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2017 AAP Award Winners

Editor's note: The award-winners' AAP committee, section or council affiliations are listed except when they are a member of the same group issuing the award.

AAP Education Award

Committee on Continuing Medical Education, Committee on Pediatric Education, Council on Communications and Media

Cynthia R. Howard, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP
She is associate professor of pediatrics and director of the Division of Global Pediatrics at University of Minnesota Medical School, where she also co-directs the Global Medical Education and Research Program. Dr. Howard is a member of the Section on International Child Health.

AAP Samuel J. Fomon Nutrition Award

Committee on Nutrition

Supported by the Infant Nutrition Council of America

Sonia Caprio, M.D.

She is professor of pediatrics in the Division of Endocrinology at Yale University School of Medicine.

Abraham Jacobi Memorial Award

AMA Section Council on Pediatrics

Supported by the Academy and American Medical Association (AMA)

Errol R. Alden, M.D., FAAP

He is president of the International Pediatric Association (IPA) Foundation and IPA president-elect. Dr. Alden is clinical professor of pediatrics at Uniformed Services University of Health Services, Bethesda, Md. Former AAP Executive Director/CEO, he is a member of the Sections on Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, Senior Members and Uniformed Services.

Adele Dellenbaugh Hofmann Award

Section on Adolescent Health

Michael O. Rich, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP

He is associate professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and associate professor of social and behavioral sciences at Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Rich practices adolescent medicine at Boston Children's Hospital and is founder and director of the Center on Media and Child Health. He is a member of the
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Council on Clinical Information Technology and Council on Communications and Media.

**Alvin Jacobs Award**

Section on Dermatology

**Michael L. Smith, M.D., FAAD, FAAP**

He is associate clinical professor of medicine (dermatology) at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and a pediatric dermatologist in Nashville.

**Arnold J. Capute Award**

Council on Children with Disabilities

**Susan E. Levy, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP**

She is a member of the Center for Autism Research and vice chair, Committee for Protection of Human Subjects at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and professor of pediatrics at Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Levy is a member of the Council on Quality Improvement and Patient Safety as well as the Sections on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics; Epidemiology, Public Health and Evidence; Integrative Medicine; and Obesity.

**Arnold M. Salzberg Mentorship Award**

Section on Surgery

**Charles J.H. Stolar, M.D., FACS, FAAP**

He is the Rudolph N. Schullinger Professor Emeritus of Surgery and Pediatrics, Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City; attending pediatric surgeon, California Pediatric Surgery Group, Santa Barbara; and visiting scholar, Capps Center for the Study of Ethics, Religion and Public Life, University of California, Santa Barbara.

**Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award**

Supported by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation

**Benard P. Dreyer, M.D., FAAP**

He is AAP immediate past president; professor of pediatrics and director of developmental-behavioral pediatrics, NYU School of Medicine; and director of pediatrics at Bellevue Hospital Center in New York. Dr. Dreyer is a member of the Councils on Communications and Media, and Community Pediatrics; and the Sections on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, Hospital Medicine, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health and Wellness.
Avroy Fanaroff Neonatal Education Award
Section on Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
Supported by Mead Johnson Nutrition

Susan Niermeyer, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP
She is professor of pediatrics in the Section of Neonatology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and adjunct faculty in epidemiology and the Center for Global Health at the Colorado School of Public Health. Dr. Niermeyer is a member of the Sections on International Child Health, Breastfeeding, Senior Members, and Tobacco Control.

Award for Lifetime Contribution to Infectious Diseases Education
Section on Infectious Diseases

Margaret C. Fisher, M.D., FAAP
She is a professor of pediatrics at Drexel University College of Medicine and St. George's University School of Medicine. Dr. Fisher is medical director of the Unterberg Children's Hospital and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, N.J. She is chair of the AAP Global Immunization Advocacy Project, a member of the Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council and a member of the Emerging Infections and Outbreaks Subcommittee of the Committee on Infectious Diseases. Dr. Fisher also is a member of the Section on International Child Health.

