



Voters' Guide



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Despite new technologies and remarkable biomedical advances, fundamental challenges remain for children's health and the profession of pediatrics. Attending the Annual Leadership Forum (ALF) reinforced my belief that AAP and its members are best equipped to meet those challenges. The resolutions at ALF focused on the most pressing issues for children, targeting the most vulnerable, such as children in poverty, undocumented immigrant children, and those exposed to violence, drugs and other toxic stresses.

As president, I would use that platform to create best strategies ensuring essential health care for all children and advocating that it is delivered by those best prepared to provide it: AAP members. Since many of the root causes impacting children's health are not within the control of pediatricians or the AAP, it is imperative that we work diligently to identify and engage external partners. Together, AAP and those partners can collaborate to provide necessary resources and eliminate barriers so children have equal access to services helping them achieve good health and optimal development.

As pediatricians, we know the best care for children occurs in the medical home. As president, I will work tirelessly to ensure that the medical home is valued for delivering optimal care and providing it cost effectively. As health care financing changes, the medical home must be established as the focal point of future delivery systems with appropriate payment to ensure pediatricians have the time and resources to address all essential health care needs of children. To accomplish this goal, services provided by the medical home need to be expanded and paid for appropriately. Financial disincentives to discourage care outside of the medical home should be one option.

The AAP is the premier advocate for children. To maintain this legacy, the AAP must engage all members, particularly young physicians. As president, I will work to help members recognize the value of the AAP to them and their practices. We will develop strategies that encourage greater member participation in local and national activities and provide opportunities and training for leadership. Most importantly, AAP will continue to supply the support and resources needed to help pediatricians address their clinical and financial needs.

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