

**COMMISSION  
ATHEROSCLEROSIS, HYPERTENSION, & OBESITY IN THE YOUNG (AHOY) COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL ON LIFELONG CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE AND HEART HEALTH  
IN THE YOUNG (YOUNG HEARTS)**

- NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 15 members.
- METHOD OF APPOINTMENT: The Council Chair, in consultation with the Committee Chair and Nominating Committee, shall appoint Committee members. The Committee shall be made up of a Chair and 10 members drawn from the Council, as well as Liaisons from the Councils on Nutrition, Physical Activity & Metabolism (NPAM) and Cardiovascular Nursing (CVN), and external Liaisons from the AAP and NHLBI/NIH. [Note: four members of the Committee will serve as AHOY Liaisons to NPAM's four science subcommittees (Diabetes, Nutrition, Obesity, Physical Activity).]
- TERM OF OFFICE: Members shall serve two-year terms beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> and ending June 30<sup>th</sup> and shall be staggered for continuity.
- FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: The Committee shall meet face-to-face twice per year, in the Fall in conjunction with AHA Scientific Sessions, and in the Spring in conjunction with the EPI/NPAM Conference. The time commitment will vary, but should not exceed 1-3 hours per month.
- RESPONSIBILITIES: Committee Responsibilities:
- Advance the science related to the screening, detection and treatment of atherosclerosis, hypertension and obesity in children;
  - Develop new science advisories and guidelines, and revise/ update existing advisories and guidelines;
  - Develop education program content for scientific conferences and meetings;
  - Respond to requests for expert testimony on behalf of the American Heart Association to federal agencies;
  - Advocate for reimbursement programs related to counseling patients and their families;
  - Respond to requests from the AHA Office of Communications for interviews with the media;
  - Assist the AHA in establishing research priorities related to the development and treatment of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in children;
  - Support AHA efforts for implementing treatment guidelines for children with atherosclerosis, lipid disorders, hypertension and obesity in children including the identification of effective benchmark programs for risk reduction.
- Chairperson's Responsibilities:
- Attend Leadership Committee meetings and present Committee report;
  - Provide guidance and orientation to members;
  - Preside over Committee meetings, working with AHA staff to schedule and prepare agendas;
  - Lead discussions at meetings and monitor activities;
  - Review minutes of Committee meetings;
  - Assign responsibilities as needed.