

AAAAI Interest Sections & Related Committees

Interest section committees are associated with the seven interest sections of the AAAAI. All members (except Doctoral Graduate/Medical Students and Residents) of the AAAAI are eligible to serve on any interest section committee. The committees and their corresponding purpose statements are listed by Interest Section below.

Anaphylaxis, Dermatology & Drug Allergy Interest Section (ADDA): To advance the knowledge and understanding of Anaphylaxis, Dermatologic Diseases, Drug Allergy and Integrative Medicine.

- **Adverse Reactions to Drugs Biologicals and Latex Committee:** To study current issues related to allergic reactions to drugs and biologicals.
- **Allergic Skin Diseases Committee:** To facilitate education and research activities in advancing knowledge and improving care for atopic dermatitis, urticarial, angioedema, contact dermatitis and other related immune-mediated skin diseases.
- **Anaphylaxis Committee:** To promote the recognition, prevention and effective treatment of anaphylaxis.

Asthma Diagnosis and Treatment Interest Section (ADT): To advance the knowledge and understanding of asthma diagnosis and treatment.

- **Asthma & Allergic Diseases in Older Adults Committee:** To promote clinical care, education and research on asthma and allergic diseases in older adults.
- **Asthma, Cough, Diagnosis and Treatment Committee:** To promote education concerning the diagnosis, assessment and treatment of asthma and cough.
- **Sports, Exercise and Fitness Committee:** To educate physicians and the community of at-large regarding allergic, immunologic and respiratory conditions associate with exercise.

Basic Clinical Immunology Interest Section (BCI): To advance the knowledge and understanding of basic and clinical immunology.

- **Autoimmunity and Altered Immune Response:** To provide members with information and resources aimed at understanding how the immune response changes when confronted with autoimmunity, atopic disease, and secondary immunodeficiencies.
- **Genetics, Molecular Biology & Epidemiology Committee:** To organize educational programs on issues in the fields of immunogenetics, molecular biology, and epidemiology.
- **Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases Committee:** To educate and promote evidence-based best clinical practice in primary immunodeficiency diseases.
- **Vaccines Committee:** To promote education and research on issues related to the promotion, use, efficacy and safety of vaccines.

Environmental and Occupational Respiratory Diseases Interest Section (EORD): To advance the knowledge and understanding of asthma and occupational respiratory diseases.

- **Aerobiology Committee:** To oversee the quality assurance program for pollen and mold counting and to scientifically study aeroallergens in an effort to facilitate the diagnosis and treatment of allergic diseases.
- **Allergic Fungal Respiratory Diseases Committee:** To identify research issues and disseminate information about the role of fungi in the pathophysiology of respiratory diseases.
- **Environmental Exposures and Respiratory Health Committee:** To promote the study of the effects of the environment-- including air quality, climate change, allergens and microbes -- on allergic and respiratory diseases.
- **Microbes in Allergy and Asthma Committee:** This committee is dedicated to advancing knowledge and education regarding the contribution of microbes on allergy and asthma inception, expressions, progression, remission, and response to treatment.
- **Occupational Diseases Committee:** To provide education and information on the impact of the work place on respiratory and skin conditions.

Food Allergy & Eosinophilic Disorders Interest Section (FAED): To advance the knowledge and understanding of Food Allergy and Eosinophilic Disorders.

- **Adverse Reactions to Foods Committee:** To promote greater understanding of food hypersensitivity and to participate in the development of evidence-based recommendations for its diagnosis, management and prevention.
- **Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorders Committee:** To promote greater understanding of EGID and disseminate information about the role of allergist-immunologist in EGID management.

Health, Equity, Technology, and Quality Interest Section (HETQ): To educate the AAAAI membership on medical informatics and technology use in healthcare.

- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee:** To address the asthma and allergy care needs of patient populations residing in underserved areas and to support initiatives for professionals representing underserved communities into the field of A/I at all levels of education and training.
- **Integrative Medicine Committee:** To promote the knowledge of safe and efficacious use of Integrative Medicine, disseminate rigorous research, and to raise awareness and understanding of clinician wellness in A/I.
- **Health Informatics, Technology & Education Committee:** To provide education on medical informatics and technology use in healthcare.
- **School-Based Management of Asthma:** A central resource to standardize recommendations for school-based allergy, asthma and anaphylaxis care.
- **Quality, Adherence and Outcomes Committee:** To promote patient-centered principles and practices in quality and safety in the care delivery process necessary to improve treatment adherence and attain the patient's desired health outcomes in A/I.
- **Women's Health A/I Committee:** To promote education, research and development of clinical guidelines in the management of gender-specific A/I issues and to bridge the gender specific health disparities gap.

