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## FISPGHAN



The Federation of International Societies for  
Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

### FISPGHAN Statement for World Obesity Day (4 March 2026)

#### Childhood Obesity: A Global Health Crisis

Childhood obesity remains one of the most pressing public health challenges worldwide. On World Obesity Day 2026, the Federation of International Societies for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (FISPGHAN) reaffirms its commitment to addressing childhood obesity as a critical global health priority affecting millions of children. This growing epidemic threatens not only current child health but also the future burden of noncommunicable diseases across the lifespan.

For the first time in history, the number of children and adolescents living with obesity has surpassed that of those who are underweight. Globally, 1 in 10 school-aged children and adolescents (5–19 years), or nearly 188 million individuals, live with obesity, and approximately 36 million children under five years of age are affected by overweight or obesity, according to WHO growth standards.

Childhood obesity significantly increases the risk of metabolic disorders, including type 2 diabetes, metabolic-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD) and dyslipidemia, cardiovascular disease, musculoskeletal complications, and premature mortality in adulthood.

#### Preventing Childhood Obesity

Effective prevention requires a comprehensive, multicomponent, and life-course approach grounded in collaboration. Early-life nutrition, families, schools, communities, and supportive public policies must work together to achieve sustainable and equitable outcomes. Evidence shows that unhealthy food environments—dominated by ultra-processed, energy-dense foods high in sugar, salt, and unhealthy fats—strongly influence children's diets beyond individual or parental control. Prevention efforts must therefore extend beyond individual behavior change to include coordinated, system-level actions that promote healthier food environments.

#### Shared Responsibility Across Society

##### Individuals and Families

- Promote breastfeeding, balanced diets, and supportive feeding behaviors
- Avoid sugar-sweetened beverages and ultra-processed foods
- Encourage regular physical activity and healthy screen-time habits

##### Schools and Communities

- Provide healthy school meals and access to clean drinking water
- Deliver nutrition education
- Create safe, activity-friendly environments
- Enforce restrictions on unhealthy food marketing

##### Policy and Societal Level

- Regulate food advertising targeting children
- Improve food labeling standards
- Implement policies that support healthy food environment

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Warm greetings to my dear colleagues and friends across the Asia Pacific region!

As we usher in this latest edition of the APPA Bulletin, I am filled with immense pride and optimism. Our mission at the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) remains steadfast: to foster a community of learning and excellence that ensures every child in our diverse region receives the highest quality of care.

This issue is a testament to that collective commitment, capturing a whirlwind of activity, scientific breakthroughs, and the enduring spirit of collaboration that defines us.

The start of 2026 has been a period of strategic focus. During our APPA Executive Committee and Standing Committee meeting on January 25, 2026 we laid the groundwork for a year centered on advocacy and clinical rigor. However, even as we look forward, we pause to honor those who paved the way.

We share a solemn heartfelt condolences message to the family of the late Prof. Dr. Enver Hasanoglu, former International Pediatric Association (IPA) President. His legacy of service continues to inspire our regional efforts.

In this issue, we also highlight the voices of experts who are tackling the most pressing challenges in pediatrics today. I urge you to read the Asian Societies for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ASPID) Statement on Encephalitis shared by Dr. Mike Kwan, President of ASPID, which provides critical clarity on a complex condition. Furthermore, we address a rising global crisis through the FISPUGHAN Statement on Child Obesity, shared by Prof. Dr. Suporn Treepongkaruna, President of FISPUGHAN. This call to action is vital, as the health of our future generations depends on our ability to manage the nutritional and metabolic landscape today.

Innovation is also at the forefront of our publication. Prof. Usa Thisyakorn introduces us to the Chula Care Platform, a fascinating look at how research integration can lead to better health outcomes. We also celebrate the progress of our peers, specifically the Vietnam and Pakistan recipients of the 2025 Japan Pediatric Society (JPS) Training Program, who represent the bright future of pediatric specialization in our region.

Our recent and upcoming webinars have been curated to provide "just-in-time" knowledge for the busy practitioner. From the nuances of "Child Obesity"; "When Yes Isn't Enough for Children Across the Asia-Pacific" and the poignant discussions on "Suicide Prevention" to the highly technical updates on Arbovirus Infections, these sessions summarize the "latest and greatest" in pediatric science. These are not just lectures; they are lifelines of information designed to be immediately beneficial to your practice.

Finally, looking towards our grandest gathering, you will find the latest details on the 19<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) in Colombo, Sri Lanka (July 26-29, 2026) via [apcp2026.com](http://apcp2026.com). The excitement is building for our reunion in Colombo, and this bulletin provides the roadmap for your participation. Combined with updates from the Asian Society for Pediatric Research (ASPR) and a calendar of International Paediatric events till 2028, this issue ensures you remain globally connected.

I invite you to dive into these pages. Let the expertise shared here ignite your passion and refine your practice. Together, through continuous learning and shared dedication, we will continue to champion the health and well-being of the children of the Asia Pacific.

**- Dr. Joselyn A. Eusebio**  
**President, Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA)**



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Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition*

### **A Global Call to Action**

FISPGHAN calls on governments, healthcare professionals, parents, schools, and industry leaders to take urgent and coordinated action by:

- Strengthening childhood obesity prevention programs through early-life nutrition and family education, including limiting screen time at home.
- Implementing school-based initiatives that promote healthy eating and regular physical activity.
- Regulating the marketing of unhealthy foods to children and improving food labeling policies.
- Advocating for policies that foster healthier food environments and reduce socioeconomic barriers to healthy living.

### **FISPGHAN's Commitment**

FISPGHAN is dedicated to global collaboration, strengthening research, and empowering healthcare professionals to tackle childhood obesity. Together, through education, advocacy, and evidence-based policy reform, we can change the trajectory of this epidemic and secure a healthier future for children worldwide.

**Let us act today for a healthier tomorrow.**

**#WorldObesityDay #PreventChildObesity #HealthyFuture**

**Link to FISPGHAN educational media:**

<https://fispghan.org/index.php/obesity-resources>

**Watch the videos:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqE--FQzngM&t=67s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8-tnKzrQgg>