Award for Outstanding Service to Maltreated Children
Section on Child Abuse and Neglect

Olga C. Rosa, M.D., FAAP
She is associate professor of clinical pediatrics in the Division of Child Abuse Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatrics at University of South Carolina School of Medicine, and medical director, South Carolina Children's Advocacy Medical Response System.

Award for Pediatric Innovation
Section on Advances in Therapeutics and Technology
Supported by Pfizer Inc.

Charles A. Thompson, M.D., FAAP
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He is immediate past chair of the section's executive committee. Dr. Thompson is clinical instructor of pediatrics at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and on staff at its children's hospital. He is the global lead for the Pfizer Pediatric Center of Excellence; founder/chair of iCAN (International Children's Advisory Network); and steering committee member of the Global Alliance for Pediatric Therapeutics. He is a member of the board of the AAP Connecticut Chapter and a member of the Sections on Administration and Practice Management, Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, and Infectious Diseases.

Byron Oberst Award

Council on Clinical Information Technology

Susan J. Kressly, M.D., FAAP

She is founder/owner of Kressly Pediatrics in Warrington, Pa., and medical director of Office Practicum, a provider of electronic health records software for pediatrics. Dr. Kressly is a member of the Council on Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, the Section on Telehealth Care, e-PROS (Pediatric Research in Office Settings), the Task Force on Pediatric Practice Change, and the Child Health Informatics Center Program Advisory Committee. She also is the Section on Administration and Practice Management liaison to the Private Payer Advocacy Advisory Committee.

Calvin (C.J.) Sia Community Pediatrics Medical Home Leadership and Advocacy Award

Council on Community Pediatrics

Mona Patel Gera, M.D., FAAP

She is associate professor of clinical pediatrics and medical director of the Patient-Centered Medical Home for Children with Special Health Care Needs at Keck School of Medicine at University of Southern California.

C. Anderson Aldrich Award

Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

Neal Halfon, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP

He is founding director of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities, as well as professor of pediatrics, public health and public policy at the UCLA Schools of Medicine, Public Health, and Public Policy.

Charles "Buzzy" Vanchiere Award

Section on Administration and Practice Management

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Budd N. Shenkin, M.D., FAAP

He is founder and president of Bayside Medical Group in California. Dr. Shenkin serves on the Board of Advisors of the Goldman School of Public Policy at University of California, Berkeley. He is a member of the AAP Task Force on Pediatric Practice Change.

Child Health Advocate Award

Committee on State Government Affairs


Rep. Tana Senn, D-Wash.

These representatives from different districts collaborated to improve behavioral and mental health services for children in the state of Washington.

Clifford G. Grulee Award

AAP Executive Committee/AAP Board of Directors

Joseph F. Hagan Jr., M.D., FAAP

He is clinical professor of pediatrics at the Robert Larner, M.D. College of Medicine at University of Vermont and a primary care pediatrician at Hagan, Rinehart and Connolly Pediatricians, PLLC, in Burlington, Vt. Co-editor of Bright Futures, Dr. Hagan is a member of the Sections on Child Abuse and Neglect, Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, and Senior Members.

Dale Richmond/Justin Coleman Lectureship Award

Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

Michael W. Yogman, M.D., FAAP

He is a pediatrician in Cambridge, Mass., and is chief of the Division of Ambulatory Pediatrics at Mount Auburn Hospital. Dr. Yogman is chair of the AAP Committee on Psychosocial Aspects of Child and Family Health and chair of the Child Mental Health Task Force for the AAP Massachusetts Chapter. He is a member of the Council on Early Childhood and Section on Administration and Practice Management.

Dave Berry Award

Section on Uniformed Services

Maj. Ryan P. Flanagan, M.D., FACC, FAAP
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He is associate pediatric residency program director at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu.

