

AAP BC

British Columbia Chapter

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American Academy of Pediatrics

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The AAP BC Chapter has 67 members as of February 2024.

Introducing the Current AAP BC President and Vice-President

Dr. Esther Lee

AAP BC Chapter President



Esther Lee enjoys browsing through every aisle at Costco. She is a pediatrician and medical lead for the Complex Care program at BC Children's Hospital and a palliative medicine specialist at Canuck Place Children's Hospice. She is also the lead for Patient Safety and Continuous Quality Improvement with UBC Postgraduate Medicine Education and is the

incoming president of the Complex Care Section of Canadian Paediatric Society. She is also a surveyor with Accreditation Canada. She has recently completed a Masters in Christian Studies. Her interests include advocacy for improved support of families with children with health complexity, improved communication in serious illness and in crisis, health improvement science, and humanity in medicine.

The Vice President role is vacant at this time.

The American Academy of Pediatrics was founded in June 1930 by 35 pediatricians who met in Detroit in response to the need for an independent pediatric forum to address children's needs. When the AAP was established, the idea that children have special developmental and health needs was a new one. Preventive health practices now associated with child care - such as immunizations and regular health exams - were only just beginning to change the custom of treating children as "miniature adults."

The mission of the American Academy of Pediatrics is to attain optimal physical, mental and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents and young adults. To accomplish this mission, the Academy supports the professional needs of its members.

One of the AAP's major activities is to further the professional education of its members. The Department of Education houses PediaLink® —the pediatrician's home for CME and professional development. The annual AAP National Conference & Exhibition (NCE) features the largest variety of educational sessions in over 60 topic areas to suit a variety of learning styles, is home to the largest pediatric technical exhibit, which also showcases the latest pediatric products and services, as well as AAP educational and professional resources and programs. There are also many educational opportunities through AAP seminars, publications, and statements from committees and sections, which form the basis of a continuing postgraduate educational program.

The British Columbia Pediatric Society serves as the British Columbia Chapter Office and provides members with a monthly newsletter that is full of information of interest to AAP BC members. Additionally, it hosts Journal Club events and supports the advancement of important child and youth advocacy-related efforts.

The AAP publishes *Pediatrics*, its monthly scientific journal; *Pediatrics in Review*, its continuing education journal; and its membership newspaper *AAP News*. It also publishes

manuals on such topics as infectious diseases and school health. In its public education efforts, the AAP produces patient education brochures on a variety of topics and a series of child care books written by AAP members.

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