



Vice President Candidate 2026-27

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A graduate of McGill University, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Amy Ornstein is a consultant pediatrician and medical director of the IWK Health Suspected Trauma & Abuse Response Team (START). She is Division Head of General Pediatrics at

Dalhousie University and IWK Health. She is a Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University and completed a master's degree in Community Health and Epidemiology at Dalhousie University in 2013 with a focus on the prevention of child maltreatment.

Dr. Ornstein completed her residency in Pediatrics and a clinical fellowship focusing on child maltreatment at The Hospital for Sick Children and the University of Toronto. She is Board Certified in the field of Pediatrics and Child Abuse Pediatrics by the American Academy of Pediatrics and is a Fellow and Diplomate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Pediatrics and Child Maltreatment Pediatrics, respectively. At the CPS she has served as the chair of the annual conference planning committee, is past president of the section on Child and Youth Maltreatment and currently serves on the Board of Directors, representing Nova Scotia.

She is active in education about child abuse and neglect and teaches a wide range of learners including medical professionals, law enforcement, and social workers. Dr. Ornstein has been a leader in the development of the

SeaStar Child and Youth Advocacy Centre, the first of its kind in Atlantic Canada, which provides coordinated services children and families who have experienced violence and abuse. Recently, she has qualified as a Certified Physician Development coach and works to support members of her department.

Vision for CPS

My vision for the CPS will begin to take shape during a unique window, the midpoint of the society's work on its current strategic priorities of child and youth mental health, environmental health and the paediatric workforce. In this moment we can simultaneously look back on goals met, and milestones achieved while also looking forward and continuing to optimize the health of Canadian children, their families and the practitioners who care for them.

I believe the principle of safety is one that needs to be embedded in the work of the CPS. That means striving for homes free from violence and fostering welcoming classrooms and respectful workplaces — this is what we all deserve. When there is safety, there is room for healthy relationships, transformative growth and engaged communication that ultimately leads to advancement and progress.

I will support the CPS in advancing safety culture both internal and external to the organization. Together, we will strengthen our communities, creating a lasting impact felt across the country.