Distinguished Career Award

Section on Critical Care

Richard J. Brilli, M.D., M.C.C.M., FAAP

He is chief medical officer at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and the John F. Wolfe Endowed Chair in Medical Leadership and Pediatric Quality and Safety. Dr. Brilli is a member of the Section on Uniformed Services.

Distinguished Service Award

Section on Orthopaedics

Supported by Shriners Hospitals for Children

Paul W. Esposito, M.D., FAAP

He is clinical service chief in pediatric orthopedics at Children's Hospital & Medical Center, University of Nebraska Medical Center. Dr. Esposito is a member of the Council on Sports Medicine and Fitness, and the Section on Uniformed Services.

Emerging Leader in Adolescent Health

Section on Adolescent Health

Andrea J. Hoopes, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP

She is a staff physician in the Adolescent Center at Kaiser Permanente Washington.

F. Edwards Rushton CATCH Award

Community Access to Child Health - District CATCH Facilitators

Diego Chaves-Gnecco, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP

He is founder and program director of Salud Para Niños (Health for the Children), a bilingual clinic in southwestern Pennsylvania. Dr. Chaves-Gnecco, a developmental-behavioral pediatrician, also is associate professor at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine/Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC.

Fellow Achievement Award
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Council on Injury, Violence and Poison Prevention

Marlene Melzer-Lange, M.D., FAAP

She is professor of pediatrics at Medical College of Wisconsin and program director of Project Ujima, which offers services for youth victims of violence who come to Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin’s emergency department. Dr. Melzer-Lange is a member of the Sections on Adolescent Health and Emergency Medicine.

Founders Award

Section on Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery

David J. Driscoll, M.D.

He is professor of pediatrics at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and emeritus chair of its Division of Pediatric Cardiology.

Gerald Merenstein Lectureship Award

Section on Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

Supported by the Abbott Foundation

Lou Halamek, M.D., FAAP

He is professor of pediatrics in the Division of Neonatal and Developmental Medicine in the Department of Pediatrics, and the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine in the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Stanford University. Dr. Halamek also is a neonatologist at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital.

Henry L. Barnett Award

Section on Nephrology

Isidro B. Salusky, M.D.

He is Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics and chief of the Division of Pediatric Nephrology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at University of California, Los Angeles.

Hillman-Olness Award for Lifetime Service and Lasting Contributions to Global Child Health

Section on International Child Health

Donna M. Staton, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP

She is program director of the AAP International Community Access to Child Health (ICATCH) grant program.
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Dr. Staton is a member of the Section on Senior Members.

Holroyd-Sherry Award
Council on Communications and Media

Daniel D. Broughton, M.D., FAAP

He is professor of pediatrics at Mayo Clinic and a member of the board of directors of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, which he helped found, and its international counterpart. Dr. Broughton is a member of the Section on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Jerome Glaser Distinguished Service Award
Section on Allergy and Immunology

Todd A. Mahr, M.D., FAAAAI, FACAAI, FAAP

He is director of pediatric allergy and immunology at Gundersen Health System, La Crosse, Wis., and adjunct clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Jim Seidel Distinguished Service Award
Section on Emergency Medicine

Kathy N. Shaw, M.D., M.S.C.E., FAAP

She is associate chair for quality and patient safety, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; and patient safety officer in the Department of Pediatrics and co-director of the Center for Healthcare Improvement and Patient Safety at Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania.

Job Lewis Smith Award
Council on Community Pediatrics

Maria T. Nanagas, M.D., FAAP

She is medical director of the Children's Health Clinic at Dayton Children's Hospital and associate professor of pediatrics, Wright State Boonshoft School of Medicine. Dr. Nanagas is a member of the Section on Senior Members.

Leonard Abt Lectureship
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Section on Ophthalmology

Marilyn Miller, M.D.

She is professor of ophthalmology at University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago, Pediatric Ophthalmology & Adult Strabismus Service and Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Local Hero Awards

Council on Community Pediatrics

Michael J. Ramsey, M.D., FAAP

He is a pediatrician with the Dothan (Ala.) Pediatric Healthcare Network. Dr. Ramsey is immediate past president of the AAP Alabama Chapter.

