncology, which he completed in 2001.

In 2020, Dr. Gow expanded his expertise by earning a Master of Healthcare Administration degree from the University of Washington. He currently holds the position of Knapp Swezey Endowed Chair of Pediatric Surgery and serves as the Pediatric Surgeon in Chief at Stony Brook Children's Hospital on Long Island, New York.



Pramod S. Puligandla
MD MSc
Governor

PRAMOD PULIGANDIA

Dr. Pramod Puligandla is a Canadian pediatric surgeon who completed medical school and general surgery training at Western University in London, Ontario, Canada. During his research time in surgical residency, he pursued a MSc in Respiratory Physiology, also at Western University. After general surgery, Dr. Puligandla completed accredited fellowships in both pediatric critical care medicine (PCCM) and pediatric surgery at the Montreal Children's Hospital (MCH). He started as academic faculty at the MCH in 2003, and is one of the few pediatric surgeons who practices the full scope of both PCCM and pediatric surgery. He currently holds the rank of Professor in Pediatric Surgery, Pediatrics and Surgery at McGill University.

Dr. Puligandla was the Program Director for the pediatric surgery fellowship at the MCH for 15 years during which time he received the Program Director of the Year Award from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He is currently the Director of the Harvey E. Beardmore Division of Pediatric Surgery at the MCH.



Eunice Y. Huang
MD MS
Governor

EUNICE HUANG

Dr. Eunice Huang is a Professor of Pediatric Surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital. She is a graduate of Yale University, completed her medical education at the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine, trained in general surgery at the Los Angeles County + University of Southern California Medical Center and pediatric surgery at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. Dr. Huang is triple boarded in General Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, and Clinical Informatics. She is currently the Vice Chair of Surgical Quality and Patient Safety for the Section of Surgical Sciences, and the Associate Surgeon-in-Chief at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital.

Dr. Huang has a passion for building teams to care for children and their families and educating and supporting team members. She is a recent graduate of the Executive Leadership in Health Care Program, a track of the ELAM Program at Drexel University, and is a formally trained coach.

In her current leadership roles, she works with many talented and dedicated individuals across multiple disciplines to solve complex problems and to nurture VUMC's strong culture of safety, working always to be a high reliability organization.





Steven Stylianos, MD
Governor

STEVEN STYLIANOS

Dr. Steven Stylianos serves Columbia University as the Rudolph N Schullinger Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics and Chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery. He is currently the Surgeon-in-Chief of the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital/New York Presbyterian. A graduate of Rutgers University and the New York University School of Medicine, Dr. Stylianos completed his general surgical training at Columbia–Presbyterian Medical Center. He spent two years as the Trauma Fellow at the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute in Boston and completed his pediatric surgery training at Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Stylianos joined the faculty of Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Children's Hospital of New York in 1992. He has organized and directed the multi-disciplinary teams of physicians and nurses who have separated five sets of conjoined twins. These conjoined twins' separations attracted the attention of the national media, including Dateline NBC, CBS 48 Hours and Fox News.

Throughout the years, Dr. Stylianos has served as Chair of the Trauma Committee for the American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA) from 1997–2002 and authored the APSA position paper supporting all measures to reduce the toll of firearm violence in children. He also served as the Co-Principal Investigator of the U.S. Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Bureau's grant to APSA "Partnership for Development and Dissemination of Outcomes Measures for Injured Children." In addition to serving on the APSA Board of Governors, he is a site verification officer of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and serves on the APSA Foundation's Board of Directors. He served 10 years as the inaugural Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Pediatric Surgery Case Reports. He is an Associate Editor of the Journal of Pediatric Surgery and served on the Executive Board as a founding member of the Pediatric Trauma Society. Dr. Stylianos received the prestigious American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association's 2016 Champions Award and the American Trauma Society's 2016 NY State Trauma Medical Director of Distinction.



