



Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting

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2017 Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting to Showcase New Discoveries Affecting Children's Health

Thousands of researchers will gather in San Francisco May 6-9 to share latest findings in a wide range of fields that will help define health care for a new generation.

SAN FRANCISCO – Leading experts will present thousands of original research abstracts in children's health at the 2017 Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting, the largest international meeting focused on research in child health.

Among the research to be presented at PAS are abstracts that will highlight new findings in treating newborns who have been exposed to opioids, the impact of marijuana legalization on teens, the impact of digital media use on children's literacy, concussions in young athletes, lead exposure among children in poverty, the Zika virus, autism, adolescent depression, diet-related cardiovascular changes in children and the effects of losing health insurance on children's health.

The conference takes place May 6-9 at the Moscone West Convention Center in San Francisco.

Thousands of research scientists, health care providers and policy makers from around the world are expected to attend the meeting. Journalists will have access to scientists sharing original pediatric research, and thousands of scientific papers will be presented before they appear in medical journals.

"The opportunity to share original research as it unfolds remains at the heart of the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting," said Clifford W. Bogue, MD, FAAP, PAS program committee chair and a professor of pediatrics at Yale School of Medicine. "But what's equally critical to keep pace with rapidly evolving child health issues is the chance to discuss with colleagues from around the globe how this research can be applied to actual clinical practice in pediatrics, as well as public policy and advocacy," he said.

The 2017 meeting will include hundreds of research abstracts that will be presented in platform and poster sessions. Information sessions, workshops and plenary talks throughout the four-day meeting will explore a comprehensive array of issues affecting current and future approaches to pediatric health care.

Atul Butte, MD, PhD, a pediatrician, computer scientist and biomedical informatics pioneer will deliver the keynote address, exploring looking to “big data” for new, more targeted and effective cures for children. In his talk, “[Translating Ten Trillion Points of Data into Therapies, Diagnostics, and New Insights into Disease](#),” he will describe the emerging field of “precision medicine,” which incorporates vast new knowledge of human genetics and other publicly available molecular data, along with its myriad social complexities. Dr. Butte is inaugural Director of the Institute for Computational Health Sciences, Professor of Pediatrics at UCSF, and Executive Director for Clinical Informatics, University of California Health Sciences and Services.

Journalists should register in advance. Individuals who do not meet the criteria for media credentials will not be awarded a press badge on-site. To apply for media credentials, email Susan Martin (ssmartin@aap.org) and Emily James (emily.james@aps-spr.org) with the following information:

- Name
- Email address
- Phone number
- Media outlet
- Links to previous bylined articles on children’s health
- Freelance journalists must provide a letter of assignment from a recognized media outlet to obtain media credentials.

For more information about the 2017 PAS Meeting, visit www.pas-meeting.org.

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The Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) Meeting brings together thousands of individuals united by a common mission: to improve child health and wellbeing worldwide. This international gathering includes pediatric researchers, leaders in academic pediatrics, experts in child health, and practitioners. The PAS Meeting is produced through a partnership of four organizations leading the advancement of pediatric research and child advocacy: the Academic Pediatric Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Pediatric Society, and Society for Pediatric Research. For more information, visit the PAS Meeting online at www.pas-meeting.org, follow us on Twitter @PASMeeting and #pasm17, or like us on Facebook.