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The following fellows recently were honored for their work.

Deepak Kamat, M.D., Ph.D., FAAP, of Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich., was elected to a two-year term as vice chair of the Pediatric Residency Review Committee of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. The committee is responsible for accrediting about 9,500 residency and fellowship programs and 700 institutions that sponsor the programs in the U.S.

A designated institutional official for the Children's Hospital of Michigan Residency Program, Dr. Kamat is professor of pediatrics and vice chair for education at Wayne State University School of Medicine. He is recipient of the 2010 AAP Education Award.

David Kays, M.D., FAAP, of Gulfport, Fla., was named medical director of the All Children's Hospital Johns Hopkins Medicine Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Program. He also will serve as director of the Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation Program and co-director of the Fetal Diagnosis/Treatment Program.

For the past 20 years, Dr. Kays was surgeon-in-chief, medical director of the congenital diaphragmatic hernia program, and pediatric respiratory and ventilator support at University of Florida Health and Shands Children's Hospital. He also was professor of surgery and chief of the division of pediatric surgery at University of Florida College of Medicine.

Janice D. Key, M.D., FAAP, of Charleston, S.C., received the Wellness Frontier Award from the Healthcare Leadership Council, a coalition of executive leaders from all disciplines within American health care. She was recognized for health promotion and obesity prevention programs at the Boeing Center for Children's Wellness, which reaches more than 140,000 children through nutrition and physical activity programs in schools and child care.

Professor of pediatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina, she is co-chair of the South Carolina Medical Association Childhood Obesity Task Force. She received the AAP Special Achievement Award in 2014.

Sarah S. Long, M.D., FAAP, of Gladwyne, Pa., received the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching from Drexel University.

Chief of the Section of Infectious Diseases at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, she is professor of pediatrics at Drexel University College of Medicine.


Prabhu Parimi, M.D., M.B.A., C.P.E., FAAP, of Pinellas Park, Fla., was named director of the Johns Hopkins All Children's Maternal, Fetal and Neonatal Institute and chief of the Division of Neonatology.

Dr. Parimi most recently served as professor and chief of neonatology at University of Kansas Hospital and medical director of its neonatal intensive care unit. He also helped start a national neonatal medical home model for preterm infants in the state.
Jeffrey S. Upperman, M.D., FAAP, of Los Angeles, was named associate dean for faculty diversity at the University of Southern California. Associate professor of surgery, he is director of the Trauma and Pediatric Surgery Fellowship Program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Dr. Upperman focuses his research on sepsis, inflammation, trauma and disaster preparedness.

Michael D. Warren, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP, of Nashville, Tenn., was named president-elect of the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, a national group for state public health leaders and others working to improve the health of women, children, youths and families, including those with special health care needs. Dr. Warren will serve a three-year term, including a year as president and past president.

Assistant commissioner for family health and wellness at the Tennessee Department of Health, Dr. Warren oversees the department's initiatives related to maternal and child health, chronic disease prevention and health promotion, and supplemental nutrition. He is adjunct assistant professor of pediatrics at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

He is a member of the AAP Council on Community Pediatrics, the Provisional Section on Child Death Review and Prevention and previously served as the resident/fellow liaison to the AAP Committee on Federal Government Affairs.