

Vice President



Candidate: Juan Felipe Rico, MD, FAAP

Primary City of Practice: Tampa, Florida

Statement of Interest/Bio:

I am a Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist at the University of South Florida (USF) where I serve as the Division Chief of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at USF. In addition, I am also the Medical Director of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Tampa General Hospital (TGH). I went to medical school at The State University of New York Downstate Health Science Center in New York City, my hometown. From there, I moved to Miami and completed my residency at Miami Children's Hospital (now Nicklaus Children's Hospital). I then returned to NYC for my fellowship training at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Following Fellowship, I returned to Florida where I joined the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the University of South Florida. In this role, I strive to give exceptional care to all children with blood and cancer disorders. I have accomplished this by ensuring that my patients receive the most up to date and evidence based care while seeking to avoid unnecessary hospitalizations and treatments that burden the patient and their families. I am currently the local Principal Investigator at Tampa General Hospital for two multicenter consortiums – the Children's Oncology Group and the Comprehensive Oncologic Emergencies Research Network. I have also participated in various quality improvement initiatives both at USF and TGH as well as sponsored trials for my patients with hematological disorders. In addition, I am involved in both medical student and resident education at USF.

I have been a member of the FCAAP since my return to Florida in 2012. I have served on the Editorial Board of The Florida Pediatrician, The Official Journal of the Florida Chapter of the FCAAP. From 2019 to 2021 I served as the Region 3 Representative for FCAAP and then served as the Treasurer for FCAAP since 2021. My interests include increasing immunization rates, improved access to care for the underserved and underfunded communities of Florida, decreasing trauma deaths – both through gun and road safety, and improving nutrition, behavioral/mental health and physical activity programs in children and adolescents.