



Section on International Medical Graduates

Fact Sheet

Mission

The mission of the Section on International Medical Graduates (SOIMG) is to optimize the skills and position of international medical graduates to improve the health and well being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults.

Accomplishments

Annual Leadership Forum

2017: Protect Children of Migrants – Top 10 Resolution
2018: Diversity and Leadership at the AAP – The Silent Role of the International Medical Graduates

National Conference and Exhibition Educational Programs

2021: Support IMGs for Sub-specialty Training with Equal Opportunity during Interview and Selection Process
2019: H-program - “Hidden Figures: The Pivotal Role of Pediatric International Medical Graduates (IMGs) in U.S. Healthcare”
2019: Joint H-program with Council on Community Pediatrics – “Refugee Health: Caring for those seeking safe haven in our nation of immigrants”
2018: Joint H-program with Section on International Child Health – “Advocacy and Justice for Children at Home and Abroad”

Publications

2021: Joint H-Program with Section on Global Health – “Creativity in the Face of a Pandemic: Innovative Care Paradigms in Resource-Constrained Settings”
Katakam SK, Frintner MP, Pelaez-Velez C, et al. Work Experiences and Satisfaction of International Medical School Graduates. *Pediatrics*. 2019; 143(1):e20181953
Chakraborty R, Rathore MH, Dreyer BP, Stein F, et al. The Pivotal Role of the International Medical Graduate. *Pediatrics* 2019 Jan 10. pii: peds. 2018-1189. doi: 10.1542/peds.2018-1189.
AAP News article in September 2018 Issue – “International medical graduates embrace care of underserved U.S. kids”

Goals & Objectives

- Identify the IMG population, their professional wellness needs, and conduct outreach to engage them with the AAP
- Increase the leadership skills and role(s) of IMGs in the AAP and for future endeavors
- Increase participation of IMGs in activities that support advocacy efforts as well as pediatric workforce issues
- Increase participation of IMGs in priority global health efforts
- Provide mentorship and guidance to early career IMGs

Future Planning

- Increasing IMG membership within the Section and the AAP

Quick Facts

>1,700 SOIMG Members

27 IMGs in leadership roles at the AAP

2 out of 13 AAP board members are IMGs

24% of active physicians in the US are IMGs

<10% of AAP members are IMGs

56% of AAP SOIMG members are women

50% of AAP SOIMG members are fellows

24% of AAP SOIMG members are medical students

20% of AAP SOIMG members are early career physicians