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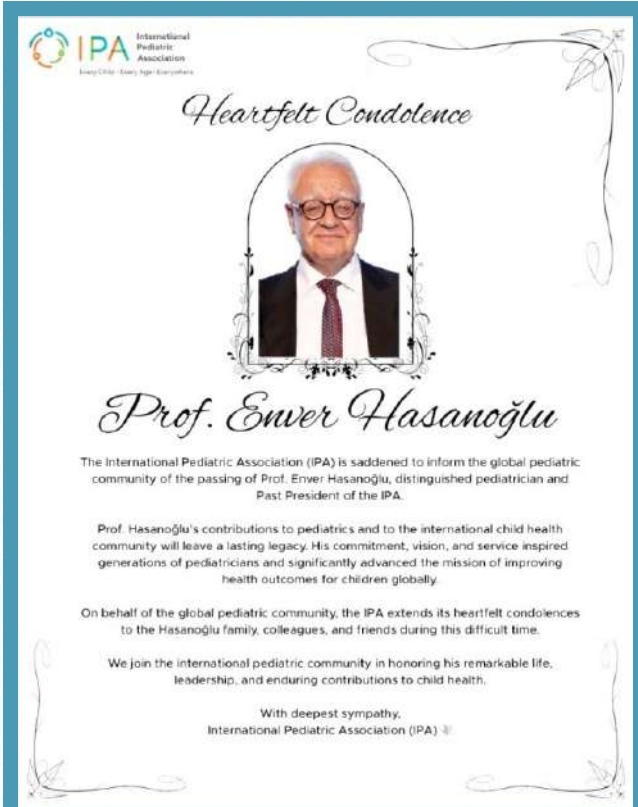
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**- Prof. Dr. Suporn Treepongkaruna, M.D.  
President, FISPGHAN**



## HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

# Deepest Condolences to the Family and Friends of the Late Prof. Dr. Enver Hasanoglu



Dear All APPA members,



The APPA Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur expresses its deepest condolences to the family of the late Prof. Dr. Enver Hasanoglu, who passed away today (March 7, 2026).

Prof. Dr. Enver Hasanoglu was formerly International Pediatric Association (IPA) President from 2021-2023.

On the right, is an obituary written by the current IPA President, Prof. Dr. Joseph Haddad on the late Prof. Dr. Enver Hasanoglu.

Kind regards,  
**Fairos Nazri, Executive Secretary, APPA**  
On behalf of the  
APPA Executive Committee (EC) and  
APPA Standing Committee (SC) members

## OBITUARY

### Celebrating a Leader in Pediatrics

Prof. Dr. Enver Hasanoglu has been a stalwart of pediatrics, recognized as a leader not only in his home country but across the globe. His relentless dedication to advancing child health has left an indelible mark on the lives of countless children and their families.

As a key figure in the International Pediatric Association, Prof. Dr. Enver Hasanoglu has advocated for policies and practices that prioritize children's health worldwide. His commitment to improving pediatric care has fostered cooperation among nations, sharing knowledge and best practices that transcend borders.

Affectionately referred to as the "godfather" of modern pediatrics, his mentorship has nurtured new generations of pediatricians. Through his guidance, he has instilled not only clinical expertise but also the ethical foundations necessary for compassionate care.

Prof. Dr. Enver Hasanoglu's leadership is characterized by his passionate advocacy for vulnerable populations and a steadfast belief in the power of education and research. His work continues to inspire those in the medical community and beyond.

As we honor Prof. Dr. Enver Hasanoglu, we celebrate a life dedicated to the well-being of children and a legacy that will continue to influence pediatric care for years to come. His impact will be felt in every child who benefits from the advancements he championed and the professionals he trained.

**- Prof. Dr. Joseph Haddad**  
**President, IPA**



# APPA EC SC Zoom Meeting

## 4<sup>th</sup> The Fourth APPA Zoom Meeting



The Fourth APPA Executive Committee (EC) and Standing Committee (SC) Zoom Meeting, was held on Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 3pm Manila Time. The meeting was organised to discuss issues pertaining to APPA.

The agenda included updates n the 19<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka this July, the APPA e-journal, financial report, announcements of APPA webinars, Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) and other matters.



## 5<sup>th</sup> The Fifth APPA Zoom Meeting

The Fifth APPA Executive Committee (EC) and Standing Committee (SC) Zoom Meeting was held on Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 3pm Manila Time. The meeting was organised to discuss issues related to APPA.

Agenda included Japan Pediatric Society (JPS) Training Programme, Financial Report Webinar announcements, 19<sup>th</sup> APCP in Colombo in July this year, APPA e-journal and other matters.





## “World Encephalitis Day” - To Increase Public and Professional Awareness of Encephalitis / Encephalopathy: Early Recognition of Symptoms, Early Diagnosis and Prevention



Joint Statement by the Asian Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ASPID), Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA), Hong Kong Chinese Medical Association Ltd (HKCMA), The Hong Kong Society for Paediatric Immunology, Allergy and Infectious Diseases (HKSPIAID), Macau Pediatric Association, The Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines (PIDSP), Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society of Thailand (PIDST), Infection and Tropical Diseases Working Group of Indonesian Pediatric Society, Japanese Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (JSPID), Singapore Pediatric Society, Infectious Disease Group of Pakistan Pediatric Association, Bangladesh Society for Paediatric Infectious Disease (BSPID), Pediatric Infectious Diseases Academy, India, Malaysian Pediatric Association, Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, The Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Ankara, Türkiye.

On "World Encephalitis Day", the Asian Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ASPID) and 15 medical societies issued this statement to bring the awareness to "Encephalitis" which involves brain inflammation being caused by bacteria, viruses and other pathogens and "Encephalopathy", a non-inflammatory brain disorder associated with various infectious agents because of the dysregulated host immune response. Encephalitis / Encephalopathy causes high mortality and morbidity worldwide. Patients that have suffered from encephalitis / encephalopathy can exhibit persistent symptoms that include behavioral problems, tic disorders, recurrent headaches, sleeping disorders, motor disabilities and neurocognitive impairment impacting the lives of many affected people and their families in a significant way.

We sincerely hope to draw the attention and involvement of different professionals from various disciplines to the coordinated multidisciplinary care of these individuals and their families.

Early identification of the symptoms and signs of encephalitis / encephalopathy can help in timely diagnosis and treatment, alleviating the long-term complications of encephalitis / encephalopathy.

These symptoms and signs include:

- Fever
- Headache
- Sensitivity to light and/or sound
- Neck stiffness
- Sleepiness or lethargy
- Increased irritability
- Seizures
- Skin rashes
- Difficulty talking and speech changes
- Changes in alertness, confusion, or hallucinations
- Loss of energy
- Loss of appetite
- Unsteady gait
- Nausea and vomiting

Most importantly, some of the viral causes of acute encephalitis / encephalopathy are preventable through vaccination, e.g. Influenza, COVID-19, Dengue virus, Japanese Encephalitis virus, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) and Varicella Zoster Virus, etc.

**We do hope our professionals would promote the appropriate vaccines to each individual in his/her living circumstance according to his/her health risks assessment.**

Members of the Asian Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ASPID) remain committed to working in accordance with the latest scientific evidence, particularly regarding vaccine development, recommendations, and implementation. ASPID will continue to collaborate closely with regional and international partners to monitor emerging infectious diseases, support effective immunisation programmes, and promote vaccine confidence to protect the health of children and communities across Asia and beyond.

