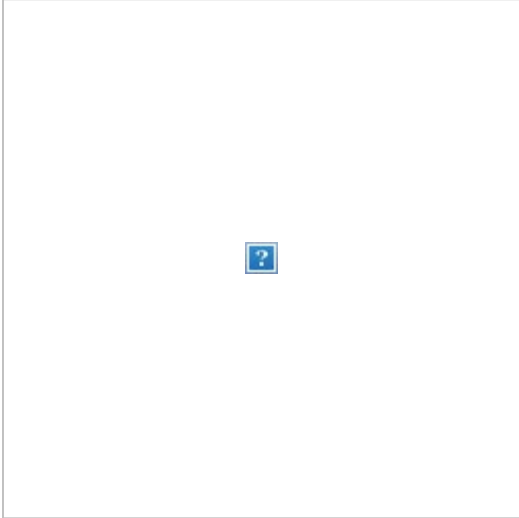


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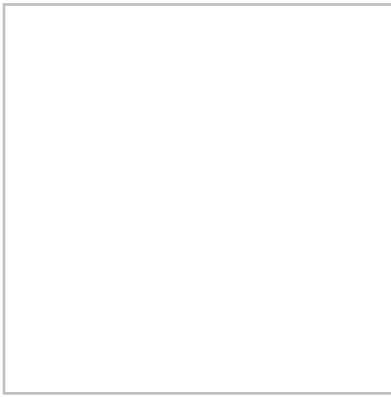
Upcoming Events & Meetings

**Chapter Leadership - Board of
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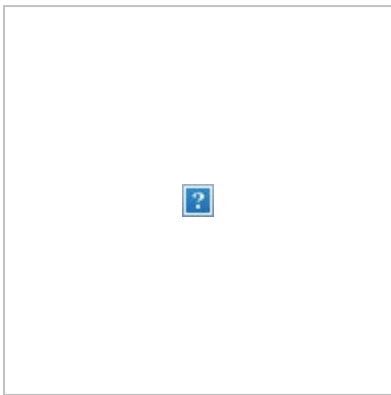
In Memorium

Edwin R. Luxenberg, MD, FAAP, passed away on January 2, 2024. You can view his obituary [here](#).



MDAAP Membership Survey 2024 - Your input will shape future programming and advocacy planning!

The MAAAP continues to look for better ways to support and advocate for our members and the children we serve. Click [here](#) to provide your input to our MDAAP Membership Survey 2024 to guide our future programming and advocacy efforts for our Maryland kids! This survey will close Wednesday, January 31, 2024



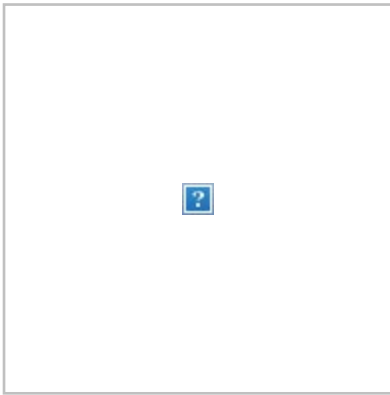
The MDAAP Chapter Gear Store is Open!

Place your orders by Thursday, January 25, 2024, [here](#) for hoodies, sweatshirts, and tee shirts with the MDAAP logo to *show that you are a proud member!* Deliveries will be made by Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Adult and youth sizes are available. A portion of the cost will fund MDAAP Chapter initiatives.

MDAAP Chapter Membership Available Your Practice Staff: *Did you know that your clinical and administrative staff can join the MDAAP Chapter too?*

- For Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants the annual Chapter-only membership fee is \$85 per year
- For Professional Staff (other clinical staff and administrators, managers, and administrative staff), the annual Chapter-only membership fee is \$60 per year

Click [here](#) for the membership application. For more information on member benefits, see <https://www.mdaap.org/memberbenefits/>.



