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ARMENIAN PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION

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**FACT SHEET**  
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**“Armenian Pediatric Association” Non-Governmental Organization (ArmPA)** was established in 2007. It has embraced various pediatric professionals from the field of child health care. Among the members of the Association’s Council are leading pediatricians, pediatric surgeons and pediatric specialists from Yerevan and regional pediatric clinics, Faculty members, public health experts and the Ministry of Health (MoH) authorities, and representatives of the relevant international NGOs.

**The activities of the Association are targeted to tackling the problems in the field of child and adolescent health and improving quality of pediatric care in Armenia, and include:**

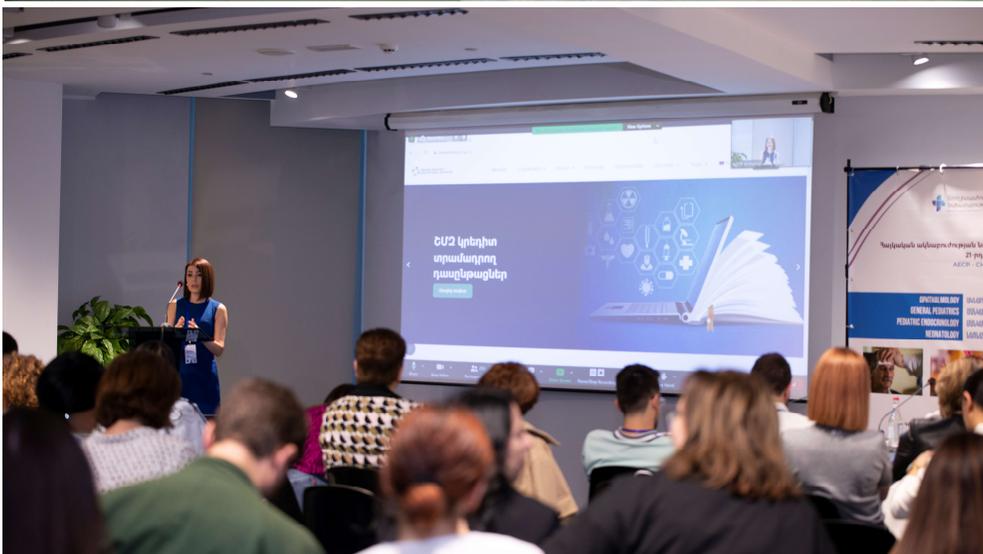
- **support to organization and providing effective pediatric care;**
- **developing evidence-based clinical guidelines and other educational materials;**
- **support to continuing medical education and professional development of pediatric staff;**
- **support and advocacy for developing the relevant national policies and improving quality of the medical services;**
- **support to research, reviews, surveys in the field of pediatrics and child health care;**
- **strengthening international collaboration.**



## ACTIVITIES

### ✓ National Pediatric Conferences with international participation

The large-scale national conferences with international participation were held in 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 under support of the Ministry of Health, Yerevan State Medical University after M.Heratsi (YSMU), Zurich University Children's hospital, Children's Hospital Los Angeles and other partners. Up to 350-400 pediatricians, family doctors, pediatric surgeons, medical faculty and other specialists participated to each of them. Among speakers of the conferences were well-known pediatric specialists from Switzerland, Austria, USA, UK, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Russia, Georgia etc. Scientific programs of the Conferences had been approved by the MoH, relevant certificates with CME credits had been issued.



Starting from 2021 Pediatric Conferences are held annually, in hybrid format, in collaboration with Armenian EyeCare Project and Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). In the frames of the International Pediatric Conference leading pediatricians from CHLA provided lectures and answered to the questions provided by audience.

On September 19-20, 2025, Joint Pediatric Conference took place with participation of more than 400 pediatric and family doctors, pediatric specialists from Yerevan and all regions of Armenia. Well-known professors from California, Georgian and local pediatricians provided lectures on the most actual pediatric topics, discuss clinical cases. The special guest of the conference was Dr. Tamar Nazarean-Chorbadjian from the Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine, Director of the High Risk Infant Follow-up Clinic, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician, who presented the "Survey of Wellbeing of Young Children" Child development screening tool. Conference participants receive certificates with 9 CME credits.



✓ **Pediatric Schools and other CME activities**

Annual Pediatric Schools have been organized in Arabkir MC-ICAH from 2008 aimed to present the newest achievements of medical practice and science and evidence-based information to hundreds of local doctors. Well-known local pediatric specialists and invited from abroad professors lecture for Pediatric Schools on a regular basis.



Pediatric school held on June 7, 2025 hosted a pediatric gastroenterologist from Tbilisi Central Children's Hospital who presented a lecture on a rare disease. More than 160 pediatric and family doctors from all marzes of Armenia participated in the event.

Other CME activities in a field of pediatrics and Child and Adolescent Health are organized in collaboration with Arabkir MC-ICAH and other leading pediatric health facilities. All teaching activities received the relevant accreditation from MoH.

On March 18, 2025 in the frames of the World Young Rheumatic Diseases Day, the Symposium dedicated to pediatric rheumatology was held in collaboration with Arabkir MC.

On April 11, 2025 in collaboration with Arabkir MC-ICAH and Stony Brook University “Multidisciplinary Care in Pediatric Patients” Symposium was held.

The mentioned activities received accreditation from MoH, participants were issued with CME credits. Hundreds of pediatricians, pediatric specialists and family doctors from Yerevan and all marzes took part in these educational events.

