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**The Council of Pediatric Subspecialties Forges a Partnership with the American Board of Pediatrics to Evaluate Clinical Training in the Pediatric Subspecialties
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At its annual meeting in Chicago, IL, October 10th and 11th, 2011, the Council of Pediatric Subspecialties (CoPS), met with leaders from the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) to discuss the collaboration to evaluate clinical training within the pediatric subspecialties certified by the ABP. This project will mark the first time that the clinical training will be evaluated for each subspecialty.

The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) certifies general pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists based on standards of excellence that lead to high quality pediatric care. The ABP certification provides assurance to the public that general pediatricians as well as pediatric subspecialists have successfully completed accredited training and fulfill the continuous evaluation requirements. The recent focus on competency-based education and training has prompted the ABP and other organizations to examine the training process and the expectations of graduates of pediatric programs. The ABP will be gathering input and feedback from pediatric subspecialists as it reviews the current clinical training requirements and determines whether changes are warranted to meet the future needs of subspecialists and the children they serve. CoPS was selected as the collaborating partner because of its unique position as an organization that can access the network of the subspecialty societies and groups within each subspecialty field in pediatrics. This important networking role will enable timely communication to assess opinions and develop consensus about the key issues involved in restructuring clinical training within subspecialty fellowship training.

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