POLICY STATEMENT

The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) places a high priority on fostering meaningful connections as part of its Strategic Plan. This involves encouraging contributions from the public, including patients and families, and collaboration with other stakeholders through the engagement of non-physicians in roles on ABP and ABP Foundation committees, boards, task forces, and other groups.

ABP Public Members:
- Represent the public interest on their respective committees, boards, ad hoc task forces, and work groups,
- Contribute a unique perspective to the strategic direction and activities of the ABP, and
- Add public accountability and responsiveness to ABP activities.

Public Members may be identified to take one or both of public stakeholder perspectives including:
- The direct consumers of pediatricians’ skills or services (e.g., young adult patient/caregiver), and/or
- The general interests of the public at large (e.g., background in fields such as public advocacy/policy offering a population-based perspective).

The needs for these different stakeholder perspectives may vary over time, based on issues the organization is facing or will face in the future, new programs, or current issues of the specialty or profession. Procedures employed by the ABP will follow best practices (e.g., Institute for Credentialing Excellence) and American Board of Medical Specialties recommendations.