Founded in 1948, the Section on Allergy and Immunology is dedicated to ensuring that children receive the highest quality of allergy and immunology care. To accomplish its mission, the Section provides a number of educational, training, and research programs and continually advocates for improved allergy and immunology care and services.

The Section sponsors educational programs for both pediatric generalists and subspecialists at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) National Conference and Exhibition (NCE) each fall and at the American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology annual meeting each spring. The Section’s other educational endeavors include this annual “Best Articles Relevant to Pediatric Allergy and Immunology” supplement to Pediatrics, Visiting Professor Program, Pediatric Asthma Speaker’s Kit, electronic quality improvement in practice program on asthma diagnosis and management (Education in Quality Improvement for Pediatric Practice [eQIPP], which meets the American Board of Pediatrics maintenance-of-certification criteria), and a number of public education materials. The Section is also active in contributing to educational programs and resources such as AAP News, educational brochures, clinical reports, practical pediatrics courses, and many other endeavors.

To support training and to promote research in pediatric allergy and immunology, the Section awards travel grants to residents and training fellows to participate in and to present cases at the AAP NCE and provides outstanding abstract awards for training fellows and junior faculty members for presentation at the American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology annual meeting. In close collaboration with other subspecialty societies, the Section is actively involved with initiatives to improve subspecialty education, such as the American Board of Allergy and Immunology maintenance-of-certification requirements. Section members represent the AAP in national and government conferences and provide input on federal legislation on behalf of the AAP. For more information on all AAP allergy and immunology resources and initiatives, visit www.aap.org/sections/allergy.

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