Dr. David M. Jaffe to head AAP Department of Education

Dr. Jaffe David M. Jaffe, M.D., FAAP, has been named the new director of the AAP Department of Education. A noted researcher and educator in pediatric emergency medicine, Dr. Jaffe starts March 1.

Dr. Jaffe was tapped following an extensive search to fill the post vacated by Robert M. Perelman, M.D., FAAP, who retired after 17 years as department director and nine years as an AAP associate executive director.

Dr. Jaffe comes to the Academy from University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Benioff Children's Hospital, where he is chief of the Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine. He will maintain faculty appointments and collaborative relationships in the Departments of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics at UCSF. Dr. Jaffe previously served for 24 years as director of pediatric emergency medicine at Washington University in St. Louis.

"It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve at UCSF, and I look forward with equal enthusiasm to taking on my new role in education at the American Academy of Pediatrics," Dr. Jaffe said.

"Dr. Jaffe has a distinguished career as a pediatric leader and educator, and we're excited to have him join our leadership team," said AAP Executive Director/CEO Karen Remley, M.D., M.B.A., M.P.H., FAAP. "Educating pediatricians and other health care providers to give the best care for children is among the most important roles of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Medical education is always changing, and Dr. Jaffe is a proven innovator. He will bring his experience to the AAP but also a keen focus on the changing educational approaches of the profession and meeting our members' need for lifelong learning."

Dr. Jaffe received a bachelor's degree from Stanford University and medical degree from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. He completed pediatric residency training at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He also has held positions at Children's Memorial Hospital, Northwestern University and The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto.

In addition to a term as president of the Academic Pediatric Association, Dr. Jaffe has held significant leadership roles on the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP), Pediatric Emergency Medicine Sub-board of the ABP and the planning committee of the annual Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellows' Conference. He serves on the Residency Review Committee for Pediatrics of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Dr. Jaffe served as chair of the AAP Section on Emergency Medicine Executive Committee and in 2006 received the Jim Seidel Distinguished Service Award from the section. He also is a member of the Section on
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Telehealth Care and the Provisional Section on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health and Wellness.

As director of the AAP Department of Education, Dr. Jaffe will be responsible for continuing medical education programs in more than 60 pediatric topic areas, including the AAP National Conference & Exhibition and hundreds of additional educational events for pediatric health care professionals.

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