- 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026  
Dr. Mike Kwan  
President, Asian Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ASPID)



# Chula Care Platform from Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand

On February 26, 2026, Chulalongkorn University officially launched the "Chula Care Platform" at the Chula Social Innovation Hub (Chula-SI HUB), Bangkok, Thailand. This initiative aims to enhance the integration of health research and establish a systematic collaborative mechanism to address complex contemporary health challenges and create sustainable positive impacts on society (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Launch of Chula Care Platform February 26, 2026

At the opening of Chula Care Platform, Professor Wilert Puriwat, President of Chulalongkorn University emphasized that modern health system development requires interdisciplinary integration across science, technology, and social sciences. The platform serves as a central mechanism to strengthen researchers, promote cross-disciplinary cooperation, and elevate national networks to produce high-impact research aligned with national development strategies while Professor Pornanong Aramwit, Vice President of Chulalongkorn University, addressed that the platform's objective extends beyond merely increasing academic publications.

It focuses on fostering deep collaboration among internal departments, government agencies, and the private sector to generate practical knowledge and tangible societal impact at both national and international levels.<sup>1</sup>

The operational framework is driven by four strategic pillars as the followings (Figure 3):

1. Tropical Medicine and Infectious Diseases
2. Aging Health and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)

### 3. Wellness and Cancer

### 4. Health Social Science Research



Figure 2: Prof. Dr. Nattachai Srisawat, Chairman of the Chula Care Platform, highlighted that the platform is a crucial engine for developing innovations and flagship research projects



Figure 3: Chula Care Platform Operational Framework

To support this ecosystem, the event featured the launch of "Chula Care Catalyst" a comprehensive health researcher database introduced by Dr. Wasin Laohawinich. This digital infrastructure is designed to facilitate the discovery, connection, and extension of research collaborations effectively.

The interdisciplinary panel discussions addressing Global Health Challenges by leading researchers, reflecting the network's capacity to address critical health crises with the following key topics:

Challenges in public health policy regarding "Adult dengue and dengue vaccines"(Figure 4)<sup>2,3</sup>

The demographic crisis and the "well-being of the elderly population."<sup>4</sup>

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Kidney health: screening, prevention, and sustainable nutrition for all.<sup>5</sup>

Global futures for child health: well-being, and inclusive development.<sup>6</sup>

The "Cancer-Free Initiative" aimed at reducing cancer incidence among the Thai population.<sup>7</sup>

In conclusion The Chula Care Platform marks a significant milestone for Chulalongkorn University in establishing a robust health research infrastructure. By seamlessly integrating knowledge, technology, and collaborative networks, the platform is poised to create sustainable, long-term positive impacts on the healthcare system and society.

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- Prepared by Prof. Emeritus Dr. Usa Thisyakorn,  
Executive Committee, Tropical Medicine Platform,  
Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand



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# APPA Webinar: When Yes Isn't Enough - Advancing Paediatric Research Ethics in Asia Pacific, March 8, 2026

ASIA PACIFIC PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION  
WEBINAR

**"When Yes Isn't Enough for Children Across the Asia-Pacific"**

**ADVANCING PEDIATRIC RESEARCH ETHICS IN ASIA PACIFIC: WHEN YES ISN'T ENOUGH**  
**DR. ERWIN KHOO (MALAYSIA)**

**CROSS-CULTURAL DIFFERENCES IN COMMUNICATION: WHEN THINGS GET LOST IN TRANSLATION**  
**DR. SAROSH SALEEM (PAKISTAN)**

**8 March 2026, Sunday 3:00 PM (Manila Time)**

Registration

**"When Yes Isn't Enough for Children Across the Asia-Pacific"**

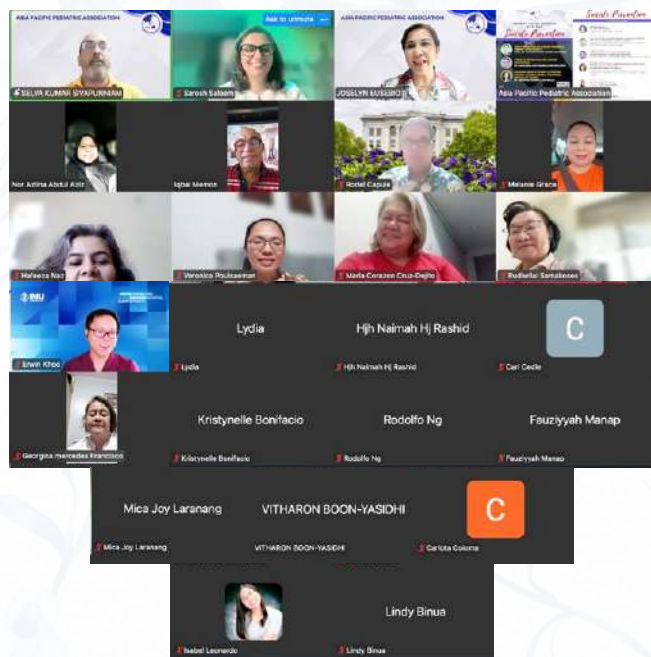
**PROGRAMME**

- 3:00 PM - 3:05 PM  
**OPENING REMARKS**  
**DR. JOSELYN A. EUSEBIO**  
*President, Asia Pacific Pediatric Association*
- 3:05 PM - 3:25 PM  
**ADVANCING PEDIATRIC RESEARCH ETHICS IN ASIA PACIFIC: WHEN YES ISN'T ENOUGH**  
**DR. ERWIN KHOO (MALAYSIA)**  
*Head, Pediatrics Department, IMU University  
Chairman, Malaysian Pediatric Association's Bioethics Subcommittee*
- 3:25 PM - 3:45 PM  
**CROSS-CULTURAL DIFFERENCES IN COMMUNICATION: WHEN THINGS GET LOST IN TRANSLATION**  
**DR. SAROSH SALEEM (PAKISTAN)**  
*Assistant Professor of Bioethics, Shaamar Medical & Dental College, Pakistan*
- 3:45 PM - 4:05 PM  
**CONVERSATION BETWEEN DR. SALEEM AND DR. KHOO**
- 4:05 PM - 4:25 PM  
**Q&A AND PANEL DISCUSSION**  
Moderator: **PROF. SELVA KUMAR**  
*Treasurer, Asia Pacific Pediatric Association*
- 4:25 PM - 4:30 PM  
**CLOSING REMARKS**  
**PROF. DATUK DR. ZULKIFLI ISMAIL**  
*Secretary General, Asia Pacific Pediatric Association*

The Asia-Pacific region has made significant progress in child health, with under-five mortality decreasing by 59% between 1990 and 2019. However, challenges remain. At the current rate, the SDG targets for child health will only be achieved by 2062, with Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia lagging.

Advancing paediatric research ethics is crucial to improving health literacy, demonstrating trustworthiness, and developing equitable, tailored health interventions for our children.

The webinar addressed a critical tension in paediatric research ethics across our region: how do we move beyond a simple "yes" from a child to ensure truly meaningful, culturally grounded participation? While the ethical framework for paediatric assent has largely evolved from Western bioethics emphasising individual autonomy, decision-making in many Asia-Pacific contexts is profoundly relational and family-centred.



