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## **American Board of Pediatrics Names Dr. David G. Nichols as President, CEO**

The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP), along with the American Board of Pediatrics Foundation, has named David G. Nichols, MD, MBA as its new President and CEO, succeeding James A. Stockman III, MD.

Dr. Stockman announced earlier this year his intent to step away from his current role as President and CEO. The official transition will take place in December 2012. During his 20 years of service as President and CEO of the ABP, Dr. Stockman has continuously endeavored to better pediatrics through projects, such as the Residency Review and Redesign in Pediatrics (R<sup>3</sup>P) Project. R<sup>3</sup>P's initial findings led to the Initiative for Innovation in Pediatrics Education (IIPE), which strives to initiate, facilitate and oversee innovative change in pediatric medical education.

Dr. Stockman has also established the ABP as a leader amongst other member boards, providing innovative, pioneering ideas in his work with the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and the Primary Care Boards. He helped establish and execute the Maintenance of Certification Program, a voluntary process promoting both the constant improvement of healthcare for children as well as lifelong learning. In his pursuit of excellence in pediatric care, he led the ABP's growth and development, taking the staff count from 35 to approximately 100 at its Chapel Hill, NC campus.

While Dr. Stockman's accomplishments during his tenure serve as a testament to his work and to the work of the ABP, his passionate dedication to child and adolescent healthcare will not subside as he steps down from his role as President and CEO. He will work with Dr. Nichols during the transition and with the organization as a whole in other ways thereafter.

Dr. Nichols joins the ABP after providing 28 years of leadership at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine where he has most recently served as Vice Dean for Education, a position he has held since 2000. In this role, he oversaw all undergraduate and graduate medical education and training programs, as well as the medical library and international programs. During his time at Johns Hopkins, he was credited with establishing the "Genes to Society" curriculum. The curriculum is notable for its systems approach to a broad, all-encompassing understanding of the human being, including the genes, molecules, cells and organs of the patient to the familial, community, societal and environmental elements that can affect patient health.

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Dr. Nichols has been associated with the ABP for 30 years – as a diplomate, an item writer, subboard chair, committee chair, and has served on the ABP’s Board of Directors.

He earned his B.A. in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry from Yale University before completing his MD with honors at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. While at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Dr. Nichols finished his pediatric residency and fellowship training, serving as chief resident. He later received his MBA from the Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School.

Dr. Nichols’ pursuit of higher standards for children’s healthcare is evident throughout his career and accomplishments; and his dedication to that cause aligns seamlessly with the ABP’s mission. He has expressed his commitment to tracking statistical outcomes back to the foundation of education programs and certification, and also believes the ABP has an unquestionable responsibility to the public interest. His actions and decision-making are guided by his strong feelings regarding the role of the primary care pediatrician in the healthcare delivery system, and he strives to build collaborative and supportive relationships with general pediatricians.

He currently lives in Baltimore, Maryland with his wife, Mayme Boyd. The couple has one son, Jason.

#### **About the ABP**

Founded in 1933, the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) is one of the 24 certifying boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). The ABP is an independent, nonprofit organization whose certificate is recognized throughout the world as a credential signifying a high level of physician competence.

The ABP awards certification in General Pediatrics and 14 subspecialty areas such as Adolescent Medicine, Cardiology, Emergency Medicine, and Neonatology. Certification is also awarded in conjunction with other specialty boards in the areas of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Medical Toxicology, Neurodevelopmental Disabilities, Sleep Medicine, Sports Medicine and Transplant Hepatology.

Through the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process, pediatricians not only pursue the improvement of healthcare for children but also demonstrate their advanced knowledge and commitment to lifelong learning. Pediatricians who participate in MOC learn how to measure quality of care and effectively improve their practice.

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