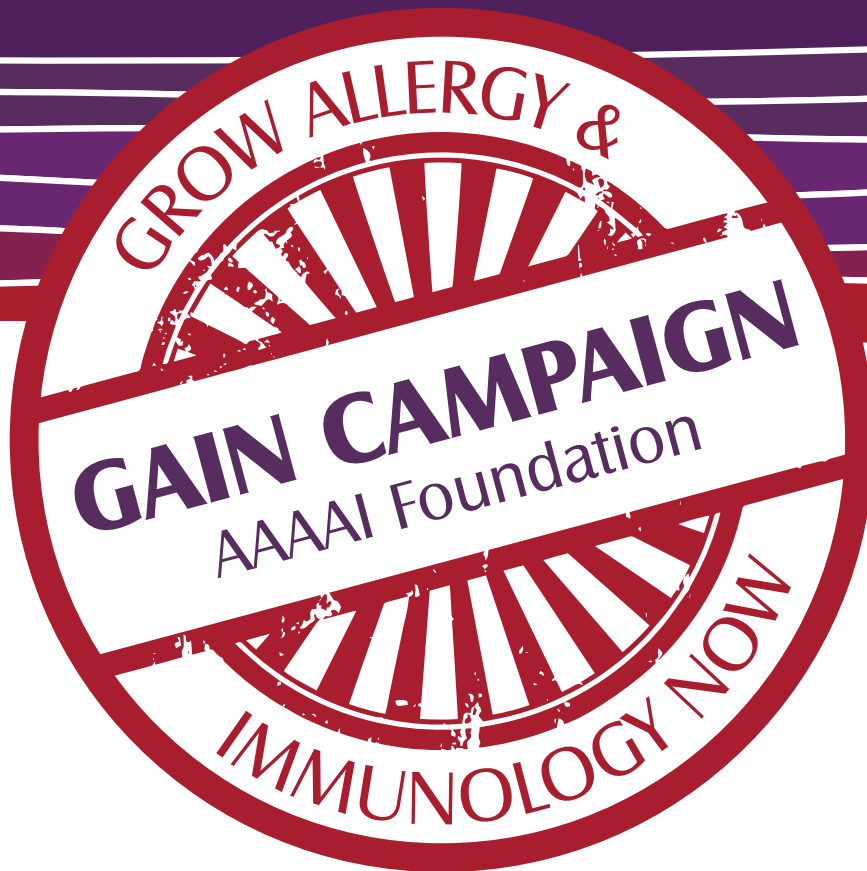


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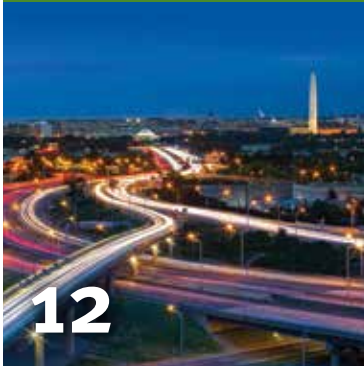
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Dear Colleagues,

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missed weeks of school while the AAAAI member physician and care team fought for authorization of the treatment. This patient eventually received treatment, but only after two months of appeals, a peer-to-peer review, and extensive unreimbursed time by the practice. Hearing such a story, which you can read on page 8, reinforces why I created a Prior Authorization Task Force as one of my [presidential initiatives](#).

Prior authorization negatively impacts patient care and wellness, is a huge burden for physicians and practice staff, and there has not been a lot of progress on reforms. According to the American Medical Association's 2021 [prior authorization survey](#), 34% of physicians report that prior authorization has led to a serious adverse event for a patient in their care. In addition, an April 2022 [report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General](#) looked at denials of prior authorization requests by Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs). The key takeaway states that "MAOs denied prior authorization and payment requests that met Medicare coverage rules by: using MAO clinical criteria that are not contained in Medicare coverage rules; requesting unnecessary documentation; and making manual review errors and system errors." The report went on to say: "Our findings about the circumstances under which MAOs denied requests that met Medicare coverage rules and MAO billing rules provide an opportunity for improvement to ensure that Medicare Advantage beneficiaries have timely access to all necessary health care services, and that providers are paid appropriately."