The core question, therefore, is how we can honour children's voices without disrupting the family structures central to their lives.

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### 1. From Individual Autonomy to Relational Autonomy

The presentation challenged the notion of assent as an “individualist veto” that forces a child to act as an independent agent, a concept that is culturally nonsensical in our context and risks turning the researcher into a wedge between parent and child. Instead, it proposed embracing “Relational Autonomy”, where the child is seen as a “Person-in-Relation” existing on two axes: their developing self and their social role.

### 2. Practical Strategies: Beyond Paper Assent

To move beyond what can become a mere “paper assent” or a performance of compliance to authority, the talk advocated for a shift from legalistic ritual to “Clinical Accompaniment”. A “signature” in hierarchical cultures often represents submission, not understanding. Practical strategies discussed included: Longitudinal (Rolling) Assent; The Neutral Sibling Model; and Visual and Narrative Tools.

### 3. The Regional Mandate: Fighting Epistemic Colonialism

The webinar addressed the role of regional paediatric and research ethics bodies. It was argued that we must stop being mere “regulatory conduits” for Western frameworks

and instead become “Cultural Gatekeepers” exercising ethical sovereignty.

The webinar also highlighted the unique challenges of paediatric research in our region: off-label drug prescriptions, smaller markets for commercial sponsors, the subjective nature of research risk stratification, and the immense linguistic diversity across Asia Pacific.

The presentation further explored the ethical complexities of incentives in paediatric research in developing countries, emphasising the need to navigate cultural diversity carefully.

Advancing paediatric research ethics in Asia Pacific requires us to be both culturally literate and scientifically rigorous. By moving beyond copied frameworks and building our own, we can ensure that when a child says “yes”, it is a yes rooted in genuine understanding, family consensus, and respect for our unique cultural landscape.

- March 17, 2026

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erwin Khoo

Secretary, Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA)

Head, Department of Paediatrics

School of Medicine, IMU University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



# Arbovirus Infection in the Asia Pacific-The Growing Concern

Prof. Dr. Pujitha Wickramasinghe, Senior Professor in Paediatrics, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka & President of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians (SLCP), highlighted that Arbovirus infections, Dengue, Chikungunya, and Zika, in the Asia-Pacific region is increasing due to vector adaptation caused by warmer, wetter conditions and urban adaptation, expands mosquito habitats and accelerates virus development, posing a significant disease burden in the region.

While Zika caused severe congenital infection, Chikungunya causes chronic skeletal morbidity. However, dengue is the most unpredictable with a significant mortality if not managed properly. Although potential vector is present, Yellow fever is not endemic in the Asia Pacific Region and

currently it is well curtailed due to successful use of travel vaccination.

Apart from the fever and rash, dengue causes severe retro-bulbar pain, which its presence almost clinically confirms the diagnosis. Management focuses on temperature control and maintaining hydration, monitored through urine output with adequate circulation. Warning signs for hospitalization include persistent vomiting, intense abdominal pain, and cold extremities. Hospital care involves close monitoring of clinical vital signs and blood counts and organ function, particularly the liver.

Innovative treatments include Vitamin E (as an antioxidant), calcium (to prevent hypocalcaemia), and proton pump

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ASIA PACIFIC PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION  
WEBINAR  
**ARBOVIRUS INFECTION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC - THE GROWING CONCERN**

**SPEAKERS**

**ARBOVIRUS INFECTION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC: BASIC CARE STRATEGIES**  
PROF. PUJITHA WICKRAMASINGHE (SRI LANKA)

**DENGUE FLUID MANAGEMENT: NAVIGATING THE TIGHTROPE**  
DR. LAKKUMAR FERNANDO (SRI LANKA)

**TACKLING ARBOVIRUS IN ASIA PACIFIC: CONTROL & PREVENTION**  
PROF. WANTPREEYA PHONGSAMART (THAILAND)

**12** April 2026, Sunday 3:00 PM (HK Time)

Zoom Registration

**ARBOVIRUS INFECTION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC - THE GROWING CONCERN**  
PROGRAMME

3:00 PM - 3:05 PM  
**OPENING REMARKS**  
DR. JOSELYN A. EUSEBIO  
President, Asia Pacific Pediatric Association

3:00 PM - 3:20 PM  
**ARBOVIRUS INFECTION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC: BASIC CARE STRATEGIES**  
PROF. PUJITHA WICKRAMASINGHE (SRI LANKA)  
Senior Professor in Paediatrics, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka  
President, Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians

3:20 PM - 3:40 PM  
**DENGUE FLUID MANAGEMENT: NAVIGATING THE TIGHTROPE**  
DR. LAKKUMAR FERNANDO (SRI LANKA)  
Consultant Paediatrician - General Hospital Negombo, Sri Lanka & Clinical Head, Centre for Clinical Management of Dengue & Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever (CCMDHF), Negombo, Sri Lanka

3:40 PM - 4:00 PM  
**TACKLING ARBOVIRUS IN ASIA PACIFIC: CONTROL & PREVENTION**  
PROF. WANTPREEYA PHONGSAMART (THAILAND)  
Associate Professor of Pediatric Infectious Diseases of the Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand

4:00 PM - 4:25 PM  
**Q&A AND PANEL DISCUSSION**  
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Secretary General, Asia Pacific Pediatric Association

4:25 PM - 4:30 PM  
**CLOSING REMARKS**  
PROF. MALKE KANKANARACHCHI  
Professor in Paediatrics, University of Ruhuna & Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians

blockers (to reduce gastropathy) for a short period of about 5-7 days reduce the morbidity and mortality significantly.

Liver damage is prime factor that determines the prognosis and early use of N-acetylcysteine to mitigate oxidative stress and liver damage helps to rapidly reverse the liver derangement. Alanine amino transferase increase by four-fold is an indication to begin oral N-acetylcysteine. Proactive fluid management, providing during leaking phase and removal during the recovery phase, sometimes using oral furosemide, helps prevent complications. When leaking ends and fluid begins to return could be identified by hearing the clear split of second heart sound in both systole and diastole.

**Two different entities and DHF**

Dr. LakKumar Fernando, Consultant Paediatrician & Clinical Head, Centre for Clinical Management of Dengue & Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever, General Hospital Negombo, Sri Lanka, highlighted Dengue Fever (DF) and Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever (DHF) are two distinct entities. Over 95% of dengue deaths occur in DHF patients. Fluid therapy is vital to manage this condition and it must be adjusted according to the degree of fluid leakage and the state on vital functions.

Dr. Fernando suggests a flat rate of fluid at 1.5ml/kg/hr for DHF patients, as well as a volume-over-time scale (VOTS) to keep the fluid intake to a minimum and keep the pulse pressure above 30mmHg and urine output between 0.5-1ml/kg body weight/hour. This method has successfully prevented shock and fluid overload in his patients. He also suggests that the best way to detect leakage is by using serial ultrasound and monitoring platelet counts, especially when they drop below 100x10<sup>9</sup>/L. He also emphasised early detection of DHF and precise fluid management to reduce dengue mortality.

