Society for Pediatric Research

SPR MISSION
Creating a network of multidisciplinary researchers to improve child health
Introduction to the SPR Junior Section

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http://www.societyforpediatricresearch.org/
What is SPR?

HISTORY

• 1929: SPR originated because of discontentment among young investigators - referred to as “Young Turks” - who felt the existing pediatric societies were dominated by very senior faculty.

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MEMBERSHIP (Active)

• Honorary society.
• Membership is by current Member nomination and Council review.
• Eligible Members have a record of current, independent research related to child health.
How is SPR different from APS?

**Mission:**
Creating a network of multi-disciplinary researchers to improve child health.

**Vision:**
Connecting, collaborating and catalyzing the conduct of pediatric research.

*Has a Junior Section*

**Mission:**
Shaping the future of academic pediatrics through engagement of distinguished child health leaders.

**Vision:**
An engaged, inclusive, and impactful community of pediatric thought leaders.

*No Junior Section*
SPR and PAS

PAS = Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting

PAS Partner Societies

• Academic Pediatric Association (APA)
• American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
• American Pediatric Society (APS)
• Society for Pediatric Research (SPR)
SPR Junior Section

- Established in 2012
- Fellowship through first 6 years as faculty
- Free – no dues assessed
- “Rolling Admissions” by self-nomination
- Leadership: Fellows
- Junior members receive SPR communications, are invited to SPR events and may serve on SPR committees as approved by Council
SPR Junior Section

• Aids Fellows in transition to faculty role
• Professional networking
• Opportunities for participation in regional/national SPR programs
• Recognition through awards and grants
• Opportunities to advocate for child health research funding
SPR Junior Section

• Aids Fellows in transition to faculty role
  ◆ Young Investigator Coaching Program
  ◆ Grant Writing 101 Program
  ◆ Bridging to Success Award

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• Opportunities to advocate for child health research funding
SPR Junior Section

• Aids Fellows in transition to faculty role
• Professional networking during PAS
• Opportunities to participate in regional/national SPR programs
• Recognition through numerous awards and grants
• Opportunities to advocate for child health research funding
SPR Junior Section

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• Professional networking
• Opportunities to participate in regional/national SPR programs
  ❖ PAS Meeting April 28 – May 5, 2021 Vancouver, Canada
  ❖ Regional SPR Meetings: Eastern, Midwest, Southern, Western
• Recognition through awards and grants
• Opportunities to advocate for child health research funding
SPR Regional Societies

**Eastern SPR**
March 12-14, 2021
Philadelphia

**Southern SPR**
February 25-27, 2021
New Orleans

**Midwest SPR**
October 8-9, 2020
Chicago

**Western SPR**
January 28-30, 2021
Carmel
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  ❖ Advocacy Committee
Transition to Active SPR Membership

SPR Active Members are:

- Engaged in ongoing, independent, hypothesis-driven research related to pediatrics
- Have a track record of independent work as demonstrated through original science manuscripts published from work that was initiated after training was complete
- New SPR Active Members typically hold a faculty appointment at the mid/late assistant or early associate level
SPR Junior Section Leadership

President Lauren Frazer, MD

Lauren Frazer is currently a fellow in the Harvard Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Fellowship Training Program. She received her MD and PhD from the University of Pittsburgh and her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University. She completed her pediatrics residency at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. Lauren is interested in neonatal immunology and studying resolution of inflammation in the lungs of premature infants. Her long-term goal is to contribute to the development of novel therapies for neonatal lung disease. Through SPR, she hopes to foster a supportive environment for those interested in careers in pediatric research.

SPR Junior Section President-elect elections are held each year in July.
Junior Membership nomination is open to individuals who are currently enrolled in or not more than six years graduated from established residency, fellowship or postdoctoral program related to pediatrics in an academic institution. Junior Members may self-nominate year round and are not assessed membership dues. Junior Members who have transitioned to faculty and published work initiated after fellowship may be eligible for nomination to the Active Member category and are encouraged to apply during the annual Call for Nominations. Visit the SPR Junior Section for additional details.

Annual Dues: $0
Pediatric Research

• Journal of SPR, APS and the EuroSPR
Measles erases the immune system’s memory

The measles virus can usher in other infections for months, or even years, researchers report. The paper also provides new evidence that measles immune memory quickly fades away, and that the timing of its return is delayed when children are exposed to the virus at a young age.

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