Prior authorization is a huge problem that the AAAAI is not going to solve on its own, but we as a specialty can help and there are ample opportunities to partner with industry, patient advocacy organizations and others to collaborate on potential solutions.

The AAAAI's Prior Authorization Task Force is being chaired by Stuart L. Abramson, MD, PhD, AE-C, FAAAAI, who also chairs the Advocacy Committee. This was an intentional choice because supporting current reform legislation is an important way to help modernize the prior authorization process. On page 8, you can also read about a bill the AAAAI has already supported, the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act, which aims to modernize that process through a variety of means.

Joining Dr. Abramson on the Prior Authorization Task Force are myself and the following members:

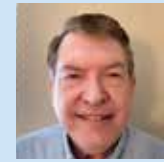
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How we are going to address prior authorization remains to be determined, but enhancing awareness of the issue is a crucial first step. In the meantime, head to page 8 for more details about prior authorization, including tips from the AAAAI that you can implement in your practice today. You can also help. If you have an example of how prior authorization is hurting patient outcomes and diminishing allergy/immunology patient care, send an email to advocacy@aaaai.org.

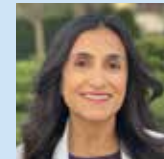
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Introducing the Members of the Prior Authorization Task Force



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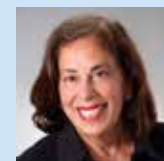
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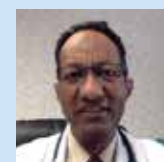
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Committee to Address Gender-Specific Inequities in A/I Disorders

We Need Your Ideas. Join the Committee Today!



Jennifer A. Namazy, MD, FAAAAI

The opportunity to shine a light on and address inequities in allergic disorders among women was all the motivation Jennifer A. Namazy, MD, FAAAAI, and Juanita Mora, MD, needed to say “yes” when asked to lead the new Women’s Health in Allergy/Immunology Committee recently established by the AAAAI Board of Directors.



Juanita Mora, MD

“Women experience unique healthcare challenges and suffer greater morbidity than men from certain diseases, such as asthma,” said Dr. Namazy, who will serve as chair. “The treatment of asthma in childbearing-age and pregnant women is an interest I’ve had since finishing fellowship.”

The committee will work to address gender-specific issues in allergic disorders and help facilitate recommendations for programs that can improve outcomes through effective treatments, Dr. Namazy said.

“We have an opportunity to re-write this chapter for our patient population and make a change,” added Dr. Mora, who will serve as the committee’s vice chair. “A committee dedicated to women’s health in allergy and immunology is imperative.”

The Board approved the creation of the committee at its February meeting in Phoenix. It will be part of the Health, Equity, Technology & Quality (HETQ) Interest Section, formerly known as the Health Outcomes, Education, Delivery & Quality (HEDQ) Interest Section. The VAMPSS Investigative Task Force requested the formation of the committee, and then it was recommended to the Board by the Infrastructure Task Force.

Dr. Namazy is an allergist at Scripps Green Hospital in San Diego. She has been part for the VAMPSS Task Force for several years. Dr. Mora is an allergist/immunologist in Chicago with a strong interest in breaking down barriers to asthma care in underserved communities. In 2014, she opened the Chicago Allergy Center.

The committee is currently recruiting members. If you are interested in getting involved, please send an email noting your interest to membership@aaaai.org.



Insights from Young Investigator Paul J. Maglione, MD, PhD

Dr. Maglione works as an Investigator in the Pulmonary Center at Boston University School of Medicine and was a recipient of the AAAAI Foundation Faculty Development Award in 2019. We're pleased to share an update on his research and work with the AAAAI.

What findings have you come up with from your research project?