Meanwhile, Dr. Wantpreeya Phongsamart, Associate Professor of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand, highlighted that the best way is to take steps to prevent the rising threat of arboviruses across Asia-Pacific, with an emphasis on Dengue, Chikungunya, Zika, and Japanese Encephalitis, as well as the importance of global strategic plans.

A paradigm shift from mosquito eradication to transmission disruption should be advocated, highlighting innovative techniques like the Wolbachia method. Case studies from Indonesia and Singapore showcased Wolbachia's success in drastically reducing dengue cases and mosquito populations, effectively interrupting disease transmission safely and sustainably.

She also highlighted the critical role of vaccines in long-term control. Progress on various vaccines was covered, particularly the effectiveness of the Qdenga vaccine in providing high protection against hospitalization across different serotypes and age groups.

While newer vaccines and vector control strategies offer hope, Dr. Wantpreeya emphasized that no single intervention is enough. A call was made for an integrated approach combining community engagement, advanced surveillance, and strategic vaccination to protect vulnerable populations and move toward a future free from the burden of arboviruses.

While along one side effective control is needed to reduce the disease prevalence, morbidity and mortality can be reduced, through effective clinical management to achieve the magnificent target of zero mortality by 2030.

- Prof. Dr. Pujitha Wickramasinghe, Senior Professor in Paediatrics, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka / President, Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians (SLCP)



## IAP 2026: A Paradigm Shift in Global Pediatrics - The 360-Degree Revolution

The year 2026 has been inaugurated not merely with a conference, but with a declaration of intent. Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) has set an unprecedented pace for the year, beginning with the monumental success of **PEDICON 2026** (63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Pediatrics) which was held from January 16-20, 2026 in Kolkata, India.

This was a gathering of intellectual titans, drawing over **8,000 pediatricians, 1,200 national faculty members, and 50 prestigious international experts**. More than a meeting, it was a high-octane engine for capacity building, meticulously orchestrated by the Honorary Secretary General, Dr. Ruchira Gupta, to ensure seamless execution of this massive academic undertaking.

Through **14 specialized Training of Trainers (TOT) modules**, over **650 pediatricians** were empowered to tackle the most pressing public health priorities, including child and adolescent nutrition, allergic disorders, rational antibiotic use, infectious diseases, immunization practices, and the management of pneumonia and diarrhea in children under five. This academic rigor was further bolstered by **26 hands-on workshops**, providing critical **practical skills to nearly 1,000 participants**.



*APPA President, Dr. Joselyn Eusebio with IPA Executive Director, Dr. Naveen Thacker and APPA Standing Committee member from South Asia region (India), Prof. Dr. G. V. Basavaraja*



*APPA President, Dr. Joselyn Eusebio delivering her speech at the PEDICON 2026*

At the heart of this transformative year is the visionary leadership of our **President, Dr. Neelam Mohan**, who has launched a **book titled "360-Degree Pediatrics IAP Practice Guidelines"** which would include approach neonatology, general pediatrics, various subspecialties and pediatric emergency. The IAP Action Plan is executing a staggering **800+ physical workshops** for skill development across India, complemented by the generation of thousands of pieces of digital academic content. Besides the 14 TOT conducted at PEDICON and 3 more TOT followed subsequently in the fields of Dermatology, Nutrition and Dengue. Dr. Mohan's strategy integrates robust "Digital First" initiative headlined by the launch of the IAP's proprietary **DIGI App - a Global Digital Academy** and mobile application which will facilitate monthly expert-led panel discussions, connecting faculty and participants from India with the global scientific community to exchange best practices in real-time. Furthermore, this year marks a profound commitment to social responsibility, incorporating numerous charitable activities, dedicated initiatives module for women's safety (**KAR K-Kickstart Self Defense; A-Active Lifestyle; R-Resilient Mind Set**), and a constant focus on the multifaceted needs of the modern pediatric landscape - far exceeding the traditional scope of annual conferences. A large school-based initiative for empowering children and adolescents on holistic health is soon going to be rolled out where UNICEF would partner.

To ensure a multidisciplinary impact, IAP is also conducting over **50 Research workshops and 50 Nursing training workshops** nationwide. Recognizing that the first hour is critical in saving lives, the newly launched National Pediatric Emergency Care Guidelines provide a streamlined framework for early triage, teamwork, and stabilization across all healthcare levels.

Public awareness remains a cornerstone of our 2026 agenda. High-profile engagements, such as the Fireside Chat on HPV

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vaccination and cervical cancer prevention, with Nikita Porwal and collaborations with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, UNICEF, and the WHO, underscore our role as a pivotal global health stakeholder. Our digital presence is further enriched by the IAP DIGI Podcast series, including the popular "Learning from Life beyond Pediatrics," and a rigorous calendar of virtual programmes marking critical health observances:

- **February 13: World Anaemia Awareness Day**
- **February 17: IAP Medico-Legal Protection Day for Doctors**
- **March 4: World Obesity Day**
- **March 4: HPV Awareness Day (Online Panel Discussion with Experts in collaboration with IPA held on 6<sup>th</sup> March)**
- **March 8: International Women's Day (focusing on empowerment and safety)**
- **March 21: World Down Syndrome Day**
- **March 26: National TB Elimination Programme**
- **April 2: World Autism Awareness Day**

The momentum generated in Kolkata will carry through a meticulously planned nationwide circuit of regional excellence, managed by the Secretary to ensure organizational precision. The 2026 academic calendar is packed with strategic touchpoints, including Bihar PEDICON (Patna, May 30-31), PCNI 2026 (New Delhi, June 20-21), Midterm PEDPULMOCON (Varanasi, June 20-21), and Uttarakhand PEDICON (April 18-19). The latter half of the year will see the West Zone PEDICON (Ahmedabad, August 14-16), the South Zone and Tamil Nadu State Conference (August 20-23), North Zone PEDICON (Pushkar-Ajmer, October 23-25), National Neuropedicon (Lucknow, October 23-25), Adolescon (Jaipur, November 27-29), NCPID 2026 (Pune, November 27-29), and Punjab PunPedicon (Amritsar, November 20-22).



*Prof. Dr. Pujitha Wickramasinghe, President of Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians (SLC) delivering his talk at the PEDICON 2026*



*Dr. Nitin Kapur, former President of the Paediatrics and Child Health Division of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) addressing delegates with his speech*

This unrelenting journey of excellence culminates in the invitation to our next grand milestone: PEDICON 2027. The 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of **Indian Academy of Pediatrics will be hosted in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, from January 27 to 31, 2027**. Registration is already live at [reg.pedicon2027.com](http://reg.pedicon2027.com).

