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AMSPDC Fall 2026 Members Meeting Saturday, November 14 – Sunday, November 15, 2026

Hilton Rosemont Chicago O'Hare
5550 N River Rd., Rosemont, IL 60018

Saturday, November 14, 2026	
Time	Function
4:30-5:30pm	Registration / Check-In Opens
5:30-6:30pm	Members Meeting Reception
Sunday, November 15, 2026	
Time	Function
7:00am	Registration / Check-In Opens
7:30-8:30am	Networking Breakfast
8:30-9:00am	Welcome & Opening Remarks Speakers: Leslie Walker, MD, AMSPDC President; Barbara Ostrov, MD and Joseph St. Geme, III, MD, Meeting Planning Co-Chairs
9:00-10:15am	Session I: Compensation in Academic Pediatrics: Benchmarking, Workforce Pressures, and Strategies for Faculty Recruitment and Retention Moderator: Joseph St. Geme, III, MD, Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania Speakers: Jon Hayes, CareerPhysician; Sallie Permar, MD, PhD, Weill Cornell Medical Center; and Jason Tackett, SullivanCotter <i>This panel will explore compensation in academic pediatric departments from multiple perspectives, including how departments use available benchmark data, national trends across academic medicine and pediatric subspecialties, the influence of workforce and payment policy on salary structures, and the implications of total compensation for recruitment, retention, and leadership roles in pediatrics.</i>
10:15-10:30am	Break
10:30am-12:00pm	Session II: Creating a Culture of Wellbeing: Reducing Burnout, Strengthening Retention, and Demonstrating Value Moderator: Barbara Ostrov, MD, Albany Medical Center Speakers: Gina Geis, MD, Albany Medical Center and Angela Meyers, MD, Mercy Children's Hospital <i>Pediatric departments vary widely in their approach to physician wellbeing, yet burnout and turnover carry significant consequences for faculty, patients, and institutional performance. This session will highlight emerging evidence, practical tools, and real-world examples of successful wellbeing and retention programs. Participants will explore strategies to improve professional fulfillment across career stages, understand the financial implications of physician burnout and turnover, and learn how data-driven</i>

	<i>tools can help make the case for institutional investment. Attendees will leave with practical approaches for building a sustainable culture of wellbeing while strengthening faculty retention and organizational resilience.</i>
12:00-12:45pm	Networking Lunch
12:45-1:45pm	Session III: The Future of Pediatric Subspecialty Certification: Continuing the Conversation with the ABP Moderator: Joseph St. Geme, III, MD, Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania Speaker: Michael A. Barone, MD, MPH, American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) <i>Building on the June 23 AMSPDC webinar, this session will continue the discussion with ABP leadership on the future of subspecialty training and certification, and the implications for training programs, clinical departments, and the pediatric workforce.</i>
1:45-3:00pm	Session IV: AMSPDC Pediatrics Workforce Initiative (PWI) Moderator: Barbara Ostrov, MD, Albany Medical Center Speakers: TBA <i>In this session, attendees will hear about the work of the AMSPDC Pediatrics Workforce Initiative (PWI) and its efforts to support the future of the pediatric workforce.</i>
3:00-3:15pm	Break
3:15-4:15pm	Session V: Advocacy in Action: Strengthening Pediatric Priorities at the Federal and Institutional Levels Moderator: Barbara Ostrov, MD, Albany Medical Center Speakers: Hugh Ewart, Adduna Health Partners; Jill Fraggos, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital; and Benjamin Gibson, University of Chicago <i>This session will provide an overview of AMSPDC's advocacy framework and current policy priorities, highlight opportunities for member engagement including a Spring Hill Day, and feature perspectives from institutional government relations leaders on advancing pediatric priorities in today's policy landscape.</i>
4:30-4:40pm	AMSPDC 2027 Spring Meeting Update Barbara Ostrov, MD and Larry Rhein, MD, MPH, Committee Co-Chairs
4:40-5:00pm	Wrap-Up and Actionable Next Steps Speaker: Leslie Walker, MD, AMSPDC President

Disclaimer: The agenda is in draft form and is subject to change.