The Section’s area of expertise is pediatric urology.
In addition to the general objectives of the Academy as set forth in its Constitution, the objectives of this Section shall be:

**Section 1.** To improve the care of infants, children, and adolescents with urologic problems by:

A. Providing educational forums for the discussion of problems and treatments relating to urologic disease;

B. Stimulating research in, and the teaching of, pediatric urology;

C. Disseminating knowledge of pediatric urology through Academy channels to the medical profession at large.

D. Advocating for political and legislative support of pediatric urologic conditions and pediatric urology.

**Section 2.** To serve in a consulting capacity to the Board of Directors of the Academy and to make recommendations for programs, policy statements, and other actions on matters relating to urology.
A. Specialty Fellows

Specialty Fellows of the Academy who are actively involved in some aspect in the study of urology in infants, children, or adolescents, and who are interested in contributing toward the objectives of the Section. To qualify for fellowship, the applicant must have:

1) Completed an ACGME certified pediatric urology fellowship, or a fellowship approved by the Training, Education, and Evaluation Committee of the Canadian Urological Association adhering to the criteria and periodic review process as defined by the ACGME.
2) Documentation of certification in General Urology by the American Board of Urology, American Osteopathic Board of Surgery, or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
3) Documentation of a subspecialty certificate in Pediatric Urology by the American Board of Urology for all North American members who completed their fellowship after 2000.

**Note:** North American Specialty Fellows who completed a Pediatric Fellowship prior to 2000 who do not have a subspecialty certificate in pediatric urology can become members by satisfying the following criteria:

a) A minimum of 75% of the applicant’s workweek must be spent in the care of children with urologic diseases. This work can include teaching, research, and administration.

b) A 12-month surgical case log, signed by a Department/Division Chairperson, listing all cases (both adult and pediatric) in which the applicant acted as either the primary or responsible surgeon. Seventy-five percent of the procedures must have been performed in children and/or teenagers.

c) A variance in membership criteria may be considered for applicants whose practice consists primarily of transitional urology and/or reconstructive urology in adults with complex congenital urologic conditions.

B. Potential SOU Members also include:

1) Fellowship Trainees who are currently enrolled in an approved pediatric urology fellowship program.
2) Candidate Members who have completed an approved pediatric urology fellowship program and are board eligible.
3) National Affiliate Members, or advanced practice members, who are Physicians Assistants or Nurse Practitioners and spend a minimum of 75% of the applicant’s work in the care of children or adolescents with urologic diseases and contribute toward the objectives of the Section.
4) Senior Members of the Academy who are involved in pediatric urology

C. International Members
International Members of the Academy are actively involved in the study of urology in infants, children, or adolescents, and who are interested in contributing toward the objectives of the Section. To qualify for SOU membership, the applicant must be a pediatric urologist or pediatric surgeon outside of the U.S. or Canada and satisfy the following criteria:

1. A minimum of 75% of the applicant's work must be spent in the care of children with urologic diseases. This work can include teaching, research, and administration.
2. A 12-month surgical case log, signed by a Department/Division Chairperson, listing all cases (both adult and pediatric) in which the applicant acted as either the primary or responsible surgeon. Seventy-five percent of the procedures must have been performed in children and/or teenagers; caselog should be submitted and approved by the membership committee.
3. A variance in membership criteria may be considered for applicants whose practice consists primarily of transitional urology and/or reconstructive urology in adults with complex congenital urologic conditions.
4. At least one sponsor letter from a current Specialty Fellow in the Section on Urology.

D. Section Affiliate Members
The Section may recruit affiliate members (i.e., physicians, research scientists or nurses) who are not eligible for any other AAP membership category. Affiliates must be actively involved in some aspect in the study of urology in infants, children, or adolescents, and contribute toward the objectives of the Section.

E. Honorary Membership
The Section on Urology on occasion may recommend to the AAP Board of Directors that an outstanding contributor to the urologic care of children be made an Honorary Fellow of the Academy or an Honorary Fellow of the Section on Urology. The name of a worthy individual can be proposed by a Fellow of the Section and submitted to the Executive Committee. If approved by a majority of the Executive Committee that person's name would be submitted to Section Fellows for approval at the Section's annual business meeting or by electronic mail ballot.
Section 1. Length of Term in Office. Section Executive Committee member terms will be for 3 years with provision for not more than 2 consecutive 3-year terms. An individual may serve in an officer role (Secretary-Treasurer, Chair Elect, Chairperson) on the SOU Executive Committee and may not continue to serve as a voting member on the section Executive Committee after the term as chairperson has been completed. The total length of service on the Executive Committee may not exceed 6 years as a general member, and up to 4 years in an officer role (Chairperson, Chair Elect, Secretary-Treasurer).

Section 2. Limits on Serving on Section Executive Committee. An Academy member may not serve concurrently on more than one Section Executive Committee. Executive Committee members may not concurrently hold an executive position in the following organizations: the Societies of Pediatric Urology (SPU) and/or Society of Fetal Urology (SFU).