Erika A. Newman, MD
Governor

ERIKA NEWMAN

Dr. Erika Newman is the Michael Mulholland Distinguished Collegiate Professor and an Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan. She is also the Chief of Pediatric Surgery at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and the Associate Director for Health Equity at The Rogel Cancer Center. Dr. Newman earned her BSN and MD from Georgetown University and completed her surgical residency and fellowship training at the University of Michigan and the University of Chicago. Her clinical focus is on pediatric cancer, particularly neuroblastoma, and minimally invasive surgery for children.

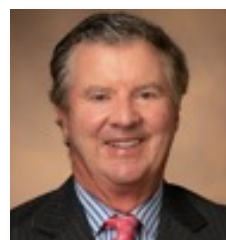
A leader in pediatric oncology research, Dr. Newman investigates novel treatment pathways for high-risk neuroblastoma and the development of relevant preclinical models to study the impact of social deprivation in cancer patients. Recognized for her contributions to medicine, Dr. Newman has received numerous awards, including the James Densler Award from APSA. She has over 70 peer-reviewed publications and serves on the editorial boards of several prominent medical journals. Dr. Newman was elected to serve as a Councilor for the American Board of Surgery, a Director on the Pediatric Surgery Board of Surgery, and is a Governor on the Board of Governors for the American Pediatric Surgical Association. Dr. Newman is dedicated to mentoring and advancing the next generation of American surgeons and advancing health equity in academic medicine. Her work continues to make a profound impact on pediatric surgery and surgical oncology.



Pam Choi, MD
Young Career Representative

PAM CHOI

Dr. Pam Choi is an Active-Duty Naval Officer, Pediatric Surgeon, and General Surgery Program Director at the Naval Medical Center San Diego. A New Jersey native, she graduated from Williams College and earned her medical degree at the University of Rochester. She completed her general surgery residency at Washington University in St. Louis. Following residency, she was Ship Surgeon for the aircraft carrier, USS HARRY S TRUMAN, and deployed in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. She completed a pediatric surgery fellowship at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City in 2020 and has since been practicing at Naval Medical Center San Diego.



George Holcomb, III
MD MBA
Executive Director

GEORGE HOLCOMB

Dr. George W. Holcomb, III attended the University of Virginia, followed by Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Vanderbilt Medical Center for general surgery training and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for his pediatric surgery fellowship. He began his pediatric surgery practice in 1988 as an Assistant and subsequently Associate Professor of Surgery in the Department of Pediatric Surgery at Vanderbilt. In 1999, he was recruited to replace Dr. Keith Aschraft as Surgeon-in-Chief at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. In early 2020, he retired from clinical practice.

Dr. Holcomb is best known for his interest in minimally invasive surgery in infants and children and his emphasis on evidence-based medicine. He is the author of over 250 peer-reviewed publications and 70 book chapters and has been the editor of 9 textbooks. In addition, he is a member of and has held office in numerous professional and surgical societies, including the American Surgical Association (ASA), the American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA), the European Pediatric Surgical Association (EUPSA), the British Association of Pediatric Surgeons (BAPS), and the World Organization of Federations of Associations of Pediatric Surgery (WOFAPS). In addition, he is a past president of the International Pediatric Endosurgical Group (IPEG). In 2017 he was named Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Pediatric Surgery, succeeding Dr. Jay Grosfeld, a position he still holds. In May 2024 he was appointed as the Executive Director of APSA for one year.

View a complete list of [APSA's Staff](#).



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VISION

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MISSION

Promote excellence in pediatric surgery by fostering scientific, clinical and educational endeavors through inspired giving.

The APSA Foundation is a source of essential funds to promote education and biomedical research in pediatric surgery. It has served as a gateway for young scientific investigators to become competitive for major external grants. Many previous APSAF scholars have successfully used their seed grants to acquire NIH funding and clearly provide justification of the tremendous return on investment experienced by the Foundation.