We found that the subset of common variable immunodeficiency (CVID) patients that develop non-infectious complications (including autoimmune, gastrointestinal, and pulmonary disease) have a distinct cytokine profile corresponding with deficiency of lipopolysaccharide-specific antibodies together with monocyte and T cell activation and expansion. This work was published in the January 2022 issue of JACI.

What's next?

We are now striving to identify fundamental biological mechanisms that result in the heightened immune activation that predisposes a subset of CVID patients to non-infectious complications as opposed to others with CVID or severe forms of primary antibody deficiency without such sequelae.

For more information on Dr. Maglione and our other grant awardees, please visit [aaaifoundation.org](http://aaaaifoundation.org).

What can the practicing allergist take away from your findings?

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Working to Close the Gap on Health Inequities Through Connection

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Andrea A. Pappalardo, MD, FAAAAI

Connecting children and families to medical care and services is key to closing the gap on health inequities; but how do you make that connection? Where do you start?

“You bring services directly to families in their neighborhoods, in a trusted environment – their school,” said Andrea A. Pappalardo, MD, FAAAAI, who is doing just that.

Healthcare disparities in asthma and allergic care are a long-lasting unfortunate reality in Chicago, as they are in other urban centers in the United States, Dr. Pappalardo said. “Children and adults who desperately need guideline-based care do not receive it and have difficulty obtaining a referral to the necessary subspecialists.”

Dr. Pappalardo, who serves as Medical Director of the Coordinated Healthcare for Complex Kids (CHECK) program, a large care coordination program for Medicaid-insured minority children and young adults living with chronic health conditions in the Chicago area, works tirelessly to address health inequities. Her research focuses on school and community-based implementation and science-driven interventions to reduce health disparities in asthma and food allergy.

“Everything I do, both in research and clinically, focuses on how to build care models that recognize and extinguish long-lasting healthcare disparities and move our subspecialty to the forefront of how to reach health equity,” said Dr. Pappalardo.

In addition to her work with the CHECK Program, Dr. Pappalardo serves as the Medical Director for the Mobile Care Asthma Van, where she provides school-based asthma and allergy subspecialty care throughout Chicagoland in front of schools. Mobile Care Chicago has operated since 1998, working within the most vulnerable neighborhoods of Chicago, bringing subspecialty care in converted RVs to children and young adults. “I provide comprehensive allergy/immunology services, including skin testing, spirometry, and vaccinations among other services within this Asthma Van.”

Most recently, Dr. Pappalardo said she has been working with schools (including Chicago Public Schools), politicians, nursing, and advocacy networks through an American Lung Association grant to improve implementation of stock relievers in schools across the state of Illinois.

Forging a strong, lasting relationship with Chicago Public Schools has been essential to achieving success, Dr. Pappalardo explained. “Together, we are implementing solutions over time that help build the infrastructure of providing healthcare within the school setting and connecting the silos between the child, their family, their schools, communities, and the medical system.”

Dr. Pappalardo’s work is just one example of the many ways AAAAI members are working to bring to life the vision of the AAAAI – that all people have optimal health and well-being, with value recognized by society.

“As the leading membership organization of more than 7,000 allergist/immunologists and patients’ trusted resource for allergies, asthma and immune deficiency disorders, the AAAAI has a responsibility to help address health disparities in the treatment of our patients,” AAAAI President David A. Khan, MD, FAAAAI, said in a recent message to members. Dr. Khan introduced the AAAAI’s official [Diversity Equity and Inclusion Statement](#) developed by the Disparities Task Force, a presidential initiative of Giselle S. Mosnaim, MD, MS, FAAAAI, and recently adopted by the Board of Directors.

Current Prior Authorization Process Harms Patients

Share Your Experiences



Recently, a 12-year-old boy with undetectable B-cells and an IgG of ~120 mg/dL was denied critical immunoglobulin replacement therapy and needlessly missed numerous weeks of school while his physician – an AAAAI member – and care team fought for authorization of the treatment. Finally, after two months of appeals, a peer-to-peer review, and extensive unreimbursed time by the practice, the boy received his treatment.