Immunotherapy, Rhinitis, Sinusitis, Ocular Diseases Interest Section (IRSO): To promote research, education and excellence in practice for rhinitis, rhinosinusitis and ocular inflammatory conditions for the usage of immunotherapy and allergy diagnostics.

- **Immunotherapy, Allergen Standardization and Allergy Diagnostics Committee:** To research and define standardization of state-of-the-art knowledge of allergy, use of allergy diagnostic testing and allergen immunotherapy treatments.
- **Rhinitis, Rhinosinusitis & Ocular Allergy Committee:** To promote understanding of the prevalence, classification, pathophysiology, diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and comorbidities of rhinitis, rhinosinusitis and ocular allergy.

Mechanisms of Asthma & Allergic Inflammation Interest Section (MAAI): To advance the knowledge and understanding of Mechanisms of Asthma and Allergic Inflammation.

- **Cells and Mediators of Allergic Inflammation Committee:** Support training and research in the mechanisms of A/I and to foster the development of academic fellows and junior faculty.
- **Mast Cells Disorders Committee:** Promote research, training and education in mastocytosis and related disorders including abnormalities of mast cell activation.

Divisions and Related Committee Rosters:

Education Division: To provide educational opportunities to members to enhance their acumen in the science and practice of allergic and immunologic disease.

- **A/I Clinical Rotation Curriculum Committee:** To maintain the A/I Clinical Rotation Curriculum program by regularly reviewing content, assuring currency of the information presented, and reviewing outcomes and evaluation data collected from participants.

Practice and Policy Division: To assist members in practice management; and to advocate for the role of A/I through interactions with policy-making bodies, through strategic partnership, and through educational interactions with the public.

- **AAAAI Registry & Measures Stewardship Committee:** To oversee the stewardship and maintenance of measures and measures projects within the sole purview of the AAAAI.
- **Practice, Diagnostics and Therapeutics Committee:** To advise the AAAAI Board on practice standards and to act as a liaison between the membership including the various working committees engaged in creating guidelines and parameters and the Board of Directors.
- **Practice Management Committee:** To identify information and serve as a strategic planning group for effective AAAAI resource use and educational program development in practice management.

Research and Training Division: To strengthen existing and cultivate new A/I training programs, to assist in populating training programs with future A/I's of high caliber, and to foster research in the field of A/I.

- **A/I Division Directors Committee:** To create a venue for Allergy Division Directors, separate from that currently established for Training Program Directors, to share ideas, solve problems, set goals and otherwise simply interact and collaborate.

- **Fellows-In-Training Committee:** To provide a forum for Fellows-In-Training in accredited training programs to exchange information on training guidelines, career opportunities, and educational topics and programs pertinent to their interests.

Other Committees:

- **Veterans Health Administration Allergists Committee:** To address important issues affecting VA allergists and facilitate communications among them.

Board of Directors and Related Committees:

Please note: Members of the following committees are committees of the Board of Directors and are appointed by the AAAAI President or President-Elect.

- **Advocacy Committee:** To stimulate and expand federally funded research opportunities for the field of A/I.
- **Credentials Committee:** To study the qualifications of applicants for membership and report recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- **Ethics/Conflict of Interest Committee:** To periodically review and assess the AAAAI's Code of Ethics and recommend to the Board of Directors any needed amendments.
- **Executive Committee:** To provide long-term vision for the AAAAI through strategic planning.
- **Finance Committee:** To prepare the annual budget of the organization, review all expenditures and present reports to the Board of Directors.
- **Nominating Committee:** To recommend candidates for Board of Directors officer positions and At-Large Directors, and to oversee the Board election process.
- **Website, Interest and Related Technologies Committee:** To assure that the AAAAI website, social media endeavors and internet technologies support the AAAAI mission.
- **Interest Section Coordinating Committee:** To promote participation and membership within Interest Sections.
- **Leadership Institute Steering Committee:** To promote participation and membership within the Leadership Institute.