### ✓ International cooperation and programs

Since 2021 in collaboration with Armenian EyeCare Project and Children's Hospital Los Angeles ArmPA has started the Online education in Pediatrics project (<https://learnwithopen.org/>) aimed to create pediatric online courses for local pediatricians and family doctors. In the frames of the program pediatricians from the USA and Armenia develop online courses, podcasts and newsletters (OPEN Minute) and provided evidence-based approaches in pediatrics. Thanks to online self-education activities, local doctors have opportunity to get acquainted with news and earn CME credits.

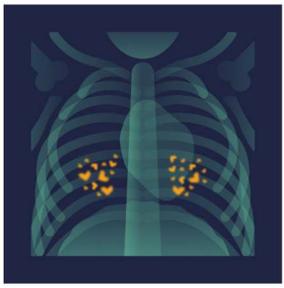
In the frames of the online pediatric education project, from 2021 till 2025, 46 medical newsletters and 45 accredited online educational courses on pediatrics were published including teaching modules, lecture courses, podcasts, other educational materials.

The screenshot shows the website interface for the 'Online Pediatric Educational Network'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with various menu items in Armenian and a language selector set to 'Հայերեն'. Below the navigation bar, the main header features the course title 'Մանկական աճ և սեռահասունացում' (Child Growth and Puberty) in large white text on a dark blue background. Underneath the title, it indicates '1 ժամ' (1 hour) and '1 Credit (s)'. To the right of the title is a graphic of a person with a vertical scale, representing growth. Below the header, there are three tabs: 'Նկարագրություն' (Description), 'Դասախոս' (Instructor), and 'Ուսումնական պլան' (Study Plan). The 'Նկարագրություն' tab is active, showing the course description under the heading 'Կրթական նպատակներ' (Educational Objectives). The description states that the course is for pediatricians and family doctors and covers growth and puberty. It lists two main objectives: to identify normal growth and puberty patterns and to recognize and manage deviations.

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Փետրվար 7, 2025  
**Երեխաների թոքերի ինտերստիցիալ հիվանդություն**  
 Երեխաների թոքերի ինտերստիցիալ հիվանդությունները (ԵԹԻՀ) շեշտադրված հիվանդությունների տարատեսակներ են, որոնք ախտահարում են թոքերի ինտերստիցիումի, մազանոթների, ավելորդների և պերիպլեուրալի հյուսվածքի վրա:



Դեկտեմբեր 9, 2024  
**Կենտրոնական հիպոտոնիա**  
 Այսօրվա թեման ներառում է ուղեղային հիպոտոնիայի, կենտրոնական հիպոտոնիայի, բարորակ քնածին հիպոտոնիայի և թույլ նորածին (floppy infant) մասին քննարկում:

In 2025 in collaboration with Arabkir MC-ICAH, Children’s hospital of Los Angeles and Kaiser Permanente the programme on piloting and introducing the modern young child’s development and well-being screening tool ([www.TheSWYC.org](http://www.TheSWYC.org)) was implemented. Teaching module, curriculum for health staff was developed, trainings for PHC providers were conducted in 3 pilot sites; subsequently tool was used by care providers to assess child development and well-being. Results of the piloting enabled to assess feasibility and usefulness of using SWYC at PHC level and to compare with Ireton data. Results of the programme were presented and discussed at the Round table held on September 16 with participation of the pediatricians from Los Angeles,, representatives of the MCH Department at MoH, PHC centers and relevant stakeholders. Results and the report were presented to MoH for further implementation at the national level.



Since 2007 the Association is an acting member of the European Pediatric Association – Union of European Pediatric Societies (EPA–UNEPSA), the European Academy of Pediatric Societies, and the International Pediatric Association. Association regularly participates in the General Assemblies, conferences, surveys, and round table discussions and other events held by international organizations.

✓ **Participation in national policy development on child and adolescent health**

APA is involved in policy and strategic programmes development, elaboration of observations, surveys and protocols in the field of child and adolescent health. Representatives of APA are

members of the Public Council of the Minister of Health, the President of APA is a member of the Council of Armenian Medical Association.

To enhance cooperation between specialists, investigate and respond to different challenges in pediatric health care, creation of the specialised groups/sections within APA has been initiated; the process will continue. The meeting of the newly developed Pediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology group was held to enhance collaboration with ESPGHAN.

APA has a Facebook Group in social media to share news and updates in the field among pediatric community.

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On October 31, 2025 the enlarged meeting of the APA's members was held, accomplished activities and current situation were presented, current issues and organizational tasks were discussed. Particularly, the list of diseases and conditions requiring intensive care and resuscitation developed by representatives of different pediatric hospitals was presented and discussed. The document was approved and presented to MoH.

Report on activities for 2021-2025 was presented, ways to improve activities discussed, including creation of specialised groups, active involvement of young doctors, introduction of membership fees, collaboration with MoH and other issues.

Associate Professor of the Department of Pediatrics N2 of Yerevan State Medical University after M. Heratsi, Advisor of the Minister of Health on Pediatrics, Dr. Sergey Sargsyan was elected as a new President of Armenian Pediatric Association.

#### ✓ **Our Partners**

Armenian Pediatric Association is supported by a number of local and international organizations, Arabkir MC-ICAH, leading pediatric clinics of Armenia, Yerevan State Medical University after M. Heratsi, and the University Children's Hospital in Zurich (Switzerland), Children's hospital of Los Angeles, Armenian Eyecare Project, Democracy Development Foundation, other organizations.

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