This case illustrates the harm often caused by the current prior authorization requirements. Medically necessary treatments are delayed or denied, resulting in potentially dire consequences for patients and unnecessary reimbursable administrative costs for practices.

Modernizing the prior authorization process will improve patients' access to the most effective treatments prescribed by medical providers and reform burdensome insurance practices that delay care. To this end, the AAAAI is supporting current reform legislation, specifically the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act (H.R. 3173/S. 3018).

Highlights of the bill include:

- The establishment of an electronic prior authorization process
- Minimizing prior authorization for services routinely approved
- Requiring plans to report the extent of their use of prior authorization and rate of delays and denials
- Ensuring prior authorization requests are reviewed by qualified medical personnel
- Ensuring plans adhere to evidence-based medicine guidelines

In order to create a larger impact with elected leaders, the AAAAI is collecting examples of instances where payer prior authorization processes have resulted in patient harm, as the example above demonstrates. These examples include but are not limited to "fail first"/step up therapy requirements. Send your examples to advocacy@aaaai.org.

The Board of Directors also recently approved the creation of a Prior Authorization Task Force. This presidential initiative of David A. Khan, MD, FAAAAI, will work to enhance awareness of the issue and address prior authorization in new ways.

Here are some tips that you can implement in your practice today:

- Anticipate which medications trigger the highest percentage of prior authorizations and have a plan in place. Sometimes you may be able to substitute a medication.
- Develop templates for your most commonly used medications and procedures that require prior authorization.
- Designate a staff person to focus on prior authorization rules.
- Customize your software to alert you when prior authorization may be required, and take advantage of electronic submission portals when they're available.

Prior authorization is one of the many topics that will be covered at the [2022 AAAAI Practice Management Workshop](#). The plenary session, Major Moving Targets: Regulatory Issues of Critical Importance to Allergy Practice, will feature speakers Emily Graham, RHIA, CCS-P from Hart Health Strategies and Stuart L. Abramson, MD, PhD, AE-C, FAAAAI.

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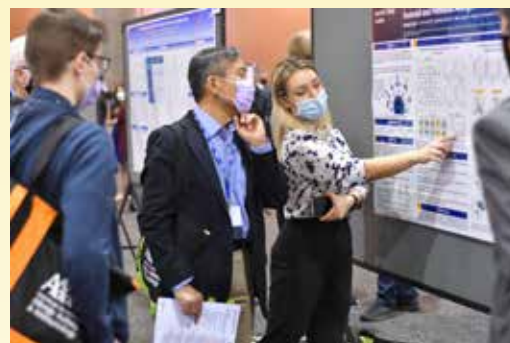
"Attending the 2022 AAAAI Annual Meeting was fantastic! I realized on one day that I had enjoyed over 10 presentations – a feat that is not possible for me at virtual meetings. It was energizing to connect with colleagues and old friends over coffee, meals and in between sessions. Those interactions led to numerous follow-up calls and Zooms after the meeting to identify the next steps towards working together."

— Leah Claire Nesbitt Kottyan, PhD, Chair of the Genetics, Molecular Biology & Epidemiology Committee

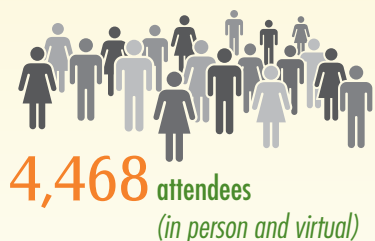
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Thousands of people attended the 2022 AAAAI Annual Meeting in Phoenix in February. It was great to be together again to learn, network and share best practices for the first time since 2019. Members were thrilled to return to hands on, interactive learning sessions, robust discussions of latest research and the exhilaration of the annual AAAAI Foundation Run/Walk. The hybrid format allowed those who were unable to travel to Phoenix to experience the same quality learning through live-streamed and pre-recorded virtual sessions.