The APSA Foundation is recognized as a tax exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

All gifts to the Foundation are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

GRANTS

LEARN ABOUT GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Jay Grosfeld, MD Scholar Grant

The Foundation encourages the enrichment of pediatric surgeon scientists by providing support for projects which will broaden the horizon of the recipient in a fashion not otherwise readily achieved and for which funds may not be available from usual current sources. We welcome proposals for support of projects that encompass the humanities, medical ethics, education, clinical epidemiology, biostatistics, health care delivery, computer sciences, as well as clinical or laboratory research as they relate to the surgical sciences or to the delivery of pediatric surgical care and may include traveling fellowships or special scholarships.

[Learn More](#)

James A. O'Neill, Jr. Global Pediatric Surgery Scholarship

APSA has a commitment to the surgical care of children worldwide. The Board of Governors of APSA and the Foundation have collaborated to establish a new Global Scholarship Program to promote the development of meaningful research approaches in resource-constrained environments. APSA and the Foundation are proud to offer this new opportunity for members to respond to the pediatric surgical needs of low- and middle-income countries. [Learn More](#)



Education Grant

Although historically the Foundation has given support to Grosfeld surgeon scholars, due to increasing interest from APSA membership and in line with its mission, APSAF has created a funding opportunity for educational projects. An educational project is a discrete activity that will provide members of APSA (surgeons in training, actively practicing surgeons, advanced practice providers) an opportunity to expand their core surgical knowledge and improve their skills and training. [Learn More](#)





Ways to Support the APSA Foundation

All contributions, large and small, are very much appreciated. Regardless of amount, all contributions are cumulative. With minimal overhead and operational costs, nearly 100% of all contributions goes toward funding scholarships and grants.

Your Donation, Your Choice

Choose a Fund to Make the Most of Your Donation:

- ▶ Grosfeld Scholar Research Grant
- ▶ Global Initiatives
- ▶ Education Initiatives for Members and Trainees
- ▶ General / Unrestricted / Greatest Need

**No Donation is Too Small
and Every Dollar Supports
Pediatric Surgical Research!**



Donate today to support the surgical scientists of tomorrow!

Visit the [Foundation Site](#) to learn about different donation methods and tax advantages.

Donate Today

**#InspiredGiving
#NoDonationTooSmall**

Resources

APSA provides a community specific to the interests and needs of pediatric surgical care, including CME, training, educational opportunities, professional support and coaching.

Special Resources



Peer Support

As pediatric surgeons, our work can be physically and/or emotionally taxing. Often only a colleague can understand what we do. This program seeks to provide the APSA membership with that listening ear. You may refer yourself or a colleague. All requests and conversations are confidential. A trained peer supporter will reach out within 48 hours.

Watch real testimonials from pediatric surgeons, visit the FAQ page, reach out for support or refer a colleague.

[Click Here](#) for Peer Support



Coaching Program

This program is designed for pediatric surgeons and trainees to enhance professional development and personal growth. The program offers a unique opportunity to be a coach or a coachee, depending on the stage in your career, and to engage in a meaningful relationship with a colleague who is trained in professional development coaching skills.

The program pairs coaches and coachees from within the APSA community to build strong, supportive relationships. Coaches gain the opportunity to connect with peers, acquire skills in positive psychology coaching, and engage in a rewarding experience working with pediatric surgeons or trainees. Coachees benefit from being coached by pediatric surgeon coaches who are trained in positive psychology coaching.

Professional Resources



PedSurg.TV

PedSurg.TV is THE source for rich and educational pediatric surgery content. Access countless hours of educational content produced **BY** pediatric surgeons. Subscribe and turn on notifications to never miss a new release.

[Click Here](#) for PedSurgTV



Pediatric Surgery Library

Pediatric Surgery Library (PSL) is a resource hub for providers of pediatric surgical care that includes open access and subscription-based products.

[Click Here](#) for Pediatric Surgery Library



PedSurg Resource

PedSurg Resource is APSA's FREE channel for all your clinical resources! Access free clinical resources, guidelines and position statements; educational tools for students and parents; handbooks, white papers and so much more!