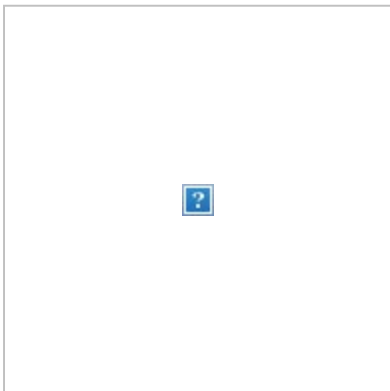
2024 MDAAP Legislative Session Zoom Meetings on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30p ET - Started Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Maryland's Legislative Session started on January 10, 2024. Join your MDAAP colleagues to hear from our MDAAP lobbyist Team – Pam Metz Kasemeyer and Christine Krone – who will lead us through the proposed bills for discussion. Join this meeting to give *your* opinions/feedback about what issues are of importance to you as an MDAAP member and show how we advocate for Maryland's kids! Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrdO-upi0iHdChsUu-ZmJlCC71BKQiT5OV>. Information about proposed bills to be discussed will be sent to you weekly to prepare for each Zoom.

FYI: Governor Moore announced and signed an executive order this week on the reestablishment of the Governor's Office for Children and the Children's Cabinet. The live stream begins at 23:30. Carmel Martin will serve as the Special Secretary of the Governor's Office for Children.

National AAP CATCH - Call for Proposals Now Open

The Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) program, a flagship initiative of the AAP, supports pediatricians who partner with community organizations to address a health issue impacting underserved children in a target community. The CATCH Call for Proposals invites pediatricians in training and in practice, from AAP chapters to apply by January 22, 2024. The Resident Call for Proposals (grants up to \$2,000) includes special funding from 11 AAP Sections and Councils for targeted child health issues. Pediatric residents should first review the trainee eligibility criteria. General pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, pediatric surgical subspecialists, and fellowship trainees can apply for either a CATCH Planning or CATCH Implementation grant (up to \$10,000).



MDAAP / PPMD Lunch & Learn Webinar Series - Continues for Webinar #4 on January 30, 2024, at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET

Featuring MDAAP Immediate Past President Debbie Badawi, please join us for the last session in the webinar series we are presenting with The Parents' Place of Maryland (www.ppmmd.org) to learn about available resources for your patients/families on how to attain education and/or health care services for a child with a disability:

- **Webinar #4: High School and Beyond** Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 12-1pm ET

To register for the last webinar, please go to https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__kkRHEx_T-K5mPd5xjAWBw#/registration.

If you missed the live events, you can listen to the archived recordings:

- Webinar #1 "Who is PPMD? And How Can We

Help You?" <https://youtu.be/mX4xdTokS0U>.

- Webinar #2 "Early Childhood - Birth to Five" <https://youtu.be/mxKoc2NnlRc>
- Webinar#3 "Elementary and Middle School" https://youtu.be/6JX_zfYLgzA

January is National Mentoring Month!

Are you *interested in being a mentor* for another member of the MDAAP? Are you a medical student, resident, or junior faculty and *want to be connected with a more experienced pediatrician*? Part of being a member of the MDAAP is collegueship, so please email MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner (loretta@mdaap.org) you would like to be a mentor or a mentee.



MDAAP 2024 Resident Advocacy Day - Thursday, February 8, 2024

Attention Residents! Please register [here](#) so that we know you are attending! As we just started our 2024 MDAAP Legislative Session Zoom Meetings this week, we have not yet identified the bill/s you will be discussing with legislators during your meetings - *STAY TUNED!* To prepare for February 8, 2024, please review the [National AAP "Digital Advocacy Guide."](#)

If you are an FAAP member and are interested in being a "Faculty Leader" for our event in Annapolis, MD, please email MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner (loretta@mdaap.org).

MDAAP In the News

"Maryland hospitals seeing post-holiday increase in COVID and flu cases": See a recent article from The Baltimore Sun featuring MDAAP President Monique Soileau-Burke – <https://www.baltimoresun.com/2024/01/08/respiratory-season-flu-covid-rsv-hospitals/>.