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Updates From Your AAAAI Interest Section Leaders

Joining an [AAAI interest section](#) provides the unique opportunity to work with others who have similar clinical and research interests to advance the knowledge and understanding of different diseases within our specialty. Interest sections are also an effective way to find collaborators and mentors. Tune in to [episode 49](#) of “[Conversations from the World of Allergy](#),” the AAAAI podcast series, to learn more.

Joining an interest section is as simple as visiting your [AAAI member profile](#) and selecting your primary interest section membership under the tab labeled [Involvement](#).

Asthma Diagnosis and Treatment (ADT) Publishes New Workgroup Report



From left to right: Thanai Pongdee, MD, FAAAAI, Sharmilee M. Nyenhuis, MD, FAAAAI, and Alan P. Baptist, MD, FAAAAI

Sharmilee M. Nyenhuis, MD, FAAAAI, (Chair), Thanai Pongdee, MD, FAAAAI, (Vice Chair) and Alan P. Baptist, MD, FAAAAI, (Secretary) lead the ADT Interest Section, a community for AAAAI members interested in advancing the knowledge and understanding of asthma diagnosis and treatment. Specific areas of focus include:

- Diagnostic testing modalities, which includes exercise testing, allergen specific and non-specific bronchoprovocation, allergic and immunologic assessment and imaging studies
- Range of therapeutic options, including inhalation delivery devices and pharmacologic, immunologic and non-pharmacologic (e.g. exercise) therapies

There are three committees under the ADT Interest Section.

- Our Asthma and Allergic Diseases in Older Adults Committee is active in promoting clinical care, education and research on asthma and allergic diseases in older adults. Members of this committee have contributed to website content related to COVID-19 resources including topics on vaccine hesitancy and the Omicron COVID-19 variant. In collaboration with the Allergic Skin Disease Committee, a virtual patient case focusing on allergic skin disease in older adults has been developed and can be found [on the AAAAI website](#).
- Our Asthma, Cough, Diagnosis and Treatment Committee promotes education concerning the diagnosis, assessment and treatment of asthma and cough. This committee recently formed two new subgroups focused on Biologics for the Treatment of Asthma and Health Disparities/Inequities and Asthma.
- Members from our Sports, Exercise and Fitness Committee worked with the AAAAI Foundation to provide information on the benefits of exercise during the Annual 5K Run/Walk during the 2022 AAAAI Annual Meeting. Additionally, they published “[Recommendations for Physical Activity in Asthma: A Work Group Report of the AAAAI Sports, Exercise, and Fitness Committee](#).”

Additionally, our interest section recently completed a work group report titled “Pulmonary Procedures During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” which was [published in JACI: In Practice](#).

Committees of the Mechanisms of Asthma and Allergic Inflammation (MAAI) Interest Section Focus on Education



From left to right, Roma Sehmi, PhD, FAAAAI, (Chair) Angela Haczku, MD, PhD, FAAAAI, (Vice Chair) and Magdalena M. Gorska, MD, PhD, FAAAAI, (Secretary)

Our mission is to support training and integration of clinical, basic and translational research in mechanisms of asthma, allergy, and immunological disorders. We do this by developing mechanistic science-focused sessions for the AAAAAI Annual Meeting, which highlight recent scientific progress on mechanisms of allergy, asthma and immunological diseases and their applications to clinical medicine. MAAI together with the Basic Science Work Group is playing a prominent role in the 2023 AAAAAI Annual Meeting plenary session program with three top-ranked proposals.

We also support grant-writing workshops and highlight the best projects through abstract awards at AAAAAI Annual Meetings. By joining our interest section, you will have a great opportunity to enrich your professional life and promote your career by interacting with likeminded colleagues while shaping the future of the AAAAAI.

