

# The PIG Pen

March 2021



## QUICKVIEW:

### SOPT Advocacy Campaign

Get involved with this year's advocacy campaign: [Unite for Kids Mental Health](#)

### Membership & Mentorship

Don't miss out on the [AAP Mentorship Program!](#)

### News and Views Blog!

Interested in submitting an article? Check out the call for articles [here](#).

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**April 11 - 13, 2021** – AAP Advocacy Conference (virtual) - formerly named the Legislative Conference.

**October 8-12, 2021** - National Conference & Exhibition (NCE) in Philadelphia, PA. More to come soon. Medical student members can register for FREE!



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Dear Pediatric Interest Group (PIG) Member,

Below is the **March 2021** edition of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Medical Student Committee (MSC) publication, **The PIG Pen**, which highlights exciting AAP opportunities and resources for PIG members and medical students.

Are you currently an **AAP Member**? If not, please join [here!](#) This will allow you to access many of the exciting resources and opportunities below.

\*Check out the [PIG Resource Guide](#), which has many great resources and ideas for PIG leaders and members!

### \*Congratulations on Match Day:

We want to congratulate all the recently matched medical students! This is such an exciting time and we hope you are incredibly proud of all you have accomplished! We loved seeing [your celebrations on social media](#).

### \*Please complete the trainee wellness survey!

We'd love to hear more about the wellness initiatives/curricula at your institution/program via [this survey!](#) More information on Page 3.

### \*We encourage you to join a workgroup!

You can learn more about the workgroups [here](#). Please reach out to [Julie Raymond](#) if you are interested.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to connecting with you!

For the kids,

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### [SOPT News and Views Blog](#)

Write for this pediatric trainee publication! Accepting articles on a rolling basis. Check out the [call for articles here](#) for submission details.

**Get published** in the **Expert Feature**. The [SOPT News & Views Blog](#) will be publishing articles that will feature interviews, conducted by Pediatric Trainees (you!).

- ❖ **Step 1.** Reach out to a Pediatrics expert in your area.
- ❖ **Step 2.** Schedule and conduct an interview. We have sample questions for you too!
- ❖ **Step 3.** Submit & get published. Check out the [SOPT News & Views Blog](#) for submission guidelines!

Please email [Chloe Opper](#) for questions or submissions.

### GET CONNECTED:



[facebook.com/AAPSOPT](https://facebook.com/AAPSOPT)



[twitter.com/AAPSOPT](https://twitter.com/AAPSOPT)

Join your [District Facebook Group!](#)

Links to each District Facebook Group located under District Workrooms

Check out the [District Workrooms](#) for district newsletters, call minutes, etc!

## Advocacy

[This year's advocacy campaign:](#)  
**Unite for Kids Mental Health!**



If you weren't able to make our quarter 2 kickoff webinar earlier this month about substance use, check out the recorded webinar [here!](#)

Contact our advocacy campaign at [uniteforkidsmentalhealth@gmail.com](mailto:uniteforkidsmentalhealth@gmail.com) with any advocacy campaign questions!

**Stay informed!** Check out **AAP's Advocacy Center Resources**.

- ❖ Follow on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

### **Join the AAP SOEM (Section on Emergency Medicine) Subcommittee on Advocacy**

This is a great opportunity for medical students interested in getting more involved with pediatric emergency medicine advocacy initiatives! Join the SOEM Subcommittee on Advocacy Listserv by completing [this form](#). Also consider attending the **SOEM Advocacy Subcommittee Meeting on Thursday, April 8, 3:00 PM ET to:**

- Learn about the Section on Pediatric Trainees (SOPT)- Children's Mental Health Advocacy Initiative
- [Share your thoughts](#) for shaping a PEM 2020-2021 Advocacy Agenda
- Help create a forum to promote advocacy efforts, training, and collaborations
- Discuss ways to share and learn about advocacy opportunities and resources
- [Join the call here via Zoom](#) on April 8th

## SOPT Bylaw Referendum

**Vote Now: SOPT Bylaw Referendum - Deadline March 31, 2021**

The Section on Pediatric Trainees (SOPT) Executive Committee has proposed an amendment to the Section's bylaws. Specifically, the Section is proposing to amend Exhibit D, "Governance", to **add an additional Executive Committee member to oversee equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives for the Section.** [To vote, visit this link.](#)

## CONTACT US:

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### PIG Pen:

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You can find more information about each workgroup [here](#).

[Contact your district representative](#) if you'd like to join a workgroup!

## PIG RESOURCES

[AAP Medical Student New Member Application](#)

[SOPT Collaborate Website](#)

[What's New for Medical Students](#)

[Leadership in Pediatrics](#)

[PIG Resource Guide](#)

## Membership & Mentorship

### AAP Mentorship forums:

Utilize the Mentorship forums to share or seek advice about stressful transitions!



Learn more about how to survive the transition from student to resident or resident to fellow with the advice from [this forum](#)!

[This forum](#) discusses tips for moving, establishing a new network, navigating state medical licensure, etc. If these transitions are new to you, share what questions you have for people who have done this before!

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### [Apply for SOPT leadership positions!](#)

The Section on Pediatric Trainees is currently looking to fill positions on its Resolution Task Force for Districts 2, 7, and 8. If you reside in one of these districts and have an interest in resolution writing/debate, submit your [interest here](#). The term is 1 year in length with opportunities to extend. Any questions can be directed to [Julie Raymond](#).

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### [SOPT Trainee Wellness Survey:](#)

We aim to support and advocate for all pediatric trainees throughout their journey in becoming amazing pediatricians. We know the responsibility of wellness is often placed on the individual, so we'd like to hear more on system-wide wellness strategies.

## Chapter Involvement

### **\*Join your state chapter [here](#)!**

Your state AAP chapter can help connect you with Pediatricians in your area and provide you with amazing opportunities like Advocacy Day or annual conferences.

\*Is your program doing something great that you think other programs might enjoy hearing about? Email [Kylie Seeley](#) to get featured in the next PIG Pen!