

**AFFILIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE AMA SECTION OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY AND
THE ALBERTA PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION**

1. This agreement establishes the relationship between the Section of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry hereafter called the SCAP, and the Alberta Psychiatric Association, hereafter called the APA for the purpose of representing our Professions in a coordinated manner. The AMA Section of General Psychiatry is referred to in this agreement as the SGP.
2. Notwithstanding Article 9 of this agreement nothing in this agreement shall interfere with the rights and duties of the SCAP with respect to the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) or with the rights and duties of the APA with respect to other organizations. The SCAP and the SGP are equivalent Sections of the AMA.
3. The objectives, policies and Bylaws of the SCAP shall at all times remain in harmony with those of the APA.
4. The APA, the SGP, and the SCAP, shall jointly be responsible for representing Psychiatrists in fees negotiations and other economic matters. This does not preclude the SCAP from appointing its own Fees Negotiator, who would then need to work with the SGP Fees Negotiator on shared codes.
5. The SCAP in collaboration with the APA shall be responsible for:
 - a. The educational and scientific needs of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists in Alberta, specifically but not necessarily limited to the Annual Scientific Meeting of the APA;
 - b. Matters relating to the Standards of Practice of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists in Alberta;
 - c. Representing the Profession in matters relating to the planning and delivery of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in Alberta; and
 - d. Promoting the general and professional wellbeing of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists in Alberta
6. (a) The APA shall be the primary organization through which liaison with other organizations takes place, including but not limited to the Canadian Psychiatric Association and other Provincial Psychiatric Associations.
(b) Notwithstanding Section 6 (a) above the SCAP will be primarily responsible for liaising with organizations representing Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists including but not limited to the Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.
7. The SCAP undertakes to inform the Executive of the APA of its activities and finances at least annually.
8. The SCAP undertakes not to speak on behalf of the APA without prior approval of the Executive Board of the APA.
9. Where the interests of the APA and the SCAP are in conflict and all avenues for the resolution of the conflict have been exhausted the interests of the APA shall be primary.

10. The SCAP shall have the right to set, collect, and spend its own dues independently, along with the authority to receive and allocate its own educational and other grants as it deems appropriate. The APA shall receive its dues through the SGP and retain the right to manage and allocate its educational and other grants as it sees fit.
SCAP shall be responsible for all expenses associated with organizing and conducting its Annual General Meeting, Executive meetings, and its core administrative hours.
The APA will be responsible for all expenses associated with organizing and conducting its Annual General Meeting, Executive meetings, and its day-to-day operations including planning of the annual scientific conference.
11. The SCAP may collect membership dues received via the AMA, through its own processes or alternatively authorize the SGP to collect the dues. Upon request by the SCAP, the SGP will collect those dues and disperse them between the APA and the SCAP in an agreed upon manner.
12. While SCAP members are not automatically voting members of the APA, the APA agrees to share all relevant member communications with SCAP members, including Notices to Members, conference updates, advocacy updates, etc. The APA also agrees that SCAP members in good standing are eligible to register for the annual APA Conference at the member rate. A member of the SCAP can become a voting member of the APA upon payment of agreed upon annual dues directly to the APA.
13. Up to two delegates of the SCAP shall be voting members of the Executive Board of the APA - the SCAP President and one other SCAP Executive member.
14. Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists who are members of the AMA Board of Directors shall be Ex Officio Members of the Executive Board of the APA.
15. The Alberta member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry shall be an Ex Officio member of the Executive Board of the APA.
16. Subject to the APA Bylaws, any member of the SCAP who is a Full Member in good standing with the APA is eligible for election as an Executive Member-at-Large of the APA. Should a member of SCAP wish to be considered for nomination to the positions of President-Elect or Secretary-Treasurer of the APA, they will need to become a Full Member of the Section of General Psychiatry and pay those annual dues accordingly.
17. The Executive Boards of both the SCAP and the APA shall meet at least annually to discuss and deal with financial, economic and other issues common to the two organizations.
18. This agreement shall remain in force until repealed. Either party may repeal the agreement by the same mechanism by which it was effected and upon one year's notice from an Annual General Meeting.

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