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ABP Chooses Two Paul V. Miles Fellows in Quality Improvement

Chapel Hill, NC – The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) has chosen two pediatricians for the 2014 Paul V. Miles Fellowship in Quality Improvement.

The fellows are Brad C. Weselman, MD, a pediatrician practicing in Decatur, GA, and chairman of Atlanta's Kids Health First Quality/Utilization Management Committee, and Marlene R. Miller, MD, MSc, professor of pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Each will receive a cash award, and will be invited to meet with the ABP to share their experience and insights on how the Board can further advance the mission of pediatricians devoted to better health care for children.

Dr. Weselman is co-chair of the Atlanta Area Quality Assurance Council, and a volunteer faculty member at Emory University School of Medicine and at the Woodruff School of Nursing in Atlanta. For the past decade, he has led the quality and utilization management committee of Kids Health First (KHF), a clinically integrated Independent Practice Association (IPA) comprising 210 primary care pediatricians in Atlanta.



Dr. Weselman was nominated by Robert Wiskind, MD, president of the Georgia chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and Thomas Finnerty, KHF CEO.

"Dr. Weselman has championed the development of the IPA's clinical integration program, resulting in over 50 quality improvement programs and the development of 26 clinical guidelines," Finnerty said in his nomination letter.

Dr. Wiskind added: "Brad works tirelessly to help pediatricians assess the care they give, develop processes for change that can be implemented in busy primary care practices and continuously monitor the results of these efforts."

Dr. Miller is Vice Chair of Quality and Safety, and chief of the Division of Quality and Safety at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Before joining the Johns Hopkins faculty, she was acting director and medical officer for the Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality



(AHRQ) in the US Department of Health and Human Services. She also is vice president of quality transformation at the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI), an association of children's hospitals in the US, Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, Italy, China, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

George Dover, MD, professor of medicine and oncology and director of the department of pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, nominated Dr. Miller for the Miles Fellowship. In his nomination letter, Dr. Dover said, "Her efforts have changed medicine with respect to pediatric health care quality and safety as she has been and is one of the national top leaders in identifying, analyzing and learning from safety defects in pediatric health care as well as solving these safety defects."

The Paul V. Miles Fellowship was created in 2013 to honor the passion for quality improvement within health care for children that Dr. Paul V. Miles exhibited throughout his career, including his 11 years of service with the ABP. The fellowship was created at the time of his retirement.

"Both of these physicians exhibit the kind of dedication to quality improvement that will help us all provide better health care for children," said David G. Nichols, ABP President and CEO. "We look forward to their insights into how the ABP can foster greater success in quality improvement for all our diplomates."

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