

Membership

Membership in The Ray Helfer Society puts you in touch with a community of physicians seeking to provide leadership to enhance the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of child abuse and neglect. The Society is named after Ray E. Helfer, a pioneer in the prevention of child abuse. Dr. Helfer, a pediatrician and educator, helped research the origins of abuse and neglect and also developed methods of detection, treatment and prevention. You can learn more about the Society by visiting the [About the Society](#) section of this web site. A brief biography of Ray E. Helfer and his efforts in the prevention of child abuse is available by selecting [this link](#).

The organization offers two primary types of membership: [Scholar](#) and [Regular](#). A membership application is available in both the Scholar and Regular sections of this web site under the Membership tab. Additionally, the society offers [Emeritus](#) membership for individuals who have been Regular Members for at least seven years and have fully retired from clinical practice. Beginning in 2018, the association started offering [Resident](#) membership. A membership application is available in the Resident section of this web site.

Any physician who works with abused children is welcome to apply.

Benefits and features of membership include:

- Ability to attend the annual "Members Only" conference
- A complete online community, including past presentations, resources, membership directory, circles (social community discussions), and listserv (listserv is not a part of Resident membership).
- Access to a unique professional network of your peers
- A subscription to *The Quarterly Update*, a journal that reviews recent peer-reviewed articles in the medical literature on the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

We invite you to take a look around this web site and to consider membership in the Ray Helfer Society.