

# OPERATIVE NOTES

American Academy of Pediatrics - Section on Surgery Newsletter

## A Welcome from Cindy Downard, MD, FAAP, AAP Section on Surgery Chair



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We are so excited about the upcoming year for the Section on Surgery of the American Academy of Pediatrics. This is the 75th anniversary year of the Section on Surgery, one of the longest standing subspecialty Sections of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The professional partnership of the Section on Surgery with the American Academy of Pediatrics was highlighted in Dr. Ken Gow's address to the Section at our meeting last month in Anaheim. In the beginning of our specialty, the American Academy of Pediatrics was gracious to offer pediatric surgeons a professional home where we could share interesting and challenging cases, report new findings, and build a professional network. These activities constitute the basis of our Section program to this day.

We ask you to **SAVE THE DATE** for the 75th anniversary meeting at the Section on Surgery as part of the National Conference and Exhibition of the American Academy of Pediatrics next October in Washington DC. This will prove to be a spectacular meeting with sessions highlighting advances in pediatric anesthesia and management of gynecologic malignancies. As advocacy has been a passion of mine, it seems fitting to highlight the outstanding efforts of our colleagues in advocating for our patients while meeting in our nation's capital. Therefore, there will be a special session addressing advocacy on the local, national, and international stage, and how the American Academy of Pediatrics can facilitate this.

Thank you for your faith in me to serve as the leader of the section over this next year. I'm always open to suggestions to improve the value of your membership in the Section and the American Academy of Pediatrics. I look forward to hearing from you over the next year.

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# Getting Back in the Saddle after an Event: Recognizing, Treating, Recovering from, and Potentially Preventing Second Victim Syndrome

It was just a.... and before I knew it .... Critical events happen in the blink of an eye to the best of us. As pediatric surgeons, we take care of the sickest and smallest patients and things are always looming. After a serious event, surgeons suffer along with their patients and families experiencing a myriad of symptoms which can include (continuously running through the events, intrusive thoughts, feelings of inadequacy, and other manifestations) which is termed *Second Victim Syndrome*. The AAP Trainee and Early Career Committee is hosting a webinar to discuss Second Victim Syndrome and how to support yourself and your partners, locating resources both at your institution and out, and how this may differ depending on your practice type or location. We hope this will be a practical, informative talk for those newly into practice and those approaching practice but feel that the information is valuable for all no matter your stage in practice.

## Agenda:

- Discuss occurrence of critical events that lead to second victim syndrome.
- From the perspective of junior and senior faculty, how to protect and recover yourself and how to help your partners.
- Differences between Private and Academic systems.
- Role of the Peer Support.

## Learning Objectives:

- Understanding Second Victim syndrome and its impact on surgeons
- Discuss how to support physicians and others experiencing second victim syndrome
- Explore how to create environments in and outside hospitals and practices that can help people to recover
- Identify resources locally and through AAP/APSA for Peer Support and its role

## Panelists:



Kurt Heiss



Loren Berman



Mark Hoffman



Wolfgang Stehr



Sarah Walker



Laura Goodman



Chad Thorson

The webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 16th at 5:30 PM Central.**

If interested, register here: [REGISTER HERE](#)

# AAP Section on Surgery Committees and Chairs 2022-2023

With a new year comes changes at the guard for some committees. Listed below are the chairs for this year. Shortly, there will be a call for new members to join committees. This is your opportunity to join your colleagues in areas that you may be interested in exploring. Join projects that are in queue or bring projects that you want to begin. Feel free to reach out to the chairs to discuss your interests.

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