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The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine Welcomes New President

The AACPDM Board of Directors is excited to announce its newest President, Lesley Pritchard, PT, PhD.

Milwaukee, WI., September 26, 2022 - The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM) is pleased to announce Lesley Pritchard, PT, PhD as the 2022-2023 President.

The mission of the AACPDM is:

Empowering and supporting a collaborative multidisciplinary community that

- provides accessible and robust scientific education for health professionals and researchers
- fosters innovative research as well as its dissemination and implementation
- advocates for equitable access to evidence based and patient centered care

Dr. Tom Novacheck, AACPDM President (2021-22) stated, “The AACPDM is excited to have Lesley become president of AACPDM. She has served the academy very well in many roles over the years. During her presidency, I am certain that she will lead the academy as it continues to make a highly impactful difference in the health of those living with cerebral palsy and other childhood-onset disabilities across the lifespan.”

Dr. Lesley Pritchard is Associate professor, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine in the Department of Physical Therapy, at the University of Alberta (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada). Her research focuses on the evaluation of effectiveness of rehabilitation interventions and processes of care for children with childhood onset disabilities. She is the Associate Editor for Pediatric Physical Therapy, the official journal of the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy (American Physical Therapy Association) and the Pediatric Division of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association.



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Dr. Pritchard previously served the AACPDm as a member of the following committees: Treatment Outcomes Committee (2006 to 2009; chair 2008-2009), Awards Committee (2016-2020), Nominating Committee (2014-2015), and three Scientific Program Committees (2009 & 2017; co-chair in 2018). She previously served on the AACPDm Board of Directors from 2011-2014.

Pritchard stated, “The AACPDm is a vibrant, multi-disciplinary organization that has been my professional home for many years. I am honored to serve as the President of this amazing group of professionals.”

ABOUT AACPDm:

The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDm) is an Academy of over 1,100 health dedicated to advancing the health and well-being of all individuals with cerebral palsy and other childhood-onset disabilities. AACPDm is like no other professional society! The “teamwork” mindset of our members solidifies a worldwide network that provides the most effective outcomes for patients. We are pediatricians, neurologists, surgeons, physiatrists, therapists, nurses, special educators, engineers, and scientists.

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