IN MEMORIAM

Pioneer in transport medicine, Dr. McCloskey dies at age 48

Karin A. L. McCloskey, M.D., FAAP, of Rochester, N.Y., who was dedicated to improvements in the transport of injured and ill children, died Nov. 21 at age 48.

Dr. McCloskey was involved in the establishment of the AAP Section on Transport Medicine, overseeing the formalization of the section in 1992 and serving as the executive committee’s first chair for three years.

An active humanitarian, Dr. McCloskey taught American Heart Association Pediatric Advanced Life Support courses worldwide.

She also served as chair of the AAP Task Force on Interhospital Transport, which in 1993 published the first edition of the AAP Guidelines for Air and Ground Transport of Neonatal and Pediatric Patients and in 1999 revised the guidelines.

A graduate of Goucher College in Baltimore, Dr. McCloskey received her medical degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., before completing a fellowship at Children’s Hospital at Harvard University from 1988 to 1989. She also worked at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y., at Southwest Medical Center in Dallas and as an assistant professor and in pediatric transport at the University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham.

“She worked in a thoughtful, scientific, collaborative and kind fashion in developing standards, research and education and was inclusive of all in her efforts to recognize and advance [pediatric transport care],” said George “Tony” Woodward, M.D., FAAP, past chair of the AAP Section on Transport Medicine.”

Dr. McCloskey is survived by an 8-year-old son, William Lyell McCloskey of Rochester; her parents, William B. McCloskey and Ann Lyell McCloskey of Baltimore; and a brother, William B. McCloskey III of Houston.

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