



The Paediatric Global Musculoskeletal Task Force

The Paediatric Task Force for Global Musculoskeletal Health was set up in 2017 as part of the Global Alliance for Musculoskeletal Health and joined forces with the Pediatric Rheumatology European Society (PReS) Global Task Force in 2018. We are partners with the Paediatric Musculoskeletal Matters (PMM) Portfolio learning e-platform and also closely aligned to many professional societies across the world. We are a virtual global community and open to all; clinicians at all grades (doctors, nurses, allied health professionals) and across many MSK related disciplines across the breadth of rheumatology, orthopaedics including adult and paediatric specialities), general paediatrics and sub-specialties, family medicine), patient/parent/charity advocacy and awareness raising groups, professional societies, healthcare planners and policy makers, research consortia and industry (e-technology, pharma). The Task Force acknowledges the importance of MSK health and wellbeing for all children and young people with benefits extending into adulthood.

Mission statement

All children and young people have the right to achieve their optimal MSK health in a safe and respectful environment. Our Aims:

- To promote healthy joints and bones
 - Through lifestyle choices and healthy behaviours (e.g. diet, exercise) within a safe environment (e.g. road safety)
 - To reduce the risk of injury and prevent obesity
 - To reduce long term risk of osteoarthritis and osteoporosis
- To raise awareness
 - That many MSK conditions are treatable and that disability can be prevented or mitigated with access to right care
 - About the many children and young people around the world with MSK problems with poor or no access to right care.
 - About the considerable impact of untreated MSK conditions starting in early life - impact on children and young people, their families, carers and society.
- To identify and promote tangible exemplar solutions to improve access to right care
 - Patient and public led advocacy and engagement
 - Models of care to promote early diagnosis and pathways to right care
 - Education, training and workforce capacity building
 - Research that is inclusive and relevant to low resource settings

We have published our 'Call to Action' based on our themes of work; Advocacy and Awareness raising; Education and Training; Workforce capacity building; Models of care; Research. The Task Force ethos is sharing knowledge and exemplars that have transferable value to benefit as many children and young people around the world.

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together"- African proverb

Our Structure and Membership

The Paediatric Task Force works in partnership with organisations to address global challenges in paediatric MSK health. We have co-chairs, representing paediatric rheumatology, paediatric orthopaedics, MSK health and wellbeing. Our Steering Group comprising individuals from around the world with multi-professional, multi-disciplinary representation as well as parent advocates. We meet monthly by zoom with notes taken. The Steering group members are listed in the Table. All roles are voluntary and non-remunerated. Communication to the wider Task Force is through social media (twitter, LinkedIn facebook, e-Newsletter available on the Task Force website (www.pmskglobal.com)).

Name and country	Roles and Affiliations
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Prof Djohra Hadeff, Algeria	Paediatric rheumatology Vice President PAFLAR
Prof Fernando Garcia Rodriguez, Mexico	Paediatric rheumatology PANLAR
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ACR – American College Rheumatology, APLAR – AsiaPacificLeagueAgainstRheumatism, APRG (AustraliaNZPaedRheumgroup), ArLAR- ArabLeagueAgainstRheumatism, PAFLAR – PaediatricAfricaLeagueAgainstRheumatism, PANLAR – PanAmericaLeagueAgainstRheumatism, PMM – PaediatricMusculoskeletalMatters, PReS (Paed Rheum European Society), PRINTO – Paediatric Rheumatology International Trials Organisation, PReS EMERGE (Emerging Rheumatologists)	

Our publications

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