**Pediatrics Ultrasound Community of Practice Constitution**

**The Ohio State University College of Medicine**

**Article I:**

*Section 1: Name:*The name of this organization shall be The Pediatrics Ultrasound Community of Practice at The Ohio State University College of Medicine (OSUCOM) . The colloquial name for this organization shall be the Peds COP.

*Section 2: Purpose:* The purpose of our organization is to increase clinician use, accessibility, and knowledge of focused ultrasound within the field of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine throughout the Wexner Medical Center and other institutions at which members train through medical student, resident, fellow, and faculty involvement.

*Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy:* This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

**Article II: Membership**

Membership shall be open to any currently enrolled student at OSUCOM, as well Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine residents, fellows, and attendings within the Ohio State Department of Pediatrics (Nationwide Children’s Hospital) or Department of Emergency Medicine.

**Article III: Removing a Member or Executive Officer**

III.a. If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the Ohio State University Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

III.b. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed for sufficient cause. Sufficient cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws or any conduct deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the chapter. Prior to a vote on the matter of removal of an elected officer, the chapter Executive Committee shall hold a formal hearing. The officer shall have the opportunity to personally appear at the formal hearing or to be represented by counsel. The officer may present any defense to the charges before any action is taken. The chapter Executive Committee shall adopt rules to ensure due process to the officer. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two thirds affirmative vote of the executive board.

**Article IV: Organization of Leadership**

*President:* His/Her/Their role is to preside over meetings and to serve as the official organizer of all aspects of the COP, from attendings to medical students. In addition, the president will plan meetings that focus on direct interaction with faculty, fellows, residents, etc. from the Ohio State Department of Pediatrics (Nationwide Children’s Hospital) or Department of Emergency Medicine. The president will also oversee all clinical care, research, education, and administration within the COP.

*Vice President:* His/Her/Their role is to assume the duties of the president in his/her/their absence. In addition, the vice president will supervise and organize Journal Club meetings.

*Treasurer:* His/Her/Their role is to keep track of all financial transactions and attend relevant training sessions/meetings.

*Faculty Advisor:* The Executive Board shall nominate faculty within the Ohio State Department of Pediatrics or Department of Emergency Medicine (at least 75% full-time equivalent) to serve as advisor to the COP. His/Her/Their role is to keep close communication with the President and executive board regarding the ongoings of the COP. He/She/They will provide oversight and recommendations on the direction of the COP.

**Article V: Selection of Leadership**

The following officers shall be appointed by the previous executive board on a yearly basis: President, Vice President (Secondary Leader), Treasurer. Officers must be in good academic standing.

Newly elected officers should assume office immediately following the meeting in which they are appointed.

**Article VI: Amendments to the Constitution**

Any member of the organization may present amendments to the Constitution at any regularly scheduled business meeting. After reading the current Constitution along with the proposed change, the change will be cast to a vote. A four-fifths majority is necessary to pass the amendment. Two-thirds of the active membership must be present at the time of voting.

Amendments to the Constitution must be submitted to and approved by the Coordinator for Student Organizations before they become effective.

We agree to abide by all regulations, all University policies, in addition to all federal, state, and local laws.

**Article VII: Method of Dissolution of the Organization**

Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff will be contacted to remove organization information from the website. Should any funds remain, they will be returned to the source from whence it came.