

President



Candidate: Rana Alissa, MD, FAAP

Primary City of Practice: Jacksonville, Florida

Statement of Interest/Bio:

Dr. Rana Alissa is the current Vice-President of FCAAP. She obtained her medical degree from the University of Damascus School of Medicine in Damascus, Syria. She completed her residency in Pediatrics at the University of Florida(UF) in Jacksonville, where she has been practicing as a pediatric hospitalist for 11 years. Dr. Alissa served as the medical director of the newborn nursery for five years and now covers the newborn nurseries at two UF campuses. Dr. Alissa has earned numerous teaching, performance, and research awards and was promoted to Associate Professor two years ago. She is currently serving as the Faculty Council for the Department of Pediatrics at UF Jacksonville.

Since residency, Dr. Alissa volunteered for the Duval County Medical Society (DCMS) where she graduated from the Society's Academy of Leadership and was elected last year to serve on the DCMS' Board of Directors.

Dr. Alissa has been involved with FCAAP since residency as well. She served as the co-Chair for the Membership Committee from 2018-2023. She has also been a CATCH Grant facilitator since 2019. Dr. Alissa helped establish the Wellness Program for the FCAAP and has been the program's Ambassador since 2019. Since its start, the Wellness Program has had many successful wellness events and book club sessions. Dr. Alissa is currently the Liaison for the Membership Committee, has just joined the E-Cigarette Task Force and has been active in the Legislative Committee. She recently represented the FCAAP in a national initiative related to Adolescents' Healthy Mental Development. Dr. Alissa has participated in the annual Future of Pediatric Practice meetings as a moderator and as Residents Brain Bowl's judge. She is planning to do the same in the upcoming meetings.

Dr. Alissa's goal is to continue the great advocacy of FCAAP in relation to gun control, immunization rates, access to healthcare, mental health crisis among adolescents, and the prevention/elimination of the negative impact the current political climate has on the pediatricians and the practice of pediatrics.