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The Federation of Pediatric Organizations is delighted to announce M. Douglas Jones, Jr., M.D. as the recipient of the 2008 Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Award. Dr. Jones will receive this award on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> during the American Pediatric Society Plenary immediately following the Presidential Address and the Howland Award at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. A biography and photograph are provided below.



On January 23, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Federation of Pediatric Organizations selected M. Douglas Jones, Jr., M.D as the 2008 Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Awardee. Dr. Jones epitomizes leadership in academic pediatrics and is truly one of the authentic triple threats in academic medicine with his career demonstrating excellence in science, clinical care, and education. These accomplishments make him an ideal recipient of the Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Award.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, Dr. Jones graduated from Rice University and pursued his medical degree at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. He completed residency training in pediatrics and fellowship training in neonatology at The Children's Hospital at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Under the mentorship of Drs. L. Joseph Butterfield and Frederick Battaglia, Dr. Jones was a faculty member at the University of Colorado where he worked in the Newborn Center. He was recruited in 1977 to the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine to become the Co-Director of Newborn Services and, later, Directors of the Eudowood Neonatal Pulmonary Division and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. In 1990, he returned to Colorado to become Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Pediatrician-in-Chief of The Children's Hospital. During his tenure, he presided over a period of exceptional growth of the department and the recognition of the institution as one of the best of class in pediatric medicine, research, and teaching.

As an investigator in fetal and newborn cerebral blood flow, he was continually funded from the National Institutes of Health from 1979 through 1994 and published over 120 original articles, reviews, chapters, and books. He is a member of the American Pediatric

Society, Society for Pediatric Research, Perinatal Research Society, American Physiological Society, American Heart Association, and the Microcirculatory Society. In addition, Dr. Jones has served on a number scientific study sections and scientific advisory committees.

Throughout his career, Dr. Jones has maintained his clinical focus in neonatology and directed clinical neonatal services at Johns Hopkins and the University of Colorado. In recognition of his service to clinical care, he has been named as one of the Best Doctors in America on multiple occasions. He continues to this day as a regular attending in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit where he teaches medical students, residents, and fellows at The Children's Hospital of the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

As an educator, Dr. Jones has had an impact within his institution, regionally, and nationally. Perhaps his greatest contributions to education have been through his leadership efforts. He served as Chair of the Residency Review Committee (RRC) for Pediatrics (2004-05) and promoted enhanced interactions between the RRC and other stakeholder organizations within graduate medical education. He was on the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) from 1995 to 2000 and led the ABP Subspecialties Committee through the process of redefining the subspecialty training requirements, an effort that has resulted in a broader definition of scholarly activity and a sharper focus on the importance of oversight of scholarly activities. He was Vice-Chair of the Future of Pediatric Education II Task Force on the Costs of GME. Currently, Dr. Jones is the current Chair-elect of the ABP and leading the Residency Review and Redesign in Pediatrics Project of the ABP, a project intended to address the future needs of child health and pediatrics training through a process of stimulating innovation and experimentation in pediatrics residency training programs. In all of these efforts, Dr. Jones brings an exceptional blend of energy and enthusiasm, passion and purpose, and dedicated and visionary leadership skills.

On a personal note, Dr. Jones balances his professional life with his loving family – his wife Ann, daughter Monica, and son Tobin.