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The Federation of Pediatric Organizations is delighted to announce  
Stephen Ludwig, M.D.  
as the recipient of the  
2010 Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Award.  
Dr. Ludwig will receive this award on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>  
during the Opening Session of the  
Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting in Vancouver, Canada.  
A biography and photograph are provided below.



On February 10, 2009, the Board of Directors of the Federation of Pediatric Organizations selected Stephen Ludwig, M.D. as the 2010 Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Awardee. This award was created in honor of Dr. St. Geme to recognize an individual who is a leader in the field of pediatrics, a role model, and one who has contributed broadly to the field. Most importantly the award recognizes those individuals who have “created a future.” Dr. Ludwig is indeed an individual who has created a future in pediatrics, as one of the founding fathers of pediatric emergency medicine and a leader in advancing the fields of child abuse and general academic pediatrics. He is a generalist at his core, a distinguished educator, an academic scholar, and a leader in American pediatrics. His contributions in leadership, education, mentorship, advocacy, academic and community pediatrics are noteworthy. As such, he is an ideal recipient of the Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Award.

A native of West Philadelphia, the community surrounding the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), Dr. Ludwig graduated with honors from the Philadelphia Public School System. He received his bachelor’s degree from the Pennsylvania State University and attended graduate school in psychology before entering Temple University School of Medicine. After graduating from Temple, Dr. Ludwig completed his pediatric internship, residency, and chief residency at the Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He joined the faculty at CHOP, the Philadelphia General Hospital, and the University of Pennsylvania in 1974. He remained in his native Philadelphia and ascended to the rank of Professor of Pediatrics (1989) and Emergency Medicine (1994) at the University of Pennsylvania. Throughout this period he has held many important leadership roles at the hospital, including Director of the Emergency Department (1977-

1988), Secretary (1986-1988) and Vice-President (1988-1990) of the Medical and Dental Staff, Division Chief of General Pediatrics (1988-1995), Associate Physician-in-Chief for Medical Education and Program Director (1995-2009), and Designated Institutional Official (2009-present).

Dr. Ludwig has been a member of numerous national organizations in pediatrics and emergency medicine and has served in leadership roles in almost every organization. In the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), he was Chair of the Section on Emergency Medicine, Chair of the Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Section of Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Directors, and Chair of the Section on Child Abuse. He was Chair of the Program Directors Committee and served on the Board of Directors of the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP). He was President of the Ambulatory Pediatric Association, now Academic Pediatric Association (APA). He is currently the Chair of the Pediatric Residency Review Committee (RC) of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

Dr. Ludwig is a brilliant and honored educator, mentor, clinician, and advocate. He was the recipient of 15 teaching awards, including the CHOP Teacher of the Year Award, the Jean A. Cortner Divisional Teaching Award, the Christian and Mary A. Lindback Award (University of Pennsylvania), the APA National Teaching Award, and the R.D. Dripps Memorial Teaching Award (University of Pennsylvania). He was also the first recipient of the Miller-Sarkin Mentoring Award and received the Association of Pediatric Program Directors' Robert S. Holm Leadership Award bestowed upon an extraordinary individual who has been a leader, role model or mentor. Dr Ludwig embodies all three roles. In addition, for his outstanding contributions in clinical work and advocacy, he was the recipient of the I.S. Ravdin Master Clinician Award from the University of Pennsylvania Health System and the Child Advocate Award from the Support Center for Child Advocates. In recognition for his numerous achievements over the course of his career, Dr. Ludwig was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 1998.

As a scholar, Dr. Ludwig has amassed an impressive array of peer-reviewed articles, chapters, reviews, editorials, books and monographs, totaling 140 publications. His book, Textbook of Pediatric Emergency Medicine, now in its 6<sup>th</sup> edition and edited with his longtime colleague, Gary Fleisher, is the bible for pediatric emergency medicine. His contributions in print span the gamut of topics with a focus on pediatric emergency medicine, child abuse, education, mentoring, and general pediatrics.

In summary, Stephen Ludwig, M.D. embodies the spirit and essence of the Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Award. Throughout his career, he has been a superb clinician, a brilliant educator, an innovative contributor to the fields of pediatric emergency medicine, child abuse pediatrics, and general academic pediatrics, and a true and steadfast leader in American Pediatrics.

On a personal note, he is supported by his lovely wife, Zella, of 42 years and has been blessed by three wonderful children – Susannah, Elisa, and Aubrey, three son-in-laws – Mike, Jesse, Jared, and a grandson, Jack.