



# Family Leadership Committee Charge, Qualifications, and Roles and Responsibilities

## MISSION

The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) mission is to advance child health by certifying pediatricians who meet standards of excellence and are committed to continuous learning and improvement.

## CHARGE

The Family Leadership Committee (FLC) consists of non-physician public members identified to represent the direct users of pediatricians' skills or services. The purpose of this committee is to 1) respond to requests for input from the ABP and ABPF, and 2) optimize the ability of members to represent the patient/family perspective through mutual learning, support, and education.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Appointed individuals may be young adult patients or their family members (e.g., parents, other caregivers) with experience representing the child or family perspective in health, school, or community settings (e.g. Learning Collaborative, Patient/Family Advisory Committee, School Board, Community Advisory Board)
- Awareness of the health concerns of diverse demographic groups and the ability to represent the broad perspectives of children and families
- Ability to contribute an innovative, unbiased, non-clinician perspective
- Ability to rapidly comprehend big picture issues and simultaneously focus on details where needed
- Reflective, curious, and strong communication and organization skills
- Ability to work with a variety of stakeholders
- Ability to "step out of one's own personal experience" for broader impact
- Willingness to commit the time necessary to fully participate in committee activities

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- The primary role of an FLC member is to advise the ABP on the current issues it faces from a patient/family perspective. As such, FLC members:
  - Infuse the patient and family perspective into any assigned ABP committee, board, or working group discussions
  - Bring new ideas to the ABP that might not be brought forward by certified physicians
  - Encourage the ABP to consider patient- and family-oriented perspectives in the best interest of advancing the health of children
  - Enhance the Board's perspective regarding the dual roles of the ABP to advance the pediatric profession and protect the public
- Secondary roles include:
  - Provide input on activities related to patient and family engagement at the ABP, such as:
    - Potential topic areas for Patient and Family Initiative meetings
    - The Stockman Lectureship nominee(s) for the AAP's annual National Conference and Exhibition
  - Serve in an ambassadorial function through being knowledgeable and communicate actively and accurately about the ABP and ABPF's mission, vision, values, guiding principles, and current strategic plans to our multiple publics (e.g., young adults, parents/caregivers, policymakers, payers, health care providers).
  - Build ties to patient and/or parent groups within the broader pediatric community as applicable
  - Participate in working groups as requested
  - Participate in periodic FLC self-assessments
  - Identify future potential FLC members
- The Public Member's term on FLC spans three calendar years, with the option to renew for an additional three years based on the recommendations of the ABP Nominating Committee.
- FLC members must disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may influence their ability to act in the best interest of the ABP.