



# Introduction to the SPR Junior Section

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# 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

## MISSION

- To create a multi-disciplinary network of diverse researchers to improve child health

## 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

# SPR Junior Section



- Established in 2012
- Residency &/or Fellowship through first 6 years as faculty
- **Free** – no cost for junior membership
- “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 Active Member

- Individual engaged in ongoing, independent, hypothesis-driven research related to pediatrics
- Track record of independent work initiated since fellowship (original science manuscripts)
- Typically hold a faculty appointment at the mid/late assistant or early associate level or higher
- Annual dues \$350 (includes online subscription to Pediatric Research)
- No age restrictions!

# SPR and PAS

[Pediatric Academic Societies](#) – host of the annual spring meeting

## Partner Societies

- **Society for Pediatric Research (SPR)**
- Academic Pediatric Association (APA)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- American Pediatric Society (APS)

## SPR Members @ PAS

- Contribute to science
- Review abstracts, moderate sessions
- Serve on key committees



# Why Join SPR?



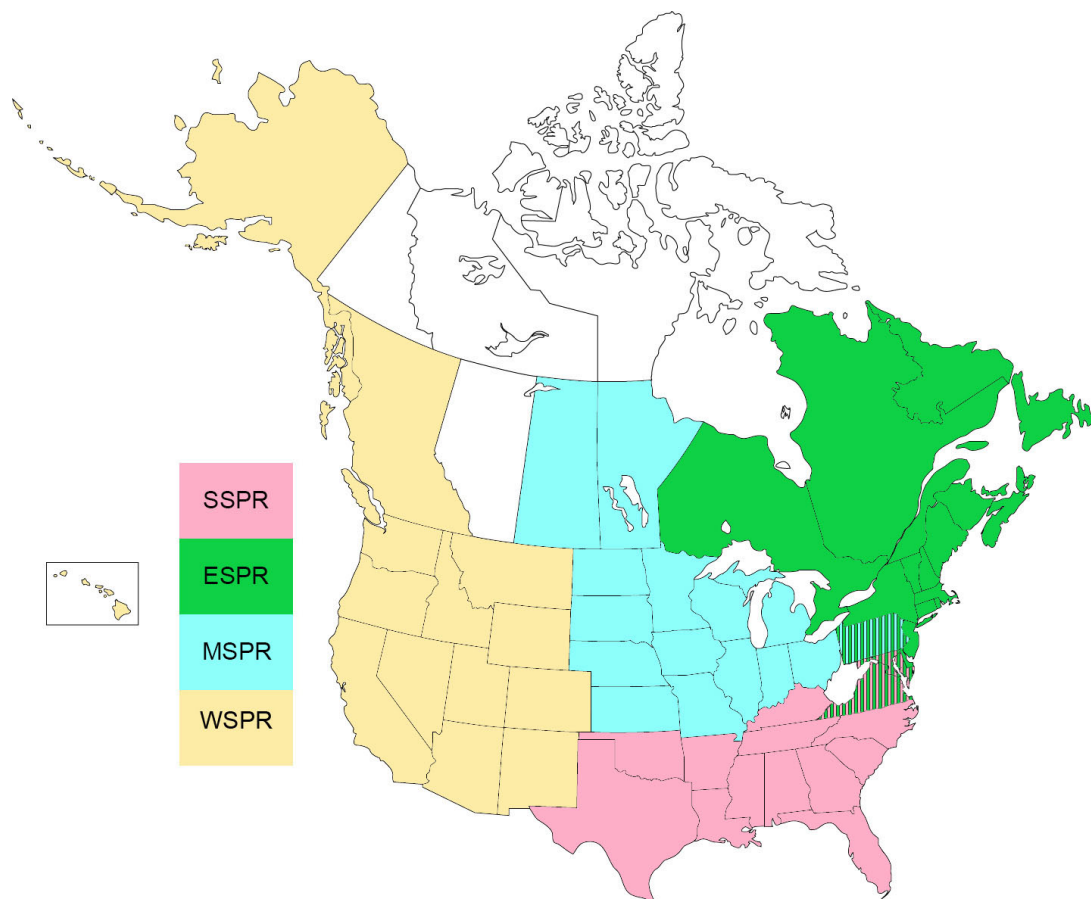
- Aids Fellows in transition to faculty role
- Professional networking
- Opportunities for participation in regional/national SPR programs
- Recognition through awards and grants
- Opportunities to advocate for child health research funding

# SPR Junior Section



- Aids Fellows in transition to faculty role
  - ❖ Mentoring programs
  - ❖ Grant Writing course
  - ❖ Bridging to Success Award
  - ❖ PROSPER Diversity Award
- Professional networking
- Opportunities to participate in regional/national SPR programs
  - ❖ PAS Meeting: SPR Sessions at PAS
  - ❖ Regional SPR Meetings: Southern, Western, Eastern, Midwest
- Recognition through awards and grants
- Opportunities to advocate for child health research funding
  - ❖ Advocacy Committee

