What is the Section on Emergency Medicine?

The AAP Section on Emergency Medicine (SOEM), a group of over 1,900 members, was founded in 1981. The SOEM mission is to sustain, develop, and promote the delivery of optimal emergency care for acutely ill and injured infants, children, and adolescents. The Section envisions: equitable access to emergency care for infants, children, and adolescents; delivery of evidence guided, safe, and cost effective emergency care; and development of creative and innovative programs that address the needs of our membership.

Benefits of SOEM Membership:

- Advocacy (Federal & State)
- Scientific Abstracts, Research, Awards
- Educational Programs & CME Discounts (PREP E-MED, PEM Landscape, AAP National Conference)
- Resources for Trainees
- Maintenance of Certification Products & Programs
- Online Image Gallery of Emergency Medical Photos
- Policy Guidance, Clinical Algorithms, Section Newsletters
- Leadership, Mentorship & Networking Opportunities
- Collaboration with 10 SOEM Subcommittees & Other Organizations
- Opportunities to Survey Section Members
- SOEM Members’ Only Website & Listserv
- Low Dues, Great Value!

How to Join?

It’s easy! Go to aap.org/myaccount (members only) or call (866) 843-2271.

We also welcome health professionals in a related field (physicians, physician assistants, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, child life specialists, paramedics and emergency medical technicians) who are not eligible for National AAP Membership to join as Affiliate section members. Apply online here.

Annual SOEM dues are $0 for Medical Students, $10 for Residents and Post Residency Trainees, $60 for Affiliates, and $60 for all other members.
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As a member, you’ll have the opportunity for:

**Advocacy**
- The SOEM advocates for access to quality care, promotion of child health and injury prevention, professional growth and satisfaction of its members, and recognition of PEM subspecialists as experts who provide the highest level of emergency care for children.
- The SOEM provides input to the Academy on issues such as reimbursement and standardized drug dosing, and is interested in PEM fellowship and workforce issues.
- The SOEM sponsors annual advocacy scholarships to facilitate member participation in the annual AAP Legislative Conference.

**Leadership**
- Section members are eligible for election to the SOEM Executive Committee and may be appointed to any of the section subcommittees, including Advocacy, Committee for the Future, Education, EMS, Fellowship, Pediatric Emergency Readiness, PEM Division Chiefs, Research, Quality, and Women in PEM. Subcommittees can be contacted here.

**Networking**
- Collaborate with many other committees and sections of the Academy as well as outside organizations including the American College of Emergency Physicians, National Association of EMS Physicians, National Association of EMTs, EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center, and others.
- Network with other pediatric subspecialists.

**Education**
- The SOEM offers a variety of educational programs for PEM physicians including the opportunity to present research and serve as faculty during the Section's scientific abstract and educational programming at the AAP National Conference.
- Training and hands-on point-of-care ultrasound practice and technology.
- Discounts on CME offerings such as PREP E-Med and PEM Landscapes (formerly known as PREP-EM).
- Access to an online emergency medicine image gallery, PEMpix.

**What has SOEM done lately?**
- The SOEM serves as an expert resource to the AAP by providing review and input to official AAP policy and by working with the national AAP Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine to develop new and revised statements. View here.
- The Section Executive Committee works with the PEM Collaborative Research Network (PEM CRC) and Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN) to foster high-quality research in the field including opportunity for research awards, funding, project presentation and application to survey members via the SOEM listserv.
- The SOEM Quality Subcommittee has developed clinical practice algorithms on pediatric septic shock, ED handoffs and briefing checklists for transitions of care, and is currently working with AAP on a PEM Choosing Wisely list.
- A new Women in PEM Subcommittee has been formed and is off to a running start identifying new awards, opportunities, and projects to engage, diversify, and enhance the female footprint in the field!

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