We are not just observing the future of pediatric healthcare; we are architecting it with every workshop, every guideline, and every life we touch. The IAP is in a state of constant, high-velocity evolution - and we are just getting started!  
- **Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), April 14, 2026**



*APPA President-Elect, Prof. Dr. Asiri Abeyagunawardena, awarded Honorary FIAP (Fellowship of Indian Academy of Pediatrics) from IAP President, Dr. Neelam Mohan during the 63<sup>rd</sup> PEDICON-2026*



# Pediatric Society of Thailand's Contributions to the Lifestyle Medicine and Wellbeing World Congress 2026

The Pediatric Society of Thailand (PST) was honored to participate in the **Lifestyle Medicine and Wellbeing World Congress 2026 in Bangkok from March 1-3, 2026**, hosted by the Thai Lifestyle Medicine and Wellbeing Association. The congress brought together participants from Thailand and around the world, providing a platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration under the theme "the Power of Partnership" with a shared focus on prevention, health promotion, and sustainable wellbeing.

Through its participation, the Pediatric Society of Thailand contributed to the global dialogue and emphasized the importance of the six pillars of Lifestyle Medicine - nutrition, physical activity, restorative sleep, stress management, positive social connections, and avoidance of risky substances - as essential foundations for lifelong health in childhood.



At this congress, Thai pediatric experts contributed as speakers on various topics of Lifestyle Medicine, such as an overview of pediatric lifestyle medicine, strategies for stress management and resilience-building, and essential life skills for children. In addition, there was a session on the risks of electronic cigarettes in the young - an increasingly important public health concern globally, including in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Pediatric Society of Thailand recognizes that all six pillars of Lifestyle Medicine should begin in childhood. While many of these principles have long been incorporated into routine pediatric practice, they have not always been explicitly conceptualized within a Lifestyle Medicine framework. The collaboration between the Pediatric Society of Thailand and the Thai Lifestyle Medicine and Wellbeing Association in this congress represents an important step toward further development and academic exchange in this field.

These perspectives underscore the importance of placing greater emphasis on Lifestyle Medicine in pediatric care. Further development and more systematic integration of these principles, beginning in early childhood, will play a vital role in shaping long-term health and wellbeing.

**- Professor Vitharon Boon-yasidhi, MD  
Vice President, Pediatric Society of Thailand**





## My Experience in the Japan Pediatric Society (JPS) International Training Programme

My name is Nguyen Thi Van, and I am a pediatric neurologist at the Vietnam National Children's Hospital in Hanoi, Vietnam. I am deeply honored and grateful to have participated in the International Training Programme under the Japan Pediatric Society (JPS) at the Division of Child Neurology, Tottori University Hospital, Yonago, Tottori, Japan, from November 2025 to January 2026. This programme provided a valuable opportunity to enhance my clinical knowledge, broaden my academic perspective, and further develop my professional skills in pediatric neurology.



*Autumn visit to Mount Daisen with Dr. Yuko Nakamura, Assistant Professor, Division of Child Neurology, Tottori University, in Japan*

During the training, I participated in outpatient clinics, inpatient care, EEG interpretation sessions, and academic discussions. I was particularly impressed by the systematic approach to neurological evaluation and the careful clinical reasoning applied in managing children with neurological disorders. One of the most meaningful learning experiences was EEG interpretation under the guidance of experienced pediatric neurologists. This training helped me develop a structured approach to EEG analysis and strengthened my confidence in diagnosing epilepsy syndromes.

The programme also introduced me to pediatric acute encephalopathies, especially acute encephalopathy with biphasic seizures and late reduced diffusion (AESD), helping me develop a clearer understanding of its clinical features, diagnosis, management, and prognosis. In addition, I learned about the long-term management of neurodevelopmental disorders, neuromuscular diseases, and neurocutaneous

syndromes, highlighting the importance of comprehensive and multidisciplinary care.

### Beyond Clinical Training

Beyond clinical training, I was deeply impressed by the professionalism, dedication, and kindness of the medical staff. The doctors, nurses, and colleagues were always supportive and willing to share their knowledge. Their patience in teaching, attention to detail, and commitment to providing the best care for patients left a lasting impression on me. The collaborative and respectful working environment strongly supported both my learning and professional growth.

Living in Tottori was also a memorable cultural experience. The city is peaceful and surrounded by beautiful natural landscapes, including mountains, coastline, and scenic countryside. I had the opportunity to experience Japanese culture, cuisine, and daily life. I was particularly touched by the kindness and politeness of the Japanese people. Despite language differences, they were always helpful and welcoming, which made my stay both comfortable and enjoyable. These experiences enriched my personal growth and broadened my international perspective.

This training programme significantly strengthened my clinical knowledge and skills, particularly in pediatric epilepsy and acute encephalopathy. It also broadened my perspective and inspired me to continue improving pediatric neurology care in Vietnam. I sincerely thank the Japan Pediatric Society and Tottori University Hospital for this valuable opportunity.

**- Dr. Nguyen Thi Van, one of the two recipients of the Japan Pediatric Society (JPS) International Training Programme 2025.**



*A memorable moment with colleagues at the year-end party*



# International Training Programme in Japan for Pediatricians from APPA Affiliated Member Countries

I, Dr. Javeria Raza Alvi, who work as a Pediatric Neurologist at The University of Child Health Sciences, The Children's Hospital, Lahore, Pakistan, has a strong clinical focus on genetic and inherited neurometabolic disorders. The Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) in collaboration with the Japan Pediatric Society (JPS), offered an International Training Programme in Japan, to pediatricians from APPA-affiliated countries, with candidates formally nominated by their respective national pediatric societies. Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA) conducted a rigorous national screening and selection process to identify the most deserving candidates for this highly competitive programme. Following

this evaluation, I was nominated by PPA and subsequently selected as one of two awardees across all APPA-affiliated countries, an honor and distinction for which I am profoundly grateful to PPA, APPA and JPS.

**Host Institution:**

The Jikei University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan

**Mentor:**

Prof. Dr. Kimihiko Oishi

**Training Duration:**

October 2025 to January 2026



*Group photo with Mentor, Prof. Dr. Kimihiko Oishi, Faculty, Residents and medical students at the Jikei University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan*

## Overview of Clinical and Academic Training

The training at the Department of Pediatrics, The Jikei University School of Medicine provided comprehensive clinical exposure to genetic and inherited metabolic disorders within a multidisciplinary, tertiary-care setting, with direct relevance to pediatric neurology. The programme integrated outpatient metabolic and genetic clinics, inpatient consultations, newborn screening follow-up, and cross-departmental rotations, allowing systematic evaluation of children with variable and complex genetic presentations.