Lindsay A. Thompson, M.D., M.S., FAAP

She is associate professor of pediatrics and health outcomes and policy at the University of Florida College of Medicine at Gainesville. Dr. Thompson is a member of the Council on Communications and Media.

Lynn Cramer Pediatric Practice Manager Award

Pediatric Practice Management Alliance

Melissa J. Miller, M.S., R.N.

She is the practice administrator for Northeast Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine LLP in Ithaca, N.Y., and an affiliate member of the Section on Administration and Practice Management.

Martha Bushore-Fallis APLS Award

APLS Steering Committee

Supported by the Martha Bushore-Fallis Endowment

Michelle Grunauer, M.D., M.Sc., Ph.D.

She is dean, director of critical care areas and professor at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito Medical School in Quito, Ecuador; founder, academic director and an attending physician in the pediatric intensive care unit of the Hospital de los Valles/Universidad San Francisco de Quito; and a visiting faculty member at Johns Hopkins University.

Michael Shannon Humanitarian Award
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Section on Emergency Medicine

Charles Schubert, M.D., FAAP

He is professor of clinical pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, residency director of global child health and an attending physician in the emergency department at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Dr. Schubert also is co-founder of Crossroad Health Center in Cincinnati's inner city and co-founder of the national Global Health Pediatric Education Group, now part of the Association of Pediatric Program Directors. Dr. Schubert is a member of the Section on International Child Health.

Milton J.E. Senn Award

Council on School Health

Mary Vernon-Smiley, M.D., M.P.H., M.Div.

She is former senior medical officer in the Division of Adolescent and School Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Native American Child Health Advocacy Award

Committee on Native American Child Health

L. D. Robertson, M.D., M.P.H.

He is president of QUEST, a nonprofit organization working to advance dental health in American Indian and Alaska Native children. Dr. Robertson also is a consultant in pediatric health research.

Neonatal Landmark Award

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William H. Northway Jr., M.D.

He is emeritus professor of radiology and pediatrics at Stanford University School of Medicine.

Oral Health Service Award

Section on Oral Health

Rocio B. Quiñonez, D.M.D., M.S., M.P.H.

She is associate professor in the Departments of Pediatric Dentistry and Pediatrics at University of North
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Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Outstanding Achievement Award

Section on Epidemiology, Public Health and Evidence/Council on Community Pediatrics

Shetal I. Shah, M.D., FAAP

He is clinical professor of pediatrics and neonatology in the Division of Neonatology, Department of Pediatrics, New York Medical College and Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. Dr. Shah is a member of the executive committee for AAP New York Chapter 2 and the Sections on Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine and Tobacco Control.

Outstanding Service Award

Section on Uniformed Services

Col. Thomas C. Newton, M.D., FAAP

He is chief of the Department of Pediatrics at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. Dr. Newton is a member of the Sections on Hematology/Oncology and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health and Wellness.

Pediatric Hospital Medicine Abstract Research Award

Section on Hospital Medicine

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Amanda Jichlinski, M.D.

She is a pediatric resident (PGY-3) in the Children's National Health System in Washington, D.C.

Pioneer in Integrative Medicine Awards

Section on Integrative Medicine

Cora Collette Breuner, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP

She is professor of pediatrics in the Adolescent Medicine Division of the Department of Pediatrics and adjunct professor of orthopedics and sports medicine at University of Washington and Seattle Children's Hospital. Dr. Breuner is chair of the Committee on Adolescence and a member of the Section on Adolescent Health.

Timothy P. Culbert, M.D., FAAP

He is a developmental/behavioral pediatrician and medical director of integrative medicine at Prairie Care
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Medical Group, a University of Minnesota Medical School affiliate.

Richard B. Heyman Awards
Section on Adolescent Health

Cynthia L. Robbins, M.D., FAAP
Rebekah L. Williams, M.D.
They are co-directors of the Eskenazi Health Teen Care and Wellness Program in Indianapolis.

