**2018 COMSEP Annual Survey**

If you are a preceptor that teaches students in the ambulatory setting, please answer the following questions.

1. **How do you teach pediatric otoscopy to medical students? Check all that apply.**

* Formal didactic session
* Formal hands-on and/or simulation session
* Direct patient care settings

1. **Do you demonstrate pneumatic otoscopy?**

* Yes
* No

1. **Do you demonstrate cerumen removal?**

* Yes
* No

1. **Please indicate you level of agreement with the following statement. I find the following barriers to teaching pediatric otoscopy to medical students:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly  Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly  Disagree |
| The general approach (i.e. holding young child, equipment, otoscope technique) is difficult to teach |  |  |  |  |
| The time it takes to teach students in direct patient care settings |  |  |  |  |
| The presence of cerumen |  |  |  |  |
| My own skills in teaching pediatric otoscopy |  |  |  |  |
| My own skills in performing pneumatic otoscopy |  |  |  |  |
| My own skills in cerumen removal |  |  |  |  |
| Lack of technological devices to facilitate teaching (e.g. video otoscope, dual head otoscope, tympanogram) |  |  |  |  |
| Lack of formal feasible curricula |  |  |  |  |
| Availability of equipment (e.g. insufflator bulb) |  |  |  |  |
| Student anxiety (10) |  |  |  |  |
| Parent anxiety (11) |  |  |  |  |

1. **It is important for *all* graduating medical students to know how to perform basic pediatric otoscopy, defined as visualization of the tympanic membrane using an otoscope.**

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree

1. **A curriculum regarding how to teach the pediatric ear exam to medical students in direct patient care settings would help me to be more effective in teaching this skill.**

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree

The next set of questions relate to your own clinical experience with pediatric otoscopy.

1. **Which criteria do you use to diagnose the majority of your patients with acute otitis media? Check all that apply.**

* Moderate to severe bulging of the TM
* Distinct erythema and poor mobility of the TM
* Poor mobility and fluid levels of the TM
* Retraction and abnormal color of the TM
* Poor mobility of the TM

1. **The AAP Guidelines for the diagnosis of Acute Otitis Media are helpful to me.**

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree

1. **In which clinical situations do you use pneumatic otoscopy? Check all that apply.**

* To diagnose AOM
* To diagnose OME
* Only when I am unsure of the diagnosis
* I do not use insufflation

1. **Cerumen is a frequent barrier to the accurate diagnosis of Acute Otitis Media.**

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree

1. **I find it difficult to remove cerumen in the young child.**

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree

1. **Were you taught how to perform cerumen removal on a young child?**

* Yes
* No

1. **Were you taught how to perform pneumatic otoscopy on a young child?**

* Yes
* No

1. **Skill in pneumatic otoscopy is important to the diagnosis of AOM**

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree

These questions relate to you as a physician:

1. **How many years have you practiced ambulatory pediatrics (post-residency)?**

* 0-5
* 5-15
* 15-25
* 25+

1. **How would you define your residency-training program?**

* Academic/Tertiary Care
* Community Pediatrics

If you are in a supervisory role for the pediatric clerkship, please answer the following questions.

1. **The preceptors in my program demonstrate pneumatic otoscopy to our clerkship students.**

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree

1. **The preceptors in my program demonstrate cerumen removal to our clerkship students.**

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree

1. **Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement. The following factors are barriers for the preceptors in my program teaching pediatric otoscopy to medical students:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Strongly  Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly  Disagree |
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1. **Are insufflator bulbs routinely available where your faculty teaches students?**

* Yes
* No
* I don’t know

1. **The preceptors in my program need further education to be more effective teachers of pediatric otoscopy to our clerkship students.**

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree

1. **Please** **provide any other comments on the practice or the teaching of pediatric otoscopy.**

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