[Click Here](#) for PedSurg Resource

Resources

Continuing Education and CME – Subscription-Based Programs



ExPERT

The **ExPERT (Exam-based Pediatric Surgery Educational Reference Tool) CME platform** provides **integrated self-assessment and continuous certification CME credits**. Use it as an information resource and as a real-time, point-of-care knowledge reference or all of the above. ExPERT is designed to help practicing pediatric surgeons incorporate the available medical literature into the care of their patients.

[Click Here](#) for ExPERT



Pediatric Surgery NaT

APSA's (Not a) Textbook - NAT. From presentation to procedures to long-term outcomes, the Pediatric Surgery NaT resource keeps the current general surgical care of children at your fingertips. Designed for both practicing and in-training pediatric surgeons, the Pediatric Surgery NaT is updated quarterly so you will know what strategies, techniques and procedures are being used right now. It is written for pediatric surgeons by pediatric surgeons and contains learning objectives, images, videos and links to MOC CME and medical literature. To take advantage of the MOC CME, you also need to subscribe to ExPERT.

- Organized by clinical modules and learning objectives
- High-resolution images and videos
- Perform advanced searches of the medical literature
- Links to relevant PubMed articles
- Submit feedback, commentary and interesting cases
- Robust, cross-platform integration when subscribed to ExPERT
- Integrated with the American Board of Surgery SCORE curriculum

For information about pricing for individual and institutional access, including discounts for students, international users in zone 2-4 countries, and general surgeons in rural areas, and other details, visit the APSA website.

[Click Here](#) for Pediatric Surgery NaT



Monthly Critical Care Conference

Join us the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 pm ET/2:00 pm PT USA.

[Click Here](#) to view previous conferences

Contact info@apsaped surg.org for additional information and a link to the virtual Zoom meeting.

APSA Committees

[Join a Committee!](#)

All members are welcome!



ALL members are eligible to apply to any APSA committee.

Regular, Associate, Candidate, Resident, Medical Students, SOAPPS, International, Senior

APSA Committees carry out a number of different critical functions for the association.

Visit the APSA website to learn more about a specific committee and learn how to apply for committee service.

COMMITTEES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Surgery for Kids (ASK APSA) • Audit • Benjy Brooks • Bylaws • Cancer • Diversity, Equity and Inclusion • Education • Ethics • Fetal Diagnosis and Treatment • Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Pediatric Surgery • Health Policy and Advocacy • History • Industry and Institutional Advisory • Membership and Credentials • Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery • New Technology • Nominating • Outcomes and Evidence-based Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice • Professional Development • Program • Publications • Research • Surgical Critical Care • Surgical Quality and Safety • Trauma • Wellness • Workforce
TASK FORCES	SOAPPS COMMITTEES (Section on Affiliate Professionals in Pediatric Surgery)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APSA/SVS • Oversight • Transition to Practice • Valuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOAPPS Education Committee • SOAPPS Membership Committee • SOAPPS Practice Committee • SOAPPS Program Committee 	

Questions? Contact info@apsaped surg.org.

Membership

Membership Cycle

Membership is on an annual basis from January 1 to December 31. Renewal begins in October and payment is due December 31. Members are notified via email with reminders two times per month.

Regular, Associate, International* and Candidate Members are required to pay dues in the amount set by the Board of Governors.

Senior/Retired, General Surgery Residents and Medical Students are not required to pay membership dues.

***International Members'** dues are on a sliding scale based on geographic location per the World Bank.

Transitioning to a Different Member Type

Resident Members transitioning to Candidate Membership, and Candidate Members transitioning to Regular Membership should follow the guidelines on the [APSA website](#). All others should contact APSA staff for details and instructions.



