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Final Recommendations from Initiative on SCTC

The American Board of Pediatrics

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The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) is pleased to announce the final recommendations from the Initiative on Subspecialty Clinical Training and Certification (SCTC).

This initiative was made possible due to the dedication and hard work of many individuals and organizations. The ABP would like to thank those who invested so much time and energy in this important undertaking and to acknowledge its essential partnership with the **Council of Pediatric Subspecialties (CoPS)**.

In 2010, the ABP formally announced the appointment of the Task Force on SCTC, which focused its efforts on examining the current model of subspecialty fellowship training. In addition to the length of training, the task force also evaluated other existing requirements as well as new considerations for the future of training. During this process, it was imperative that whatever recommendations were developed must align with the mission of the ABP.

In the spring of 2013, a summary of the findings and recommendations were presented in draft form and circulated throughout the subspecialty community for consideration. After gathering and processing feedback from the community, the task force presented its final recommendations to the ABP Board of Directors for approval in June 2013.

With the recommendations published, the torch is now passed to YOU in the pediatrics community. We encourage you to continue the dialogue within your own subspecialty around competency definition and assessment, EPAs, and modification of training. Subspecialty leaders, professional societies, program director associations, and other organizations are working with the ABP to further the development of competency-based medical education across the continuum. With your help, training programs will continue to evolve and advance their educational standards with the goal of providing the best care for all children.

Watch for an upcoming supplement in *Pediatrics* which will include data collected from extensive surveys of current fellows, program directors, and practicing subspecialists, as well as commentary on the recommendations.

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Subspecialty Clinical Training and Certification Recommendations.

