



## **SPR Research and Education Foundation**

Foundational Insights Newsletter:  
Philanthropic Vehicles

**The Mission of the Foundation is to assess the research and education needs of the pediatric radiology community and develop funding programs to address these needs; evaluate applications for funding and make grants for the research and education that will further the art and science of pediatric imaging; and to raise and manage the funds that make these grants possible.**

***An excellent reminder for all but junior faculty/members: this one is for us!***

Dear SPR Colleagues:

**Like me, you may have become a Pediatric Radiologist because of your passion for making a difference in the care of some of society's most vulnerable patients—infants, children, and young adults.**

Your support of the Society for Pediatric Radiology (SPR) shows a commitment to fostering the development and success of our subspecialty and adds to the important continued support by our members, institutions, and commercial partnerships. To this end, the SPR Research and Education Foundation (REF) awards scientific and educational grants that further the art and science of pediatric imaging by identifying research proposals that address the needs of our communities and bestowing funding to address these deficiencies.

The SPR REF is 100% supported by us, SPR members, making it our prerogative to ensure the success of these programs and continue to facilitate innovation within our field. The SPR REF benefits everyone in this realm of medicine and cannot do so without the financial support of SPR members.

**If you are like "former me," you may consider philanthropy and donating to charities to be financial goals reserved only for late-career physicians and retirees.** I know it was one of the last things on my mind when I received my first job offer

(thanks, student loans!). However, there are multiple benefits to making financial contributions to the SPR REF as a junior faculty/member. Getting your financial footing as a young attending can be overwhelming, but cash contributions to 501(c)(3) entities are tax-deductible, which has the potential to decrease your tax burden by up to 50% of your adjusted gross income. And, in doing so, you can support non-profit entities such as the SPR REF and establish your commitment to benefitting others as a priority in your financial and philanthropic future. This translates into benefitting the Research and Education Foundation, the SPR, your bank account, and the future of our subspecialty. Everyone wins! And these benefits are certainly not limited to those nearing retirement.

**Be like “future me,” and recognize that Pediatric Radiology must be a recognized and valued subspecialty at the forefront of research and education. Know that YOU play a role in making this happen.** Your contribution, no matter the size and no matter the frequency, is an important step in establishing your habit of philanthropy and giving as a life-long habit.

Our support, as junior faculty/SPR members, will allow us to foster innovation and enthusiasm for the work we all do. We are the future of this society, and we have an opportunity to establish our commitment to the continued evolution and advancement of our field. Even small donations make a big difference to the SPR REF and, likewise, the IRS. By contributing to the SPR REF, you can fulfill a desire to help others, receive some relief from “Uncle Sam,” and promote the legacy, longevity, and success of our field for generations to come. I hope you will join me and consider [donating](#) to the SPR Research and Education Foundation.

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SPR REF 2018 Pilot Grant Recipient

**One of the grants funded by the SPR REF in recent years is the 2023 Education Project Grant, *Pediatric Musculoskeletal Radiographs: How Radiology Residents Learn and Which Cases are at Highest Risk for Diagnostic Error*, with PI Dr. Andrea Doria of The Hospital for Sick Children/University of Toronto.**



**Dr. Andrea Doria (top left) and two key members of the project, Drs. Kathy Boutis and Jennifer Stimec**

"A small percent of diagnostic errors in interpretation of radiographs in our clinical practices may result in a high burden of consequences for the patient, referring provider, and radiologist. Currently, there are no validated methods for assessing diagnostic competency in pediatric musculoskeletal imaging interpretation among radiology trainees. Our research study focuses on developing an innovative educational program that entails a comprehensive exposure of the range of anatomy and traumatic pediatric musculoskeletal pathology on conventional radiography and provides a measure of competence prior to radiology residents entering independent practice. More information on this opportunity can be found [here](#)."

**- Dr. Andrea Doria**

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