



## **2023 American Pediatric Society Election Candidate**

**Position:** Council Member  
**Candidate:** Lisa Chamberlain, MD, MPH  
**Candidate Institution(s):** Stanford School of Medicine  
**Candidate Subspecialty:** Public Health & General Preventive Medicine

## **Personal Interest Statement for an American Pediatric Society Council Position:**

It is an honor to be nominated to serve on the Academic Pediatric Society Council. I am excited to contribute to this organization which I believe has a unique role in advocating for the health and well-being of children, their families, and the field of academic pediatrics. My academic research, teaching, advocacy, and leadership is rooted in child health equity and is pursued in collaboration with others. My inclusive approach is a strength I bring to the APS Council position. There is an urgent requirement that organizations advance evidence-based science and well-being for children in a unified manner, now more than ever.

If I were to serve on the APS Council, I would draw on my nearly twenty years of experience in translating research to policy and in building coalitions to advance academic pediatrics and child health. My health services research explores pediatric health disparities across a wide range of complex conditions. I spent two years as a Health Policy Fellow in Sacramento where I had hands on experience bridging research evidence to health policy on everything from immunizations to California's Title V program. I am currently serving as the APS Advocacy Committee's co-chair, a role I was drawn to because I believe the APS has a unique advocacy voice and I am committed to strengthening it. I organized and will co-chair a PAS symposia uniting the leadership of the APA and APS, which I believe is an alliance we should grow. I serve on the AAP's Committee on Child Health Financing where critical Medicaid policy is debated. In my home institution I have founded and led efforts around community partnerships, diversity, equity, and inclusion and serve as our inaugural Associate Chair for Policy and Community Engagement. These roles have well prepared me to help lead the APS during this crucial time where evidence and equity must be advanced – and to do that we need leaders who can unite pediatric societies to bridge research to sound child health policy.

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Associate Chair, Policy & Community Engagement

## **Lisa Chamberlain, MD, MPH**

1. Medical education and dates – University of Arizona Medical School, 1992-1996; University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health, 1999-2000.
2. House staff training and dates – Stanford Children’s Hospital pediatric residency, 1996-1999.
3. Fellowship positions and dates – General Academic Pediatric Fellowship, UCSF/Stanford combined program, 2000-2003.
4. Faculty positions – Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, 2007-2014; Associate Professor 2014-2019; Professor of Pediatrics 2019-present.
5. Current positions – Stanford Department of Pediatrics Associate Chair for Policy and Community Engagement. Founder and Director, Office of Child Health Equity. Associate Director, Stanford Center on Early Childhood.
6. Society memberships – American Academy of Pediatrics, National and Chapter 1, District IX, 2000-present. Academic Pediatric Society 2004-present.
7. Previous and current service and involvement in the activities of the American Pediatric Society – I currently co-chair the APS Advocacy Committee and in the role also serve as the representative to the Pediatric Policy Council. As co-chair I have helped to re-vamp the Committee’s mission and charge, expanded our committee size, and we are now opening our meetings to all members-at-large to listen in.
8. Areas of research interest  
My scholarly work focuses on the drivers of pediatric health inequities, focusing on the non-clinical factors that contribute to health disparities, through health services and community-based research. I conduct health services research, exploring pediatric health disparities across a wide range of complex conditions. I also have experience bridging research to policy, having received the W.T. Grant Foundation's Mid-Career Distinguished Fellowship, which allowed me to translate my research to inform California’s Title V program in Sacramento as the Child Health Policy fellow for Assemblyman and Senator Dr. Richard Pan. During Covid we received a HRSA grant to explore the impact of the telehealth transformation on child health inequities for children with medical complexity. I am recently interested in addressing early childhood educational disparities and believe transdisciplinary work is key. Following a year-long sabbatical in the Stanford Graduate School of Education, I have been building the evidence for kindergarten readiness interventions for use in primary care settings. Our transdisciplinary research team received a National Science Foundation grant to explore supporting kinder-readiness for young children in rural families. This work represents the emerging interest in the intersection of school readiness and pediatric practice, where we can reach and change the trajectory of the most at-risk children.