Membership Type	Eligible Individuals	Dues
Affiliate Professionals in Pediatric Surgery	Affiliate professionals, licensed in the US or Canada, involved in pediatric surgical care	\$125
Medical Student Member	Medical Students in good standing at an accredited medical school in the US or Canada	No dues
Resident Member	General surgery resident or in a training position during or after completion of the residency, but not yet a fellow in an ACGME approved training program in pediatric surgery	No dues
Candidate Member	Matched or matriculated in an accredited Pediatric Surgery fellowship	\$75
Regular Member	Practicing pediatric surgeons post training, board eligible or board certified in pediatric surgery by the ABS or the RCSC	\$695 (Military Discount of 50% for active-duty members)
Associate Member	Associate membership shall be extended to a person who has been predominately in the practice of pediatric surgery, except as may be required by emergency care or special circumstances	\$695 (Military Discount of 50% for active-duty members)
International Member	Pediatric surgeon who does not live or practice in a US territory or Canada	Dues based on geographic location
Senior Member	Any member 70 or older and retired from practice	No dues
Charter Member	Charter membership established and closed in 1970	No dues
Honorary Member	Awarded in special circumstances. Annual call for applications in December.	No dues

[Learn More](#)

Questions? Concerns? Need Assistance? Contact info@apsapedsurg.org.

Membership

Section of Affiliated Professionals in Pediatric Surgery (SOAPPS)



In 2022 APSA expanded its community of healthcare providers for pediatric surgical patients to include affiliate professionals.

[Learn more about SOAPPS](#)

[View SOAPPS Leadership](#)

Interested in applying for committee service or leadership positions?
Contact info@apsaped Surg.org for details.



Awards

APSA proudly presents several awards for outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the field of pediatric surgery and surgical childcare with both individual and scientific awards. All awards are presented at the APSA annual meeting.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Distinguished Service Award

APSA's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award is given in recognition of a lifetime commitment to, and wide-reaching impact on, the field of pediatric surgery and/or contributions to The American Pediatric Surgery Association. "Wide-ranging impact" can be defined by the nominator and should be addressed in the summation.



2024 Recipient
Michael Harrison, MD
 University of California
 San Francisco, CA

James F. Densler Award

The purpose of this award is to acknowledge an individual who has a consistent track record of promoting diversity, equity and inclusivity in pediatric surgery. This includes delivery of care to diverse populations, working in diverse teams and promoting diversity and inclusivity in the pediatric surgery professional community.



2024 Recipient
Edward M. Barksdale Jr., MD
 UH Case Medical Center
 Cleveland, OH



2024 Recipient
Ala Stanford, MD
 Center for Health Equity and
 Black Doctors Consortium
 Philadelphia, PA

Robert E. Gross Award for Excellence in Pediatric Research and Achievement

The APSA Robert E. Gross Award for Excellence in Pediatric Research and Achievement recognizes a seminal contribution by an individual who has made a major impact on pediatric surgery. Their contributions have resulted in a major change in how pediatric surgeons manage a particular problem, and the results have been demonstrated to be durable with time and widely accepted by pediatric surgeons as "standard practice."



2024 Recipient
Scott Adzick, MD
 Children's Hospital
 of Philadelphia
 Philadelphia, PA

Donald E. Meier Surgical Humanitarian Award

The APSA Surgical Humanitarian Award recognizes an APSA member whose career has been dedicated to ensuring the provision of surgical care to underserved children without expectation of commensurate reimbursement. This award is intended for surgeons who have dedicated a significant portion of their surgical careers to humanitarian efforts either locally or globally, rather than routine surgical practice.



2024 Recipient
Sherif Emil, MD
 Montreal Children's Hospital
 Montreal, QC Canada

Awards

SCIENTIFIC AWARDS

Quality, Safety and Value in Surgery Award

The APSA Quality, Safety and Value in Surgery Award is given to the manuscript that best demonstrates quality improvement principles, patient safety initiatives and/or addresses the value proposition by demonstrating an improvement in outcomes while at the same time reducing cost or other measures of resource utilization. The quality of the manuscript and potential impact of the intervention for improving value outside of the author's own institution will serve as the primary criteria for judging.



