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Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Society Welcomes 2024-2025 Leadership

Chicago, April 2024: The [American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology \(ASPHO\)](#) is pleased to announce 2024-2025 Board Officers and At-Large Trustees whose terms commenced after the 2024 ASPHO Conference held April 3-6 in Seattle, WA. The conference, attended by 1,250 in person and on demand specialists, featured 155 presenters, award recipient recognition, 470 posters, social media personality Dr. Glaucomflecken as the inaugural keynote speaker, a compelling Presidential Symposium, *Trust, Communication, Advocacy, and Barriers to Ethical Care of Patients with Ethnically Based Diseases – What We Learn from Caring for Patients with Sickle Cell Disease*, a new Division Directors Academy and an increasing number of exhibitor partners.

Appointments to the Society's [Board of Trustees](#) are based on exemplary contributions to pediatric hematology/oncology, impactful participation in the Society, leadership capacity, and representation of the Society's diverse membership.

Officers for the 2024-2025 term include:

- Board President Jeffrey Hord, MD, Director of Hematology-Oncology at Akron Children's Hospital
- Vice President Maria Velez, MD, LSUHSC/Children's Hospital New Orleans
- Secretary-Treasurer Daniel Wechsler, MD PhD, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta/Emory University

- Immediate Past President and Chair, [Leadership Development Committee](#), Caroline Hastings, MD, Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland.

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

- Sarah Alexander, MD, Hospital for Sick Children
- Michelle Hudspeth, MD, Medical University of South Carolina
- Michael Jeng, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine
- Amir Mian, MD MBA, Children's Blood and Cancer Center/Dell Children's Medical Center
- Rich Tower, MD MS, Medical College of Wisconsin.

Newly elected Rishi Lulla, MD MS, of Hasbro Children's Hospital/Brown University, joins the Board as an At-Large Trustee. Outgoing Past President Douglas Graham, MD PhD, of Children's Hospital of Atlanta/Emory University, 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 volunteers 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 abundance of member volunteers who invest time and expertise with ASPHO shows their dedication to advancing the care of their patients and to strengthening pediatric hematology/oncology as a subspecialty," remarks Hord, who continues, "Their commitment and passion reflect how much they value the work of our Society and bodes well for the future of the subspecialty. I am extremely honored to work alongside these leaders during this next year."

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 over 2,000 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. The [2025 ASPHO Conference](#) will take place May 7-10, 2025, in Louisville, KY. Learn more about the Society: [ASPHO Conference](#), [About Us](#), [Educational Offerings](#), [Community](#), [Engagement Video](#).