## Clinical Exposure to Rare Genetic Disorders and Integration of Precision Medicine:

I gained extensive exposure to a broad spectrum of genetic and metabolic disorders, including fatty acid oxidation

defects, aminoacidopathies, organic acidemias, urea cycle disorders, glycogen and lipid storage disorders, mitochondriopathies, as well as rare neurodevelopmental genetic conditions. Particular emphasis was placed on genotype-phenotype correlation, rational selection of diagnostic investigations, and structured clinical reasoning. Exposure to targeted therapies, including enzyme replacement therapy and gene therapy provided valuable insight into individualized treatment plan and evolving therapeutic paradigms in inherited diseases. A one-week clinical rotation at Fujita Health University provided focused exposure to energy metabolism disorders, encompassing acute management, structured monitoring protocols and long-term follow-up strategies. This experience complemented the core training at Jikei University by

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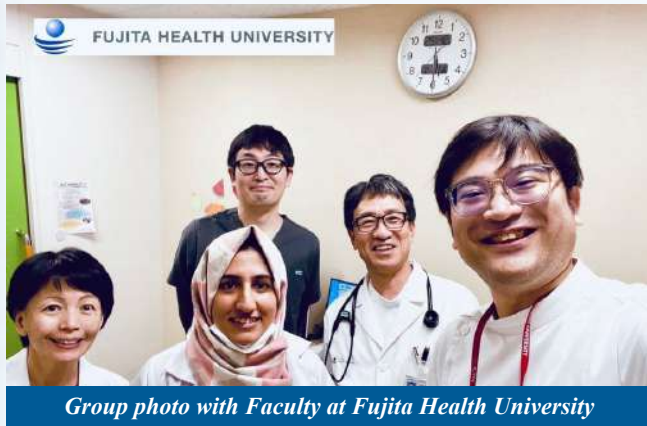
## JPS TRAINING PROGRAMME 2025

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broadening exposure to institutional approaches in metabolic genetic medicine.

### Academic Engagement and Conference Participation:

Participation in the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Japan Society of Human Genetics in Yokohama greatly enhanced my



Group photo with Faculty at Fujita Health University

understanding of contemporary clinical genetics. Attendance at the annual Citrin deficiency meeting with patient families offered key patient-centered insights and reinforced holistic care.

### Key Take Aways

The training provided comprehensive exposure to inherited metabolic and genetic disorders, emphasizing early diagnosis, long-term patient-centered care, and development of accurate diagnostic and structured follow-up pathways. The training also opens avenues for future academic collaboration, ultimately enhancing the quality of care for children with complex genetic metabolic disorders.

- **Dr. Javeria Raza Alvi**, one of the two recipients of the **Japan Pediatric Society (JPS) Training Programme 2025**



## ASPR 2026

# The 19<sup>th</sup> Congress of Asian Society for Pediatric Research (ASPR 2026) in Seoul

*Advancing Child Health, Bringing Science and Society*

[www.aspr2026.org](http://www.aspr2026.org)

On behalf of the ASPR 2026 organizing committee, we are pleased to announce the upcoming 19<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Asian Society for Pediatric Research (ASPR 2026), which will be held in the vibrant city of Seoul, South Korea, from October 21 to 23, 2026.

Hosted by the Asian Society for Pediatric Research (ASPR) and organized by The Korean Pediatric Society (KPS), this congress stands as a premier platform for pediatricians, researchers, and healthcare professionals from across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond to share groundbreaking research and clinical insights.

### A Visionary Theme: Science and Society

Under the theme "Advancing Child Health, Bringing Science and Society," ASPR 2026 aims to bridge the gap between cutting-edge scientific discoveries and their practical application in the broader community. In an era where pediatric health challenges are becoming increasingly

complex ranging from emerging infectious diseases to the impacts of the digital environment. This congress will focus on how scientific rigor can be translated into societal action to improve the well-being of every child.

### Key Highlights and Scientific Programme

ASPR 2026 will feature a comprehensive scientific programme designed to stimulate intellectual exchange and professional growth.

Participants can expect:

- **Keynote Session:** In an unprecedented gathering of minds, the Presidents and leadership of the world's leading pediatric organizations.
- **Plenary Session:** Rare Disease Research in Pediatrics: Building an Asia-Pacific Network, Reaching the World.
- **Topic Sessions:** Focusing on the latest trends in pediatric research, including neonatology, genetics, and community health.

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- **Oral and Poster Presentations:** Providing a stage for young investigators and established researchers to showcase their latest findings.

This congress will provide a meaningful opportunity to exchange knowledge, discuss regional priorities and strengthen collaboration research networks throughout the Asia-Pacific region.



 Abstract Submission  
May 15, 2026

 Early Registration  
July 31, 2026

**Call for Abstract and Registration**

We invite researchers and clinicians to contribute their work to ASPR 2026, offering young investigators an international stage to present findings and engage in professional mentorship.

For more information, please visit [www.aspr2026.org](http://www.aspr2026.org).

**Why Attend ASPR 2026?**

The congress is not merely a series of lectures; it is a hub for innovation and networking. Attendees will have the opportunity to:

- **Engage with Global Leaders:** Interact with the heads of major pediatric societies

- **Explore Cutting-edge Innovation:** Access the insights into the latest advances in neonatology, genetics, environmental health, and digital medicine, etc.
- **Foster New Collaborations:** Build partnerships during dedicated networking events
- **Experience Seoul:** Enjoy the unique blend of tradition and modernity that defines Korea's capital city

**The Venue: Seoul, South Korea**

The congress will be hosted at the Lotte Hotel World in Seoul, a venue that offers world-class facilities amidst the cultural heart of South Korea. Seoul is a city where tradition meets innovation, providing an inspiring backdrop for delegates to enjoy both the scientific discourse and the unique cultural experiences the city has to offer.

We are delighted to welcome you to Korea and hope your time at this congress will be both academically enriching and personally rewarding. Through active exchange of knowledge and ideas, We are confident this congress will inspire innovation, broaden perspectives, and advance pediatric medicine throughout our region.

We look forward to welcoming you to Seoul in 2026!

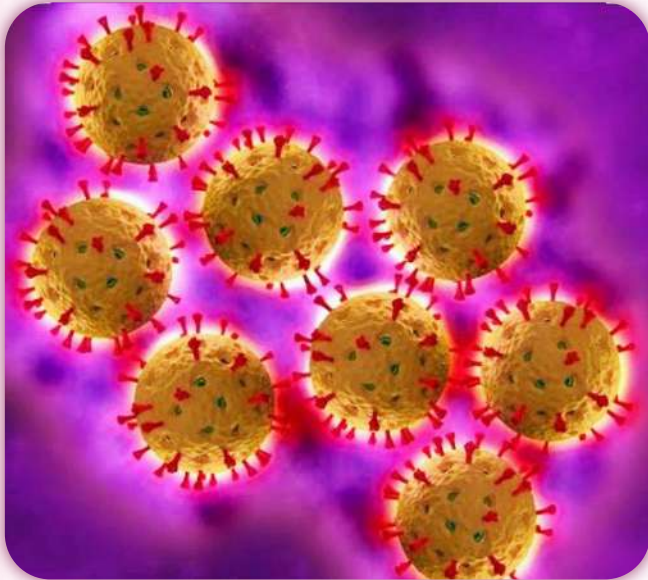
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# Rising Rotavirus Cases Highlight Importance of Childhood Vaccination



With a rising number of rotavirus cases being reported across the country and in New Jersey in USA this spring, experts from Hackensack Meridian Children's Health are urging parents to ensure their children are vaccinated against this common and potentially severe illness. Rotavirus is a contagious virus that can cause gastroenteritis, an inflammation of the stomach and intestines. Symptoms include severe watery diarrhea, vomiting, fever, and abdominal pain, which can lead to dehydration, hospitalization, and - in rare cases - death.