Section 3. Training fellows will serve on the Executive Committee for a two-year term (the first year as Junior Fellow; the second year as Senior Fellow). The Junior and Senior Fellows will serve in an advisory capacity. They must be currently enrolled in an accredited Pediatric Urology Training Program, and will be selected by a vote of their Training Fellow peers.

Section 4. Voting Members of the Section on Urology Executive Committee include the Chairperson, Chairperson-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and four general executive committee members.

A. Election of Chairperson. The Chairperson shall be elected by majority vote of the members for a term of 1 year and may serve as Chairperson for only one term.

B. Election of Chairperson-elect. The Chairperson-elect will be elected by majority vote of the members of the Section by e-mail ballot for a term of 1 year. An individual may serve as Chairperson of the Section on Urology for only one term.

C. Election of Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer will be elected by majority vote of the members of the Section by e-mail ballot for a term of 3 years. An individual may serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Section on Urology for only one term.

Section 5. Duties and Responsibilities

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A. Duties of the Chairperson of the Section Executive Committee shall include those duties as outlined in the main body of the bylaws. Additional duties shall include:

1. The Section Chairperson in consultation with the Program Chairperson and Education Committee shall determine annually the topics and the lecturers for all named lectureships. The Section on Urology may establish other awards or lectureships upon approval of the membership at the annual meeting.

2. The Section Chairperson in conjunction with the Program Chairperson shall determine annually the method by which any awards or prizes are determined.

B. Duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall include those duties outlined in the main body of the bylaws. Additional duties shall include

1. To serve as the Section Representative to the Council on Sections during the second and third year of his/her term of office.

C. Duties of the Chairperson-elect shall include:

1. To assist the Section Chairperson in any duties assigned to him/her.

2. If the Secretary-Treasurer succeeds to the office of Chairperson-elect, that individual will continue to represent the Section to the Council on Sections during his/her term of office as Chairperson-elect. If the Secretary-Treasurer is not elected to become Chairperson, the Chairperson shall appoint an individual to serve as the Section representative to the Council on Sections.

Standing and Special Committees

Section 1. The Chairperson may appoint the following standing committees and designate one member to serve as Chairperson for the following subcommittees:

A. Scientific Program Committee
B. Medal Committee
C. Education Committee
D. Membership Committee
E. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
F. Coding/Billing Committee
G. Advocacy Committee
H. Advanced Practitioner Committee
I. Other Special Committees when indicated

Term limits for Subcommittee Chairpersons will be for two years. The maximum term limits for all Subcommittee members, including time spent as a chairperson, is five years. All Subcommittee members must maintain an active membership in the AAP SOU.

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**Section 2.** The chairperson may approve one or more affiliate members to serve as non-voting liaisons to the Executive Committee or other standing or special committees.

**Section 3.** The Nominations Committee shall consist of three Fellows of the Section. Immediate Past Chairperson, Chairperson, and a third Fellow elected by the membership who is not a member of the Section Executive Committee. A member of the nominating committee may not be nominated for election. The individuals nominated for secretary-elect and chair-elect must have served as a member of the Section on Urology Executive Committee or as a Section on Urology Subcommittee member.

**Section 4.** Section Executive Committee as a whole shall act as the Membership Committee.

**Section 5.** Medal Committee. The Section on Urology may award periodically, but no more often than annually, a medal to be known as the Pediatric Urology Medal. This medal is to be given to a recipient chosen by the procedure described below, who has made outstanding contributions to the field of Pediatric Urology.

A. The Chairperson shall appoint a Medal Committee consisting of the Chairperson-ex officio, Chairperson-elect, and one additional Fellow. The Medal Committee shall nominate a recipient to the Section Executive Committee of the Section on Urology. If the Medal Committee finds no worthy recipient, the medal need not be awarded.

B. The Secretary of the Section will notify the Board of Directors of the Academy of the nomination after majority approval of the Executive Committee of the Section.

C. The Pediatric Urology Medal will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Section on Urology.

**Section 6.** Education Committee. The Chairperson shall appoint an Education Committee consisting of chair (2-year term) and vice-chair (2-year term) and 2 fellows (2-year term). The basic duties of the Education Committee are:

A. Review AAP policy statements and professional manuals; Review materials from outside bodies.

B. Review AAP patient education literature (brochures and manuals), both print and online

C. Submit program proposals to the AAP National Conference and Exhibition Planning Group (NCEPG) to educate General Pediatricians about issues in pediatric urology

D. Submit a written report of activities for discussion at the Spring and Fall executive committee meetings

E. Other duties as assigned

**Meetings**

**Section 1.** The Chairperson of the Section may call a meeting of the Section Executive Committee as needed; however, the notice of the meeting must conform with the policies and procedures approved
by the Board of Directors. The Section Executive Committee will meet at the Annual Meeting of the Academy and at the Annual Meeting of the American Urological Association.

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