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Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Society Welcomes 2026-2027 Leadership

Chicago, May 2026: The [American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology \(ASPHO\)](#) is pleased to announce [2026-2027 Board Officers and At-Large Trustees](#) whose terms commenced after the 2026 ASPHO Conference in Minneapolis, MN, on April 29 - May 2. Appointments to the Society's Board of Trustees are based on impactful participation in the Society, demonstrated leadership capacity, and representation of the Society's diverse membership.

"I look forward to partnering with this exceptional group of dedicated colleagues to represent and steward the Society in the year ahead," states incoming Board President Dan Wechsler, MD PhD, Aflac Cancer & Blood Disorders Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta/Emory University. "Serving as an ASPHO trustee is a meaningful way to give back to the field while helping navigate the future."

Officers for the 2026-2027 term include:

- **Board President Dan Wechsler, MD PhD**, Aflac Cancer & Blood Disorders Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta/Emory University
- **Vice President Michelle Hudspeth, MD**, Medical University of South Carolina
- **Secretary-Treasurer Rich Tower, MD MS**, Medical College of Wisconsin
- **Immediate Past President and Chair, [Leadership Development Committee](#), Maria Velez, MD**, Manning Family Children's New Orleans.

Society leadership includes six At-Large Board Trustees, with five Trustees continuing in their leadership:

- **Sarah Alexander, MD**, BC Children's Hospital
- **Mary-Jane Staba Hogan, MD MPH FAAP**, Yale School of Medicine
- **Michael Jeng, MD**, Stanford University School of Medicine
- **Rishi Lulla, MD MS**, Brown University Health/Hasbro Children's
- **Amir Mian, MD MBA**, Children's Blood and Cancer Center/Dell Children's Medical Center.

Newly elected **YoungNa Lee-Kim, MD MEd**, Baylor College of Medicine, joins the Board as an At-Large Trustee. Outgoing Past President **Jeffrey Hord, MD**, Akron Children's Hospital, was recognized at the ASPHO Conference for his exemplary service to the Society.

The Society's governance term also brings new volunteers to its cadre of 200 member who advance ASPHO's mission, vision and strategic plan via committee, task force, and liaison roles, as well as peer-elected members who engage ASPHO's special interest communities.

The [American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology \(ASPHO\)](#) is the professional medical society of pediatric hematology/oncology subspecialists and other healthcare professionals dedicated to promoting the optimal care of children, adolescents, and young adults with blood disorders and cancer. Founded in 1981, ASPHO serves 1,900 members including physicians, researchers, advanced practice providers, and trainees by sponsoring educational and professional development programs, promoting discovery, advocating on behalf of its patient base and members, advancing professional practice and supporting partnerships to further its goals. Learn more about the Society: [ASPHO Conference](#), [About Us](#), [Educational Offerings](#), [Community](#).

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