MDAAP / NASPGHAN Foundation Webinar - "Hepatitis C: Best Clinical Strategies to Manage Infection in Children" - CME and MOC Part 2 credits available!

If you missed the live event on November 14, 2023, you can watch the archived webinar and get CME and MOC Part 2 credits. Go to <https://learnonline.naspghan.org/>, click the Register button, and the webinar will be placed in your cart. Then Log In, using your NASPGHAN username and password. If you do not have a NASPGHAN username and password you will Create a New Account and use those credentials to log in. You will then be placed on the webinar landing page. NASPGHAN does not recommend using Internet Explorer. This webinar was made possible through a partnership among the MDAAP, the National AAP Section on Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, and the [NASPGHAN Foundation](#) featuring Ryan Himes, MD (Ochsner Health, University of Queensland, LSU Health Science Center-Shreveport). Questions? Contact Kathleen Regan at kregan@naspghan.org.

From the MDAAP Pediatric Council

On the MDAAP Pediatric Council [webpage](#) you can find the link to the National AAP "Hassle Factor Form" to report issues and problems you are having with insurance payers.

From the MDAAP Foundation - 2023-2024 Holiday Fundraising Campaign - Support Early Literacy for Maryland's Children!

Start 2024 with a donation to help support MDAAP members' pediatric practices via mini-grants to pay for books for patients. Read a letter [here](#) from the MDAAP Foundation President Debbie Badawi. For more information about the MDAAP Foundation click [here](#).

From MDAAP Partners

Maryland Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (BHIPP): MD BHIPP supports the efforts of primary care and emergency medicine professionals to assess and manage the mental health needs of their patients from infancy through the transition to young-adulthood. Check out their [website](#) for [resources](#), [training](#), and their [Consultation Warmline](#).

From the Maryland Department of Health

MDH Pharmacy News & Views: See the January 2024 issue [here](#). FMI: www.mmpipi.com.

MDH Recommendations regarding respiratory virus infection prevention and control: See this [letter](#) dated January 16, 2024.

MDH Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Services: The Behavioral Health Administration's (BHA) [Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Services \(CAYAS\) division](#) is charged with developing a system of care for young people and their families ranging from early childhood all the way through to the time when young people reach the age of majority and legally become adults. The system of care is designed to meet the needs of individuals within this age range who have mental health conditions, substance-related disorders, and those who have both.

From National AAP

2024 NeopREP An Intensive Review and Update of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine - Baltimore, MD - January 22-24, 2024: For more information and to register click [here](#). Sponsored by National AAP and the AAP Section on Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, this educational event is an intensive review of neonatal-perinatal medicine that emphasizes physiology and pathophysiology of neonatal conditions and the scientific basis for the clinical practice of neonatology. After the in-person course, access recordings from all sessions offered during the live course and learn from the experts when it is most convenient for you. Register by December 20, 2023, for Early Bird Rates.

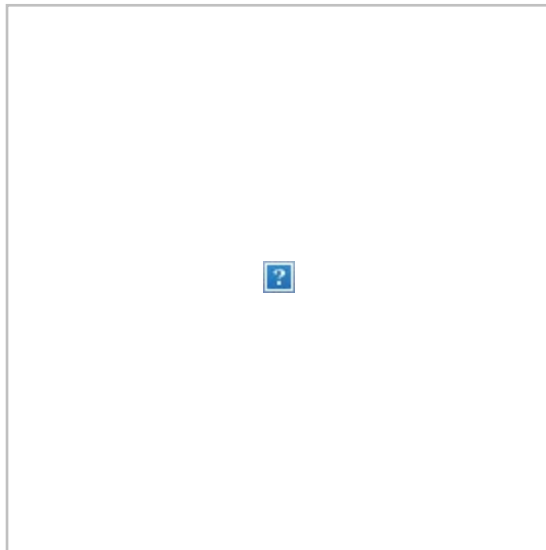
Webinar: Call to Action on Breastfeeding: Join the AAP Section on Breastfeeding on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, from 12:00–1:30 pm CT, to learn how pediatricians can connect with their local communities, hospital taskforces, and national projects to increase breastfeeding rates. Register [here](#).