2024 Recipient
Peter Juviler, MD

University of Rochester
Rochester, NY

Reduction of Pediatric Gastrostomy Tube Healthcare Utilization and Socioeconomic Disparities: Longitudinal Benefits of Quality Improvement

Innovation Award

The Innovation Award is presented for the best abstract presented in the Innovation category. In an effort to encourage and disseminate novel ideas, authors are encouraged to submit abstracts detailing new techniques, therapies, devices or processes of care that have the potential to improve the treatment of pediatric patients. Abstracts will be judged on the uniqueness and potential impact of the idea, as well as the quality of the presentation.



2024 Recipient
Matthew W. Ralls MD

Nationwide Children's Hospital –
Toledo, Toledo, OH

Internal Prototype Verification of a Novel Endoscopic Treatment for Short Bowel Syndrome

M. Judah Folkman Memorial Awards

This award was created in honor of Dr. M. Judah Folkman and his legacy of leadership in our organization, the tremendous body of work he left behind and the way he selflessly shared his art of medicine with so many students and the art of healing with so many children and families.

The American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA) and the Association of Pediatric Surgery Training Program Directors (APSTPD) are proud to present the M. Judah Folkman Memorial Award for outstanding research presentations given during the APSA Annual Meeting. Award recipients must be trainees currently enrolled in a surgical training program (residency or fellowship). Presentations are judged on scientific merit and actual presentations.



2024 Recipient
Muse Freneh Anito MD

BethanyKids Kijabe Hospital
Kijabe, Kenya

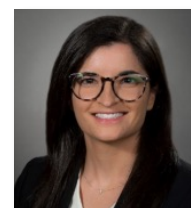
Addressing the Problem of Pediatric Central-line Associated Blood Stream Infections at a Rural Referral Hospital in a Low-middle Income Country



2024 Recipient
Mallory N. Perez, MD

Robert H. Lurie Children's
Hospital of Chicago
Chicago, IL

Heeding the Black Box: Leveraging National Surgical Quality Improvement Project-Pediatric for Hospital-level Assessment of Opioid Prescribing



2024 Recipient
Colleen Nofi, MD

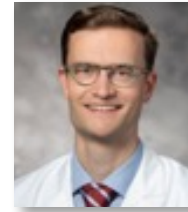
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Extracellular Crip Exacerbates Necrotizing Enterocolitis

SCIENTIFIC AWARDS

Eric B. Jelin NAFTNet-APSA Award for Best Abstract in Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy

Eric Jelin was a pediatric and fetal surgeon at Johns Hopkins Children's Hospital, who passed in May of 2021 at 42 years old. Dr. Jelin helped build the Johns Hopkins Center for Fetal Therapy which gained national recognition under his leadership. Eric was the principal investigator of the Renal Anhydramnios Fetal Therapy (RAFT) study. This multi-center, NIH-funded R01 grant investigated novel amnioinfusion for the treatment of fetuses with anhydramnios. He was one of a small group of pediatric surgeons to receive NIH funding for fetal therapy.



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 Duke University Health Systems
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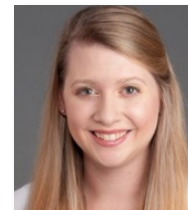
Maternal Treprostinil and Fetal Tracheal Occlusion Have Synergistic Effects on Lung Development in the Rabbit Model of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia

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A collaboration between the Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) Society and the American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA)

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The NEC Society's mission is to build a world without necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) by advancing research, education, and advocacy.



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Jessica Rauh, MD, MS
 Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine (WFIRM) in a collaboration between the Ladd and Weis Lab
 Winston Salem, NC

Decreased Qsox1 Expression In NEC: A Potential Mechanism for Disrupted Barrier Function in Premature Infants With NEC

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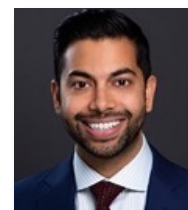


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Oral Delivery of CNP-miR146a Reduces TNF in a Murine Model of Inflammatory Bowel Disease

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