MAAI activities involve the work of two committees in collaboration with the Basic Science Work Group, including:

- The Cells and Mediators of Allergic Inflammation Committee develops Annual Meeting programming that highlights advances in cellular and molecular mechanisms of atopic disorders and immune diseases. The committee emphasizes pairing senior investigators with junior members to provide critical mentroship as members grow in their careers within the AAAAAI community. The committee continues its successful tradition of selecting junior members with top ranked abstracts to give focused research presentations during the Annual Meeting.
- The Mast Cells Disorders Committee has developed educational materials including a report on Mast Cell Activation Syndrome published in JACI and is currently developing position statements and updates to patient educational materials on Systemic Mastocytosis. The committee is addressing issues with inappropriate overdiagnosis of Mast Cell Activation Syndrome and misdiagnosis of other significant confounding conditions. It is working with the American Initiative on Mast Cell Diseases to establish an international competence network in the Americas for research, treatment and evaluation of mast cell disorders. Supporting translation of approved reports after publication to Spanish, Danish and Italian aims to increase awareness of these disorders. This is further supported by continued participation in patient oriented events such as “Patient Voice Forums” with the Mast Cell Disease Society, Ehlers Danlos Society and Dysautonomia International.

The Interest Section Corner is a regular feature highlighting the **IMPACT** of the work done by interest section members.

Dr. Ciaccio on the 2022 Practice Management Workshop



Christina E. Ciaccio,
MD, FAAAAI

The [2022 AAAAI Practice Management Workshop](#) will take place July 22-24 in Washington, DC, and Christina E. Ciaccio, MD, FAAAAI, Chair of the Practice Management Workshop Planning Committee, is thrilled that this year's event will be in person.

"The Practice Management Workshop is an opportunity to hear about pitfalls other practices have faced, and how you can avoid

them," Dr. Ciaccio said. "You may have problems you've not been able to solve or questions you've not found answers to, especially around insurance issues or litigation. This workshop can help answer these questions and streamline your processes."

An in-person event allows for more unstructured time, which provides more opportunities to connect with colleagues facing the same challenges you are. "It's hard to have these organic conversations during Zoom sessions," Dr. Ciaccio added.

She, along with the rest of the planning committee, are excited that livestreaming sessions will also be available this year to allow more healthcare professionals to participate, even if they can't fly to Washington, DC.

The Practice Management Workshop is a unique program that will help you anticipate future practice changes and stay up to date with changes that have already occurred, and offers concrete solutions you can apply to your practice right away. "As a FIT, I felt confident in my medical training, but lacking in practice management skills," said Anita Sivan, DO, who attended the workshop during their training. "The information shared at the Practice Management Workshop was helpful – especially a session I attended that featured recent graduates in different types of allergy positions. They provided insightful questions that are 'must-asks' to future employers and in selecting a job position."

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Member Spotlight

Jaclyn Bjelac, MD

Finding time to keep abreast of the latest A/I research, while in the midst of a demanding fellowship, proved difficult for Jaclyn Bjelac, MD, a practicing allergist specializing in food allergy. "I found myself wondering if there might be a simpler way," she recalled.

So, when it came time to select a project as part of her involvement in the [AAAAI Leadership Institute Mentorship Program](#), Dr. Bjelac developed a plan for a publication that would put the latest research in a convenient, easy-to-read resource. Her mentors loved the idea and several months later, the first issue of *Practice Scoops* debuted.

Practice Scoops is a collection of micro summaries of current literature relevant to practicing allergists. "My hope is that *Practice Scoops* can help the busy professionals in our specialty stay more up to date," said Dr. Bjelac, who currently serves as the Associate Director of the Food Allergy Center of Excellence at the Cleveland Clinic.

Dr. Bjelac recruited members of the New Allergist and Immunologist Assembly (NAIA) to serve as contributors to *Practice Scoops*. Each volunteer reviews one or two journals and selects and summarizes articles relevant to the publication's audience. Final selection is

made by Dr. Bjelac who submits the content to the *Practice Matters* editorial team for review. "*Practice Scoops* is really an amazing example of collaboration across multiple areas of the AAAAI and has been so fun and rewarding to bring to fruition," she said.

Practice Scoops is just one of the many rewarding experiences Dr. Bjelac has had participating in the Leadership Institute. "Participating in the Leadership Institute has helped me to gain understanding of the AAAAI structure, and different ways to get involved," she said. "It has been an incomparable networking opportunity, and it has given me the chance to work with members of leadership as well as my mentor Dr. Sharon Markovics."

