Dear Section on Dermatology (SOD) members

As we are all facing an unprecedented and uncertain time for our patients, practices, and families with the spread of COVID-19, I hope that you are all healthy and safe. I am proud of the dedication that I have been witnessing from health care professionals across the country during this challenging time. Many of you may be adapting your clinical practices with the rapid changes that are occurring. I therefore wanted to provide updated resources from the American Academy of Pediatrics and a brief update from our Section on Dermatology.

Below are some COVID-19 resources that the American Academy of Pediatrics has released:

**Telehealth Resources**

In response to the increased number of pediatricians that are providing telehealth services, the AAP has been advocating for immediate changes to Medicaid, CHIP, and private insurers so that pediatricians can provide and be paid for telehealth care services. Additional resources telehealth resources have been released and are listed below:

- **AAP Guidance**: Outlines policy changes aiming to alleviate barriers to telehealth care
- **Coding for COVID-19 and Non-Direct Care**: Provides directions on how to use ICD-10-CM, new lab testing codes for COVID-19
- **List of COVID-19 related state telehealth policy changes**: This list is being updated regularly
- **Telehealth and Covid-29 Webinar**: Offers tips and guidance as you begin seeing patients in a virtual setting
- **Online Telehealth Compendium**: Offers tools and resources to support your efforts

**Other COVID-19 Information and Resources**

- AAP President Sally Goza sent a letter to congressional leaders urging payment for telehealth and action on other issues facing pediatricians and children
- A multi-disciplinary workgroup has been convened to respond to member questions and can be reached at covid-19@aap.org. The dedicated team tries to respond to all questions in under 24 hours
- Within the next few days, there will be a member discussion board dedicated to COVID-19. Information will be shared when available
- Additional information about COVID-19 can be found at AAP.org, your local and/or state public health department, or the CDC Website

Despite the challenging healthcare climate, the AAP and the Section on Dermatology continue to move forward with important healthcare initiatives.

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The American Academy of Pediatrics has had success in several areas advancing critical child health policies and opposing policies detrimental to child health. The updated Academic and Subspecialty Advocacy Washington Report reflects these recent developments, including efforts to increase Medicaid payment for primary care services, fund research into firearm injury and death prevention, bolster the pediatric subspecialty workforce, and protect immigrant children.

AAP News Focus on Subspecialty Article

Drs Marissa Perman and Ingrid Polcari submitted an article on Sunscreen Safety that will be published in the June edition of AAP News. The article reiterates the safety of sunscreen and encourages the use of other UV reduction behaviors in addition to sunscreen.

AAP SOD Election

Exercise your right to vote as a member and to influence the future direction of the Section on Dermatology. There are several Section positions on the ballot. To vote visit https://www.aap.org/vote to view the on-line ballot and biographical information on the candidates (if available). Use your AAP ID and password to log in. Please contact AAP Customer Service at 1-866-THE-AAP1 (1-866-843-2271) if you experience any issues logging in to AAP.org. The last day to vote is Tuesday March 31, 2020.

Thank you again for all you are doing during this unprecedented time. If you have questions or comments on our activities or wish to become more involved, please contact Section on Dermatology Manager, Jen Gorlewski, 630-626-6789.

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