



## Pediatric Policy Council Update August 2018

The APS and SPR are members of the Pediatric Policy Council (PPC) which actively advocates for children and academic pediatrics at the federal level. APS representatives to the PPC are Drs. Scott C. Denne (incoming PPC Chair) and Jonathan M. Davis; Drs. Vivek Balasubramaniam and Shetal Shah represent the SPR.

The PPC also includes representatives from the Academic Pediatric Association (APA) and the Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs (AMSPDC). The PPC is based in the Washington DC office of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), who supplies staff and other support.

The latest advocacy developments are summarized by the PPC below.

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Dear Colleagues,

The intersection between pediatrics, medical research, and public policy is increasingly needed. The [Pediatric Policy Council](#) (PPC) is made up of representatives from the Academic Pediatric Association, American Pediatric Society, Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs, and Society for Pediatric Research, with support from the American Academy of Pediatrics. The PPC speaks as a strong, unified voice on behalf of children and pediatric causes.

Through commentaries that are published monthly, the PPC is honored to partner with *Pediatric Research* to link policy issues with pediatrics. At a time when advocacy and standing up for children is increasingly important, we wish to share these commentaries with you (see below), with the hope of making a difference. We also call your attention to the [most recent commentary related to the Trump administration zero-tolerance policy and child separation](#).

Thank you,

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Chair, Pediatric Policy Council

Scott Denne, MD  
Chair-Elect, Pediatric Policy Council

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