# SPR Regional Societies



Eastern SPR  
March Meeting

Southern SPR  
February Meeting

Midwest SPR  
October Meeting

Western SPR  
January Meeting



# Transition to SPR Active 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

**Maria Susana Rueda Altez, MD**

After medical training in Peru, Dr. Rueda Altez completed a pediatric residency in Washington, DC and then entered pediatric infectious diseases fellowship training. She has conducted clinical and translational research projects in neonatal sepsis since 2014 and her current research focuses on neonatal antimicrobial and diagnostic stewardship. She is also passionate about the peer-review process, and currently serves as a Guest Editor and social media editor for The Journal of Pediatrics. As SPR Junior section president, her primary goal is to ensure more trainees benefit from networking opportunities. She plans to leverage her online communications experience to increase awareness, membership and participation in SPR among students, residents and fellows.



## President-elect

**Jingshing Wu, MD**

Jingshing Wu is a physician-scientist and fellow in Neonatology at UCSF. She conducts research on developmental biology and congenital heart disease with a focus on the interface between cell biology and genetics. In addition to research, she has a long-standing interest in supporting diversity and mentorship.

Her journey thus far as a physician-scientist would be impossible without the fantastic mentorship and guidance that she has had, but she also realizes that this privilege is not easily accessed or universally available. Consequently, her vision is to focus on expanding SPR's ability to support residents and fellows through dedication to outreach and mentorship through the following:

- 1) Promote diversity by recruiting trainees who have lacked the resources to previously consider participation in research and to help them identify opportunities for engagement within their academic community.
- 2) Boost active participation within our mentorship program and increase networking opportunities between trainees/junior faculty from different institutions.
- 3) Expand career training resources such as exploration of different career pathways and media/social media training on how to better engage in public scholarship and communication to prepare us for appropriate dissemination of our research work.
- 4) Increase leadership opportunities within the section so that we may incorporate a variety of backgrounds/experiences to identify and develop ways of supporting the greater SPR Junior Section and to increase advocacy efforts to raise research support.

***SPR Junior Section President-elect elections are held each year in July***



# **Junior Section New Initiatives**

# Junior Section Council



- 3<sup>rd</sup> year residents, clinical and post-doctoral fellows are eligible
- Goal: diverse expertise, geographical location, and backgrounds
- Amplify the number of initiatives the junior section can spearhead
- Call for applications to open April 2024 for the 2024-2025 cycle

# Mentored Reviews



- Collaboration with SPR, ESPR and *Pediatric Research* journal
- Opportunity for trainees to learn more about the journal peer review process and connect with new mentors
- Pairing mentor-mentees with similar expertise



# Networking Event at PAS

- Trainee-only event
- Opportunity to meet other trainees and form new connections
- Information regarding ongoing and new initiatives
- Non-members welcome too

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## Benefits of Membership





-  Research and Presentation Forum
-  Honoring Pediatric Researchers
-  Advocacy for Child Health Research
-  Developing Pediatric Researchers

SPR offers strategic and practical support for pediatric researcher members. Active Members serve as mentors **to fellows and junior faculty** through SPR Junior Member Section and the Young Investigator Coaching Program, providing career development guidance. SPR offers **early stage investigators** special support through the K-Club grant-writing course and via the Bridging to Success grant. SPR Active Members host international fellows through the Japan Pediatric Society (JPS) Fellow Exchange Program, expanding SPR's network of pediatric researchers beyond North America.

-  Additional Benefits



## Membership Categories

-  Active Members
-  Senior Members
-  Affiliate Members
-  Junior Members



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 independent, hypothesis-driven work initiated after fellowship in which you are the first or last author 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



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## Welcome to the Junior Section

### About:

The Society for Pediatric Research Junior Section introduces residents, fellows and early career faculty members to SPR by providing a variety of resources and educational opportunities. The goal is to promote networking within pediatrics and continue the development of scientists, as well as to foster transition to a career in pediatric science and eligibility for SPR [Active Member](#) status.

Junior Member nomination is open to individuals who are currently enrolled in or not more than six years graduated from an established residency, fellowship or postdoctoral program related to pediatrics in an academic institution.

The information below will be requested when submitting an application/nomination:

- Applicant's personal and professional contact information.
- Applicant's residency, fellowship, or postdoctoral completion date or anticipated completion date.
- Applicant's Program Director (Residents/Fellows) or Department Chair's (Junior Faculty) contact information.

### Eligibility:

Currently enrolled in or not more than six years graduated from an established residency, fellowship, or postdoctoral program related to pediatrics in an academic institution.

Any incomplete applications will be deleted after six months from the initial application date.

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- Official Journal of SPR, APS and the EuroSPR

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