Webinar: EHDI Panel Discussion on Language Acquisition in Infants Identified as Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing (DHH): Join the AAP Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) virtual panel discussion, "From Early Identification to Intervention: How to Promote Language Acquisition for

Infants Identified as DHH," on Thursday, February 8, 2024, from 12:00–1:00 pm CT. Register [here](#).

SOECP Health Equity Grant Program - Deadline Sunday, March 3, 2024: The goal of the Section on Early Career Physicians (SOECP) Health Equity Grant Program is to support our early career physicians, especially those who are underrepresented in medicine, as they conduct research, interventions, and education that address antiracism and health equity in communities and institutions. Click [here](#) for information about the program overview, application process, and timeline.

President-Elect Call for Nominations: The AAP is accepting applications for the AAP President-Elect position for the 2024 election. Interested applicants must be a fellow or specialty fellow and be able to demonstrate national pediatric leadership experience and qualifications. The role and responsibilities for this position can be accessed [here](#). In alignment with the [AAP Equity Agenda](#), the NNC is committed to presenting a diverse set of candidates for elections and to making the pathways to leadership transparent. Any AAP member interested in being considered as a candidate for President-Elect should submit this [Biographical Summary form](#) by March 1 at 11:59 p.m. CST. Questions regarding this form or the process should be directed to nationalelections@aap.org.



MDAAP MEMBER LOGIN PAGE - Contains Info on Upcoming Meeting Registration Links, Archived Webinar Recordings, Meeting Notes, Etc.

Available to current members, accessing the MDAAP Member Login allows you to access upcoming meeting and event registration links/URLs, archived webinar recordings, meeting notes/minutes, and other information specifically for MDAAP members. To gain access, go to www.mdaap.org and click on the "MEMBER LOGIN" button towards the top of the page. After completing the "New User Registration" questions, you will receive an email from the "MDAAP Membership Admin" stating your account is pending approval. Once approved, you will receive another email stating "Your registration for MDAAP Member Access has been approved."



As an MDAAP member, do you know you can post a job ad for free? Email MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner loretta@mdaap.org for details.

See <https://www.mdaap.org/job-opportunities/> for more details!

Dundalk Pediatric Associates looking for BC/BE Pediatrician to join our team: DPA is an innovative practice that stays up to date with best practices. DPA is a thriving pediatric practice in southeast Baltimore County that has been serving this community for over 50 years! New graduates are welcome to apply. Interested applicants should send their letter and CV to: Ms. Sara Hinson, Practice Administrator at shinsondundalkpeds@yahoo.com and/or Dr. Rachel Dodge at rachel.ab.dodge@gmail.com.

Thriving pediatric practice in Bel Air, MD seeking an additional provider: Currently 4 doctors, 1 pediatric NP,

and 1 pediatric PA. Seeking an additional provider: preferably full time, but may consider part time. New residency grads are welcome to apply. Start date negotiable but could be immediate. No nursery coverage. No delivery coverage. No inpatient rounds. Physician partnership opportunity available. Additional Salary Information: annual bonus based on productivity. Please send resume to: Pediatric Partners, Attn: Amanda Hinkle, 604 Hoagie Drive, Bel Air, MD, 21014.

Pediatrician Wanted: Main Street Pediatrics, Baltimore, MD: Main Street Pediatrics is a physician run, two office private practice in suburban Baltimore, Maryland. We are a Lifebridge Health Community Physician practice. We are currently looking for a full-time Pediatrician to join our Towson location and a half-time Pediatrician to join our Foundry Row location. [Click here](#) for more information. If interested in the Towson position, please contact Dr Debbie Bittar at debbiebittar@gmail.com, or for the Foundry Row position, please contact Dr Sara Spinner-Block at ssb0001@gmail.com.

MDAAP Social Media



We have several social media accounts for you to check out:

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- *Follow us on Twitter:* <https://twitter.com/MarylandAAP>
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