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New Lectureship Named in Honor of James A. Stockman III, MD

CHAPEL HILL, NC – American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) past President and CEO James A. Stockman III, who has been a driving force in pediatrics for a generation, will be honored in October 2014 at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) National Conference and Exhibition (NCE) in San Diego, Calif.

The ABP and the AAP are recognizing Dr. Stockman’s tremendous contributions to pediatrics by sponsoring the inaugural “Stockman Lectureship on Pediatric Education and Workforce” at the conference.

The annual conference is the world’s largest pediatrics-focused medical education event and technical exhibition. It is expected to draw more than 12,000 pediatricians and other health care professionals.

Learn more about the American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition.

Dr. Stockman will serve as the inaugural speaker of the Stockman Lectureship on Pediatric Education and Workforce. The lectureship will offer a platform for topics such as the supply and demand of pediatricians, the appropriate systems needed to support pediatricians wanting to raise a family and re-enter practice, and the expansion of the number of pediatrics physician scientists in the field.

Nominations of future lecturers will be reviewed by the Executive Committees of the AAP and the ABP.

Dr. Stockman was first certified by the Board in 1974 in general pediatrics and pediatric hematology-oncology. For nearly forty years, he has dedicated himself to improving the care delivered to children, both in his practice and as a leader in the pediatric community. In 1992, he became president and CEO of the ABP, whose certificate is recognized throughout the world as a credential signifying a high level of physician competence.

Dr. Stockman led the organization through the course of a considerable number of advancements in pediatric medical education and practice, including Residency Review and Redesign in Pediatrics (R³P). This, in turn, led ultimately to the Initiative for Innovation in Pediatrics Education (IIPE), which continues to initiate, facilitate, and oversee innovative change in pediatric medical education.

Perhaps the most far-reaching accomplishment during his 20-year span in ABP leadership is the birth and development of the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. Dr. Stockman’s vision for delivering excellent pediatrics.
healthcare to children—not only a standard but also a promise the ABP makes to the public through the rigorous certification process of its diplomats—is being realized with the implementation of the four-part MOC program. This voluntary program focuses on diplomates’ continuous efforts to improve healthcare for children, as well as their investment in lifelong learning.

Learn more about Maintenance of Certification.

Dr. Stockman’s legacy will continue through the annual Stockman Lectureship on Pediatric Education and Workforce at the AAP conference, as other leaders continue the work of improving healthcare for children—an unwavering focus in the career and life of Dr. Stockman.

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**About the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)**
The American Academy of Pediatrics is an organization of 60,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults. For more information, visit www.aap.org.

**About the American Board of Pediatrics (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.

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