



## Press Release

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### **Empowering Progress: Society Recognizes Leadership and Scientific Achievement**

**Chicago, May 2025:** The [American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology \(ASPHO\)](#) is pleased to announce 2025-2026 Board Officers and At-Large Trustees whose terms commenced after the 2025 ASPHO Conference held May 7-10 in Louisville, KY. The conference delivered education, professional development, and networking opportunities to over 1,000 specialists, featured 120 presenters, 40 educational/scientific sessions, and over 400 posters on a breadth of topics unique to the subspecialty, held the second annual Division Directors Academy, and lauded investigator and clinician awardees. Recipients of the 2025 ASPHO Awards include William L. Carroll, MD, of NYU Langone Health, Distinguished Career Award; Ayesha Zia, MD MSCS, of UT Southwestern Medical Center, Frank A. Oski Memorial Lectureship; James H. Feusner, MD, of UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, George R. Buchanan Lectureship Award; Lucie M. Turcotte, MD MPH MS, of University of Minnesota, Childhood Cancer Survivorship Award for Excellence funded by Northwestern Mutual; and Tarun Aurora, MD MSCI, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta/Emory University School of Medicine, and Senthil Bhoopalan, MD PhD, of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Young Investigator Award recipients.

ASPHO President Maria C. Velez, MD FAAP, of Manning Family Children's New Orleans, affirms the conference's importance to the subspecialty, saying "The ASPHO Conference offers a valuable opportunity to highlight the latest scientific and clinical advances in our field. It also serves as a time to celebrate the achievements

of our colleagues and to reconnect with the shared passion that unites us as a healthcare community. This gathering is an ideal setting to network, collaborate, and amplify our collective voice as we advocate for our patients and the future of our subspecialty.”

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 2025-2026 term include:

- Board President **Maria C. Velez, MD FAAP**, Manning Family Children's New Orleans
- Vice President **Daniel Wechsler, MD PhD**, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta/Emory University
- Secretary-Treasurer **Michelle Hudspeth, MD**, Medical University of South Carolina
- Immediate Past President and Chair, [Leadership Development Committee](#), **Jeffrey Hord, MD**, Director of Hematology-Oncology at Akron Children’s Hospital.

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

- **Sarah Alexander, MD**, Hospital for Sick Children
- **Michael Jeng, MD**, Stanford University School of Medicine
- **Rishi Lulla, MD MS**, Hasbro Children's Hospital/Brown University
- **Amir Mian, MD MS MBA**, Children's Blood and Cancer Center/Dell Children's Medical Center
- **Rich Tower, MD MS**, Medical College of Wisconsin.

Newly elected **Mary-Jane Staba Hogan, MD MPH FAAP**, of Yale School of Medicine, joins the Board as an At-Large Trustee. Outgoing Past President Caroline Hastings, MD, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, CA, was recognized at the ASPHO Conference for her 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 [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. Learn more about the Society: [ASPHO Conference](#), [About Us](#), [Educational Offerings](#), [Community](#).

Those interested can purchase [2025 ASPHO Conference On Demand](#) through July 1 for a convenient review of education and paper sessions, award lectureships, audio recordings of live Q&A sessions, and the opportunity to earn up to 40.25 CME and 10 MOC credits. On demand access ends July 11. The [2026 ASPHO Conference](#) will take place April 29 - May 2, in Minneapolis, MN, and is accepting [workshop proposal submissions](#) through July 31.

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