

# Council on Clinical Information Technology

## About The Council on Clinical Information Technology

The Council on Clinical Information Technology (COCIT) was established within the American Academy of Pediatrics in 2002 by a merger of the Section on Computers & Other Technologies and the Task Force on Medical Informatics.

## The Mission, Vision, and Goals of the Council on Clinical Information Technology

### Mission

The mission of COCIT is to provide strategic direction and leadership to promote affordable, child-friendly health information technology (HIT) and health information exchange (HIE) solutions that support quality care; and to drive the creation and successful deployment of systems which have these characteristics.

### Vision

Every infant, child and adolescent would be cared for in every venue with the necessary health information technology that is both cost effective and improves the quality of health care, regardless of socio-economic status.

### Goals

1. Support the usage of pediatric HIT and HIE in actual practice, including the Medical Home, with a particular focus on addressing the Child Health Priorities identified in the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Strategic Plan.
2. Ensure HIT solutions are child-friendly, affordable, and cost-effective, and support quality care, including the Medical Home.
3. Increase the visibility and effectiveness of the efforts of COCIT and the AAP in providing HIT and HIE direction and leadership.
4. Provide high value for COCIT members.

## COCIT Committees

**EDUCATION:** The Education Committee provides educational programs via the AAP National Conference & Exhibition (NCE), newsletter, and other AAP CME events in the use of clinical information technology in practice.

**POLICY:** The Policy Committee provides the Board of Directors of the AAP support in their response to HIT policy and relevant government agencies and initiatives.

**APPLICATIONS:** The Applications Committee investigates the need for clinical decision support tools and provides expertise within the AAP for the development of new tools.

## The Activities of the Council on Clinical Information Technology

COCIT is actively involved in education, policy, and developing resources related to clinical information technology.

### **cocitnews (newsletter)**

- Published twice each year
- Contains cutting edge articles on a variety of technological issues
- Contains updates AAP and COCIT activities

### **Policy Development**

COCIT has developed statements on E-Prescribing, Personal Health Records, and Electronic Health Records, to name a few!

### The AAP National Conference & Exhibition

- Provides sessions on software, applications, and innovations
- Provides a forum for the presentation of scientific research topics within clinical information technology
- Features the Technology Learning Center and the Pediatric Office of the Future

### Pediatric Documentation Challenge™

- Demonstrates the utility of electronic health records (EHRs) in office practice
- Allows pediatricians to begin to consider the impact of EHRs on office workflow

### EMR Review Web Site

(<http://www.aapcocit.org/emr>)

A unique tool for AAP members to share rating scores and comments on their EHRs

## Who Can Join the Council on Clinical Information Technology?

All AAP members can join, including Candidate Fellows, Post Residency Training Fellows, and Residents. In addition, COCIT has an affiliate membership category for physicians who are not eligible for Fellowship in the Academy and for non-physicians who are actively involved in the administration and practice of pediatric medicine and are employed by or under the supervision of a Fellow of the AAP.

### Benefits of Membership

As a member of COCIT you'll receive semi-annual issues of *cocitnews* and access to the Members Only area of the COCIT web site, <http://www.aapcocit.org>. You'll be eligible to participate in the COCIT e-mail lists and online discussion boards where members can receive announcements, have ongoing conversations with other members, share experiences, and ask questions. You'll be aware of new projects to address COCIT's mission and vision, and you'll have the opportunity to contribute to these projects as your schedule and interest allows. You'll also be eligible to run for election to the COCIT's Executive Committee, where you can participate in the development of educational programs, AAP policy, and the review of new technology.

### How to Join the Council on Clinical Information Technology

There are several ways to join the COCIT:

- ★ Visit the AAP Member Center at [www.aap.org/moc](http://www.aap.org/moc). Under Chapters, Committees, Councils, and Sections, click on Councils, then click on Online Membership Application; or
- Call the AAP Customer Service Center at 866/THE-AAP1 (866/843-2271) to request an application.

#### Looking For More Info?

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