Before the introduction of the rotavirus vaccine in 2006, nearly every child in the United States was infected with the virus at least once by their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this resulted in more than 400,000 doctor visits, more than 200,000 emergency room visits, 55,000 to 70,000 hospitalizations, and 20 to 60 deaths annually in children under five. Since the vaccine's introduction, the CDC estimates that hospitalizations for rotavirus among young children in the U.S. have dropped by 40,000 to 50,000 each year.

For New Jersey in particular, data from the WastewaterSCAN dashboard (a public surveillance tool that tracks infectious disease pathogens in wastewater in real time and utilized by the CDC's Wastewater Monitoring Programme) shows a general resurgence across the state.

*Vaccination is the most effective tool we have to protect our children from rotavirus. The vaccine has an excellent safety profile and has been proven to prevent severe illness, keeping children out of the hospital and giving parents peace of mind."*

*Daniel Ruderfer, M.D., chief of pediatric infectious disease, K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital at Hackensack Meridian Jersey Shore University Medical Center (JSUMC), USA.*

### **Rotavirus vaccine**

"The rotavirus vaccine is a safe and highly effective tool for preventing severe diarrheal disease in young children. We've seen a dramatic decrease in hospitalizations due to rotavirus since the vaccine's introduction, which means fewer children are suffering from the serious complications of the illness, such as dehydration," notes Harpreet Pall, M.D., chief medical officer at JSUMC whose specialty is pediatric gastroenterology at K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital.

"We strongly encourage parents to speak with their pediatrician to ensure their children are protected," adds Dr. Pall, who is also a professor of pediatrics at the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine.

The rotavirus vaccine is given orally in two or three doses, depending on the brand, starting when a baby is two months old. It is crucial for infants to receive the first dose before 15 weeks of age and to complete the series before they turn 8 months old.

"As pediatricians, our goal is always prevention first. The rotavirus vaccine is a cornerstone of our infant immunization schedule because it prevents a common, miserable, and potentially dangerous illness. Before the vaccine, our emergency rooms saw a constant flow of dehydrated infants. Today, it's a largely preventable disease. We urge all parents to ensure their baby gets this simple but life-saving protection," says Stefan Hagmann, M.D., chief of pediatric infectious diseases at Hackensack Meridian Hackensack University Medical Center, and professor of Pediatrics, Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine.

### **Source:**

**Hackensack Meridian Health**

**- [www.news-medical.net](http://www.news-medical.net), April 21, 2026**



## INTERNATIONAL PAEDIATRIC EVENTS

### NOTE:

These paediatric events are for information purposes and does not constitute any endorsements from the APPA Secretariat.

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## BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

**The International Symposium on "When the Going Gets Tough on NICU: Holistic Care, Pocus and QA Methods."**

**Hosted by the Brunei Paediatric Society (BPS) and IPOKRATES Foundation**

**Date:** May 2-4, 2026

**Venue:** Women and Children Centre, Ripas Hospital Al Afiah Hall, Ministry of Health, Brunei Darussalam

**Secretariat:** secretary@bruneipaediatricsociety.com

**Abstract submissions are now being accepted**

## SINGAPORE

**KK Women's and Children's Hospital Developmental Paediatrics Conference 2026**

**Theme:** From awareness to action: Fostering resilience and positive mental health in children and families

**Pre-Conference Workshops Date:** July 14, 2026

**Venue:** SingHealth Tower, Singapore

**Conference Date:** July 15-16, 2026

**Venue:** Academia, Singapore

**Contact:** secretariat@sps.org.sg / https://for.sg/dpc-enquiry-form

**Call for abstracts will start mid-January 2026**

## SRI LANKA

**The 19<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatrics (APCP) 2026**

**Date:** July 26-29, 2026

**Venue:** Bandaranaika Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Website:** apcp2026.com

**Secretariat:** office@apcp2026.com

## INDONESIA

**The 12<sup>th</sup> Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ACPID) in Conjunction with the Annual Scientific Meeting on Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ASMID).**

**Fostering Asian Collaboration in Pediatric Infectious Diseases Control to Strengthen Resilience Against Future Global Threats**

**PLENARY LECTURE 2**

**Theme:** Innovations and Challenges in Pediatric Infectious Diseases: Perspective from Asia

**Date:** August 14, 2026

**Venue:** Trans Convention Centre Bandung, Indonesia

**Website:** acpidbdg2026.com

## SINGAPORE

**The 14<sup>th</sup> Singapore Paediatric and Perinatal Annual Congress (SIPPAC 2026)**

**Theme:** Innovative in Miniature: Paediatric and Perinatal Breakthroughs

**Date:** September 18-20, 2026

**Venue:** Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore

**Abstract Submission Deadline:** June 17, 2026

**Website:** www.perinatal.sg / www.sps.org.sg

## THAILAND

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Paediatric Flexible Bronchoscopy Course**

**Date:** October 16-17, 2026

**Venue:** Olympus Thai-Training & Education Center (T-TEC), Bangkok, Thailand

**Organised by:** The Department of Paediatrics, Khoo Teck Puat-National University Children's Medical Institute, NUHS, Singapore

**For more information and registration details, please email to Jason\_WY\_POH@nuhs.edu.sg**

## SOUTH KOREA

**The 19<sup>th</sup> Congress of Asian Society for Pediatric Research (ASPR 2026) Seoul**

**Hosted by the Asian Society for Pediatric Research and organized by The Korean Pediatric Society (KPS)**

**Theme:** "Advancing Child Health, Bringing Science and Society"

**Date:** October 21-23, 2026

**Venue:** Lotte Hotel World, Seoul, South Korea

**Website:** www.aspr2026.org

**Secretariat:** info@aspr2026.org

**The Korean Pediatric Society - Email:** pediatrics@pediatrics.or.kr

## MALAYSIA

**The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the Malaysian Paediatric Association**

**Theme:** "Protect Every Child: Health, Rights and Responsibilities"

**Date:** October 29-31, 2026

**Venue:** Sheraton Hotel, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia

**Website:** mpa2026.org

## AUSTRALIA

**The 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology WCBIP 2026**

**Date:** December 3-6, 2026

**Venue:** Melbourne, Australia

**Website:** wcbip2026.com

**Email:** wcbip2026@theconferencecompany.com

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## THAILAND

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) 2028**

**Date:** October 26-29, 2028

**Venue:** Bangkok, Thailand

**- Compiled and updated by Fairos Nazri, Executive Secretary, APPA**