In Memoriam

Children’s health, policy advocate, Dr. Cuttler

Leona Cuttler, M.D., FAAP, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, died of brain cancer Nov. 12 at age 62.

A voice for children in advocating on ethical and policy implications in pediatrics, she was an expert on pediatric diabetes, growth hormone disorders, endocrine conditions, weight, asthma and chronic conditions.

Dr. Cuttler was one of seven U.S. health professionals in 2005 to be selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow. She served on the U.S. Senate Finance Committee in Washington, D.C., from 2006-’07, working on Medicaid, State Children’s Health Insurance Program, health quality indicators, obesity and other health conditions affecting children and their families. She also was the Society for Pediatric Research liaison to the AAP Committee on Federal Government Affairs.

The inaugural William T. Dahms Chair in Pediatric Endocrinology/Diabetes Excellence, she was founding director of the Center for Child Health and Policy at University Hospitals (UH) Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital. She was chief of the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology and Metabolism and vice chair for Child Health Policy and Community Health at UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital and tenured professor of pediatrics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

After earning her medical degree from McGill University, she completed a residency in pediatrics at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and a fellowship in pediatric endocrinology at University of California, San Francisco.

Dr. Cuttler is survived by her husband, Benjamin Reichstein, M.D., a daughter and two sons.