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 Treatment Interest Groups**

**NOPREN Pediatric Obesity Health Services Research Work Group**

**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.

**Co-Chairs:**
- Amanda Staiano, PhD; Sam Pierce, MPH;
- Aly Goodman, MD

**Fellow:**
- Alyssa Button, PhD

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

**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.

**Co-Chairs:**
- Jared Tucker, PhD; Bob Siegel, MD

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**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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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)

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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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:
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Obesity Action Coalition:
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