

Pediatric Obesity Treatment Interest Groups

The NOPREN Pediatric Obesity Health Services Research Work Group provides the following list and descriptions of pediatric obesity interest groups and how to get involved in each.

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Nutrition, Obesity, Policy, Research and Evaluation Network (NOPREN) Pediatric Obesity Health Services Research Network Work Group

NOPREN Pediatric Obesity Health Services Research Work Group Aims to:

- Advance the study and implementation of pediatric obesity treatment and research methodologies.
- Advance the equitable prevention and treatment of childhood obesity and co-occurring conditions in the United States.
- Build a network of interdisciplinary members to synergize efforts, identify and answer gaps, and advance implementation of evidence-based practices and policies for pediatric obesity prevention and treatment.

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[Pediatric Obesity Health Services Research Work Group](#)

Meeting Frequency

- Workgroup: Virtually for 1-hour every 1-2 months
- Subcommittees set their own frequency
- Networking/social gatherings at annual conferences

Childhood Obesity Multi-Program Analysis and Study System (COMPASS)

About COMPASS:

- COMPASS is a practice-based national research network with a focus on better understanding the etiology of childhood obesity and improving its treatment through translational research.
- Research projects are member driven with recent study topics ranging from patient risk factors, to assessments of novel treatment approaches.

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Meeting Frequency:

- COMPASS meets virtually every month
- Research subcommittees set their own meeting frequency
- Network/social dinner (combined with POWER) at PAS and TOS meetings

National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research (NCCOR)

NCCOR's Goals:

- Support researchers and practitioners with tools that help build the capacity for research and surveillance.
- Maximize outcomes from research and supporting evaluations.
- Use innovation to stimulate broad thinking to generate fresh, synergistic ideas.
- Increase knowledge to find solutions by promoting new research funding mechanisms and translating and disseminating research findings.

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American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Obesity (AAP SOOb)

About AAP SOOb:

- Provides members with resources needed to deliver obesity prevention, assessment, and treatment.
- Creates a community of pediatricians who learn from each other and receive support from the Section.
- Authors policy statements, technical reports, and clinical reports.
- Finds opportunities to comment and advocate for legislation and policies proposed that influence child health.
- Improves the health and well-being of children and families by reducing the prevalence of childhood obesity and promoting healthy active living.

Visit to join:



[Contact SOOb \(aap.org\)](http://aap.org)

Pediatric Obesity Weight Evaluation Registry (POWER)

About POWER:

- POWER is a centralized data repository for the on-going collection and maintenance of demographic and clinical data from hospital-based pediatric weight management programs (WMPs) across the country.

POWER's Mission is

- To better understand and improve the health outcomes of children and adolescents with overweight and obesity who are participating in multi-component weight management programs.

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[Join/Contact | POWER
\(powerregistry.org\)](http://powerregistry.org)

The Obesity Society's (TOS) Pediatric Obesity Task Force

About TOS Task Force:

- Provides innovative thought leadership.
- Catalyzes initiatives aimed at increasing the quality and scope of pediatric obesity treatment in the United States and beyond.
- Facilitates meaningful collaborative partnerships formed with related TOS committees and with key external societies and organizations to advance the mission of the task force.

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Obesity Action Coalition:

Home Page - Obesity Action Coalition
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