As the New Year unfolds and the dust settles after the inauguration here in DC I look for a silver lining in the gray clouds that have shrouded Washington for the past week. Amidst all the uncertainty and divisive rhetoric, we look to friends and colleagues for encouragement and strength. The role for the APA is especially important in our current political climate to provide support, resources and the wisdom we need to succeed in improving the health and well-being of children. To highlight the important role the APA has in nurturing the academic success of our members despite the many challenges we face currently and anticipate in the future we revised our mission, vision and values statements at our strategic planning meeting held November in Austin:

**Mission:** The Academic Pediatric Association nurtures the academic success and career development of child health professionals engaged in research, advocacy, improvement science and educational scholarship to enhance the health and well-being of all children.

**Vision:** A thriving academic pediatric community that ensures optimal health and well-being for all children, particularly those most vulnerable.

**Values:** Academic Excellence, Collaboration, Mentorship, Inclusion, Respect, Health Equity, Partnership with children, families and communities

Please plan to join us at your regional APA meeting as well as at the annual PAS meeting in San Francisco where we will share details of our goals for the next five years and get your input on tactics we can take to meet your needs. If you will be at PAS - PLEASE PLAN TO COME TO THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING! We plan to use a new, fun format (including games and perhaps drinks) to meet new friends and discuss opportunities for fruitful collaboration and engagement to promote your academic success and career.
Welcome New Members!

Jane Alyce  
Katherine Baker  
Richelle Baker  
Tierra Burrell  
Nicholas Clark  
Fran Cogen  
Kathryn Davis  
Karen Deslouches  
Danielle Dooley  
Emily Fingado  
Matilda C. Garcia  
Christelle Ilboudo  
Shabnam Jain  
Amie Jones  
Allan Joseph  
Jennifer Keim  
Brandon Ku

Maya Kumar  
Jolie Limon  
Angela Myers  
Kirsten Nieto  
Martin Ottolini  
Priya Parikh  
Kavitha Selvaraj  
Alexandra Sims  
David Sink  
Katie Tran  
Angela Veesenmeyer  
Helen Wang  
Taryn White  
Kent Willis  
Deepak Yadav  
Jennifer Zarit  
Sonja Ziniel

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Upcoming Conferences

APA Regional Meetings

**APA Region IV**  
February 11-12, 2017  
Charlottesville, VA

**APA Region VIII**  
February 11-13, 2017  
New Orleans, LA

**APA Region IX and X**  
February 11-12, 2017
Dear APA Members,

Monterey, CA

7th APA Quality Improvement Research Conference

May 5, 2017
San Francisco, California

2017 Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS)

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May 6 - 9, 2017
The Moscone Center West
San Francisco, California

2016 Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM)

2017 Pediatric Hospital Medicine
July 20 - 23, 2017
Omni Nashville
Nashville, Tennessee

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Core Activities

CORNET

Dear APA Members,
We want to share with you what is new within CORNET! Please see below for updates and upcoming events.

**Project Updates**

**In Progress: National Immunization Partnership with the APA (NIPA)**
This large-scale, quality improvement project coaches clinical sites through practice changes in order to increase adolescent HPV vaccination rates and limit missed opportunities for HPV vaccination at every clinic visit.

Faculty who meet minimum participation requirements will receive MOC 4 credit. Moreover we are excited that we will be able to offer banked MOC credit for residents as well.

We are preparing abstracts based on Wave 1 and are finalizing data analysis of Wave 2. This month, we are beginning Wave 3 with 15 participating CORNET sites.

**Completed: Preventive Services Improvement Project - State Spread (PreSIPS2)**
A quality improvement initiative based on Bright Futures to improve the preventive health outcomes of young children has recently been completed. Four continuity clinics from CORNET participated in this collaborative project with AAP State Chapters. Measurement-based preventive services, implemented by faculty and residents in continuity clinics, are the key to the “future” of Bright Futures as well as incorporation into community practices as our residents transition into their professional careers.

Thank you to our participating sites and faculty:

- **Medical University of South Carolina** - Kristina Gustafson
- **Children’s Hospital of Richmond at VCU Health** - Suzanne Lavoie, Helen Ragazzi, Christina Ching
- **Rutgers - Robert Wood Johnson Hospital** - Shilpa Pai
- **Jersey Shore University Medical Center** - Janet Schairer

**CORNET Presentations**

CORNET members will be present a workshop at the APA Region II/III Meeting, entitled, "Partnering with parent navigators to meet your care coordination/PCMH needs and promote community-engaged research." The purpose of this workshop is to encourage collaboration between continuity clinics and local parent partners to advocate for and improve healthcare and health outcomes for children with special healthcare needs.

If you are interested in viewing the workshop materials and strengthening your clinic's parent partnerships, please contact CORNET's Research and Network Coordinator, Holly Tyrrell, at Hollyce@academicpeds.org.

**CORNET Executive Committee**

**Do you know your Regional Research Chair?**
Here is the current list of CORNET chairs by APA region. Please reach out to your local contact for any questions or research ideas. They would be happy to provide you with guidance and suggestions.