Robert M. Smith Award
Section on Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine

Peter J. Davis, M.D., FAAP
He is anesthesiologist-in-chief at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC and professor of anesthesiology, critical care medicine and pediatrics at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Section on Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Advocacy Award
Section on Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery

Scott R. Schoem, M.D., FAAP
He is professor and director of pediatric otolaryngology at Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford.

Senior Section Child Advocacy Award
Section on Senior Members

Claudia Preuschoff, M.D., FAAP
She is a primary care pediatrician in Poplar Bluff, Mo., longtime advocate on the local and state levels, and an AAP member for more than 30 years. Dr. Preuschoff is a member of the Council on Community Pediatrics, and the Sections on Administration and Practice Management, Child Abuse and Neglect, and Hospital Medicine.

Stephen L. Gans Distinguished Overseas Lectureship
Section on Surgery

Prof. Mark Davenport, Ch.M., FRCS, FRCPS
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He is head of the pediatric surgery department at Kings College Hospital, London, where he is consultant pediatric surgeon. Prof. Davenport also is president of the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons and the U.K. editor of the Journal of Pediatric Surgery.

Technological Innovations in Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Section on Emergency Medicine

Supported by EBSCO-PEMSOFT

Maria Carmen G. Diaz, M.D., FACEP, FAAP

She is an attending physician in the Division of Emergency Medicine at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Del. Dr. Diaz is co-founder of the Nemours Institute for Clinical Excellence, where she is medical director of simulation. In addition, Dr. Diaz chairs the Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Committee for Delaware and holds a dual appointment at Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University as a clinical professor of pediatrics and emergency medicine. Dr. Diaz is a member of the AAP Section on Simulation and Innovative Learning Methods (provisional).

Thomas E. Cone Jr. Lectureship

Section on Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

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Avroy A. Fanaroff, M.D., FAAP

He is Emeritus Eliza Henry Barnes Professor of Neonatology at Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital and emeritus professor of pediatrics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. Dr. Fanaroff is a member of the AAP Section on Senior Members.

Thomas E. Shaffer Award

Council on Sports Medicine and Fitness

Supported by Nationwide Children’s Hospital

David Bernhardt, M.D., FAAP

He is a professor in the Departments of Pediatrics and Orthopedics and Rehabilitation at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Thomas F. Tonniges, M.D., FAAP, Lifetime Achievement Award for Advocacy on Behalf of Vulnerable Children
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Council on Foster Care, Adoption and Kinship Care

**Paula Kienberger Jaudes, M.D., FAAP**

She is professor of pediatrics at the University of Chicago and medical director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

**Urology Medal**

Section on Urology

**Gordon A. McLorie, M.D., FRCSC, FAAP (1945-2015)**

He was a pioneer in pediatric urology and member of the section's executive committee. Dr. McLorie served most recently as professor of urology at Wake Forest University School of Medicine and chief of pediatric urology at Brenner Children's Hospital.

**Virginia Apgar Award**

Section on Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

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**Prof. Richard J. Martin, M.D., FAAP**

He is professor of pediatrics, reproductive biology, and physiology and biophysics at the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. He also is director of neonatal research and the Drusinsky-Fanaroff Professor in Neonatology at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital.

**William E. Ladd Medal**

Section on Surgery

**Michael D. Klein, M.D., FACS, FAAP**

He is the Philippart Endowed Chair and Professor of Surgery at Wayne State University School of Medicine and Children's Hospital Michigan. Dr. Klein is chair-elect of the AAP Section Forum Management Committee.

**William G. Bartholome Award for Ethical Excellence**

Section on Bioethics

**Chris Feudtner, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H, FAAP**

He is director of the Department of Medical Ethics at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and director of research...
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for the Pediatric Advance Care Team and the Integrated Care Service. Dr. Feudtner is chair of the Section on Hospice and Palliative Medicine Executive Committee and a member of the Section on Epidemiology, Public Health and Evidence.