TO: SCOCIT Members

You may recall that SCOCIT was formed in 2002 by the merger of the Section on Computers & Other Technology and the Task Force on Medical Informatics. Effective July 1, 2005, 4 other pairs of AAP committees and sections will merge. These newly merged entities will be called "Councils." As of July 1, SCOCIT will change its name to Council on Clinical Information Technology (COCIT).

An article in the June issue of AAP News ("Councils formed from merged AAP committees, sections: New structure will facilitate policy development, communication, education and advocacy") describes the formation of the Councils. The article can be found at http://aapnews.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/26/6/7 (requires login).

As it becomes a Council, SCOCIT will make 2 structural changes:

1) All executive committee members will be elected by the membership. (When SCOCIT originally formed, half the executive committee members were elected, and half were appointed by the AAP Board of Directors.) The chairperson will continue to be elected by the executive committee.

2) Executive committee members will be eligible to serve 2 consecutive 3-year terms, as opposed to the current 3 consecutive 2-year terms. The chairperson will continue to serve up to 2 consecutive 2-year terms.

If you have any questions about the name change or about AAP Councils, please contact me at bmarshall@aap.org.

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