Region I: To be announced
Region II: Allison Gorman, agg9003@med.cornell.edu
Region III: To be announced
Region IV: Mike Steiner, msteiner@med.unc.edu
Hello everyone in Region 4,

Greetings from the Region 4 conference planning committee. January can only mean one thing: APA Region 4 conference is just around the corner! We are very excited to let you know about the upcoming Region 4 conference in February 2017 in Charlottesville, VA.

**APA Region 4 Conference is February 11-12, 2017!**

To register, please go to: [https://www.academicpeds.org/secure/meeting/region4meeting/](https://www.academicpeds.org/secure/meeting/region4meeting/)

Some highlights to consider:

- The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Karen Remley, CEO of AAP.
- APA national update will be delivered by Dr. Mary Ottolini, president of APA.
- Back by popular demand, it's the **Speed Mentoring** session. When you register, please complete the Survey Monkey poll identifying yourself as a MENTOR or a MENTEE.
- Meet the Professor breakfast on Sunday morning. There will be experts on topics such as mentoring, research, career development, and more! This is an informal time of lively discussion over yummy breakfast.
- Plus, plethora of original research and quality improvement projects to be presented!

We will again be at the Omni Charlottesville ([https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/charlottesville](https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/charlottesville)) and will have a room block with a special rate (please refer to the registration site). Our challenge to everyone this year--for those who've attended before--is to bring someone new with you to the meeting this year. It could be a student, resident, fellow, new colleague, or senior faculty member who has never made the trip. We are excited to bring you another amazing region 4 meeting!

**Important dates:**

- **Conference date:** February 11-12, 2017
- **Early registration end date:** February 2, 2017
- **Hotel conference rate end date:** January 27, 2017

See everyone soon!

Megan Tschudy, Cliff Lee, and Melissa Long, (your region 4 co-chairs) and Rebecca Carlin, Kate Connor, John Harrington, Anne Kane, Chris Russo (your meeting planning committee)
**Continuity**

For those of you who are coming to San Francisco, don't forget to wear flowers in your hair (Scott McKenzie), or at least come to the great offerings sponsored by the Continuity Special Interest Group. You will absolutely love the main course, our annual Continuity SIG meeting, and for a delightful dessert, our workshop, Continuity Boot Camp: Basic Training for Continuity Clinic Faculty.

Our Continuity SIG meeting will take place on Saturday, May 6, from 8:30-11:30, the first day of PAS. After a few key updates on the RRC, news about CORNET and a status report on our best practices Delphi project, we will explore some relevant topics about teaching and learning in the continuity setting. Continuity is more than well child care, learning takes place in more places than the conference room, and education is framed by more than the curriculum. We will discuss these topics, with participants sharing some of their best innovations. After small group reports, we will finish with our always popular Quick Conti Consults.

The workshop, Continuity Boot Camp: Basic Training for Continuity Clinic Faculty will take place on Sunday, May 7, from 12-3. This workshop is designed to meet the needs of both new continuity faculty and those of more experienced continuity faculty, as well as learners, who want to enhance their skills. We surveyed members of our SIG to identify core topics that faculty wanted to know more about to improve their continuity education and chose the four most popular topics to discuss in the workshop. After reviewing the purpose and RRC requirements for the continuity experience in residency education, participants will have a chance to share their own innovative ideas in presenting their continuity education. Two small group sessions will allow participants to discuss and explore four topics: curriculum development, faculty development, evaluation of residents, and practice management. A summative large group session will be held and a toolkit with topic-related and general resources will be provided. Throw in the opportunity to participate in a scholarly work and you have a great experience! Lots to learn and we guarantee that you will have lots of fun.

So please plan to join us. You may leave your heart in San Francisco, but you'll return home with a lot of useful information and tools to make your continuity education "golden."

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**Pediatric Emergency and Injury Control**

*APA Pediatric Emergency and Injury Control Special Interest Groups*  
*Monday May 2nd 2016*  
*0830-1130*

**Boundaries of the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Mission:**  
*What Constitutes an "Emergency"?*

**Outline**
This year, the Emergency Medicine and Injury Control Special Interests Groups will have a special, combined meeting. The emergency department, in its role as interface between the hospital and a relatively vulnerable patient population, has always had a multi-faceted mission that is often outside the care of the acutely ill and injured. The fluid nature of the boundary around our mission requires us to regularly re-examine what is included. For example, is Injury Prevention part of our job? Chronic asthma care? Sexual Health? Warm meals?

For pediatric emergency departments, this is all the more true given the vulnerability of children. However, an unfocussed ever-expanding mission that varies from pediatric emergency department to pediatric emergency department is a threat to the cohesion of the field. We propose to use this combined Special Interest Group to look at this dilemma more closely, in a forum encouraging active discussion.

**Speakers and Topics**

- **Dr. Mark Zonfrillo**: Role of the Emergency Department in Injury Prevention
- **Dr. Roger Zemek and Dr. William Meehan**: Concussion and the Extension of the Emergency Department Mission
- **Dr. Yaron Finkelstein**: Poisoning and Efforts beyond Acute Treatment
- **Dr. Joseph Zorc**: Asthma and the Limits of Follow-up
- **Dr. Cynthia Mollen**: Role of the Emergency Department for Patients with Sexual Health Issues
- **Dr. Eliot Nelson, Dr. Karen Sheehan, Dr. Stephen Teach and Dr. Cynthia Mollen**: Panel Discussion

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