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Members on the Move: Cem Akin, MD, PhD, FAAAAI



Dr. Akin has been recognized as Researcher of the Year by the European Competence Network on Mastocytosis (ECNM). This honor is presented yearly to an expert of mastocytosis who has made substantial contributions to the field. He will be presented with the ECNM Medal during their 20th Annual Meeting, taking place

September 15-17 in Basel, Switzerland. Congratulations, Dr. Akin!

Members on the Move: Lorraine N. Velez-Torres



Lorraine N. Velez-Torres is currently a graduate student at the

University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus. Her research, "Hurricane María drives increased indoor proliferation of filamentous fungi in San Juan, Puerto Rico: a two-year culture-based approach", was recently published in *PeerJ*. Congratulations to this promising young researcher!

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In Memory: John E. Rooney, MD, PhD, FAAAAI

Dr. Rooney passed away unexpectedly after a career spanning over 20 years. He obtained his medical degree from Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University. He worked in a variety of settings including private practice and as Assistant Professor of Medicine at NYU, Cornell University School of Medicine, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine and Hofstra-Northwell Medical School. Most recently, he was the sole medical provider at Aülto Allergy in Shoreview, Minnesota.

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February 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Summary

The members of the AAAAI Board of Directors met February 23-28 in Phoenix during the 2022 AAAAI Annual Meeting. Board members expressed their appreciation for the work of AAAAI committee members and chairs as they strive to fulfill the AAAAI mission to advance the knowledge and practice of allergy, asthma and immunology for optimal patient care. Over the course of the meeting, a number of significant decisions and actions were made. Here are the highlights:



Dr. Mosnaim passing the gavel to new AAAAI President, Dr. Khan

Updates from Dr. Mosnaim's Presidential Task Forces

Outgoing President Giselle S. Mosnaim, MD, MS, FAAAAI, provided a final review of her presidential initiatives and members of her presidential task forces gave updates on their work throughout the year.

- The Community Practitioner Leadership Task Force made recommendations to encourage inclusion of diverse practice backgrounds in committees and other leadership positions in the AAAAI. In addition, they recommended highlighting leadership opportunities and demonstrating how to advance in the AAAAI.
- The Culture of Leadership Task Force presented for approval a Committee Chair Reference Manual that will be distributed to all committee chairs and vice chairs.
- The Disparities Task Force presented a new [Diversity, Equity & Inclusion \(DEI\) Statement](#) for the AAAAI, which was approved. They made additional recommendations regarding inclusive representation in leadership, and requested more attention be given to health disparities in social media. They also stressed the importance of making connections with underrepresented minorities in medical school and residency.

Updates on Dr. Khan's Presidential Initiatives

President David A. Khan, MD, FAAAAI, provided the following updates on his previously discussed presidential initiatives:

- The creation of a Prior Authorization Task Force, which was approved by the Board. Stuart L. Abramson, MD, PhD, AE-C, FAAAAI, will serve as chair.
- The Regional Outreach on Allergy/Immunology for Residents (ROAR) Program
- Drug Hypersensitivity Research Grant

Approvals

The Board of Directors approved the following:

- The 2021 AAAAI draft audit
- The addition of five new vice chairs as part of the AAAAI Foundation's Council Succession Plan
- A membership with the American Botanical Council for natural medicines
- The "Pulmonary Procedures During the COVID-19 Pandemic" work group report

Miscellaneous

- The Board affirmed their continued support of the Immunotherapy Surveillance Study and gave their endorsement of GRADE Guideline methodology.
- The HEDQ Interest Section name was changed to Health, Equity, Technology & Quality (HETQ) and the Committee on the Underserved was changed to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.
- A new committee, the Women's Health in Allergy/Immunology Committee, was created.
- New Editorial Board members for JACI and JACI: *In Practice* were approved.

What

The next Board of Directors meeting

When

June 16-19, 2022

Where

Chicago, IL