

**Points of Comparison between
The American College of Pediatricians
and The American Academy of Pediatrics**

<u>Points of Comparison</u>	<u>The ACPeds</u>	<u>The AAP</u>
Professional Organization of Pediatricians	Yes	Yes
Organization	International	International
Age of Organization	Since 2002	Since 1930
Board Certification required for Fellow Membership	Yes	Yes
Membership Required for State Licensure	Not required	Not required
<u>Position Statements</u>		
Position Statement Approval Process	Reviewed by entire membership; approval requires 75% agreement of entire membership	Reviewed only by Committee/Council members; approval requires majority vote of 11-person Board
Same-sex Co-parent Adoption	Opposes	Endorses fully
Marriage/Family Composition Influence on the Child	Married Mother-Father is optimal for child & society	Same-sex marriage is equivalent to Heterosexual marriage for childrearing
Adolescent: Parental Notification	In Favor	Opposes
Plan B (“Morning After Pill”) availability to adolescents	Opposed to use	In favor of OTC use by any post-menarcheal girl
Abortion	Opposes	Not Opposed
Right of Conscience for Physician	In Favor	Opposes
Sex Education in Schools	Prefers Sexual Risk Avoidance approach	Prefers Condom/Safer-sex approach
Sex-change hormones and surgery for children with gender dysphoria	Opposes	Advocates for availability of this option in pre-puberty
<u>Costs of Membership</u>		
Annual Dues	\$250	\$660 ^a
Annual Savings	\$410	
CME Programs		Available to non-members (plus 15-30% typically)
Red Book (Published every 3 years)	\$115 ^b at Amazon (\$35 a year or buy used for less)	Free every 3 years
Pediatrics Journal	Online version: \$159 ^c annually	Print copy included in dues
PREP the Curriculum	\$445 online/annual ^d	\$325 online/annual ^d

Example: A pediatrician can pay the annual ACPeds membership dues for a Fellow, purchase *Red Book, Pediatrics*, and *PREP the Curriculum* as a non-AAP member, and still save \$96/year versus the same purchases as a member of the AAP.

Accessed January 2018:

^a <http://www.aap.org/en-us/pages/become-member.aspx>

^b http://www.amazon.com/Red-Book-2012-Committee-Infectious/dp/158110703X/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1403115974&sr=1-2&keywords=redbook+pediatric

^c <https://shop.aap.org/aap-store/inriverassociations/pediatrics-3/>

^d <https://shop.aap.org/aap-store/inriverassociations/2018-prep-the-curriculum/>