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

The AACPDM Board of Directors is excited to announce its newest First Vice President, M. Wade Shrader, MD, Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware

Milwaukee, WI., September 26, 2022 - The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM) is pleased to announce M. Wade Shrader, MD, Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware, as the 2022-2023 First Vice 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, "Dr. Shrader has been involved in and a leader of the Academy in a variety of ways since becoming a member. His impact on the growth and evolution of the Academy is substantial and greatly appreciated. As 1st vice president, he will continue to help the academy support innovative growth in research and practice focusing on developmental needs for the people and families we serve."

"As a long-time, active member of AACPDM, I am excited for the opportunity to serve as First Vice President," said M. Wade Shrader, Division Chief of Cerebral Palsy, Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware. "AACPDM and Nemours both seek to advocate and provide equitable access to both research and quality healthcare. Through this community, we can work to change children's health for good."



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Dr. M. Wade Shrader is Division Chief and The Freeman Miller Endowed Chair of Cerebral Palsy at Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware, where he focuses his practice on the treatment of children with cerebral palsy and similar developmental disabilities. He is also the Medical Director for Nemours' Gait & Motion Analysis Laboratory, and a Professor of Orthopedic Surgery and Pediatrics at the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University. His current research efforts have been investigating pain control, hip conditions, gait disorders, and family dynamics of children with special health care needs.

As the First Vice President, Dr. Shrader is responsible for overseeing the AACPDM Scientific Program Committee activities and planning the 2023 Annual Meeting. The AACPDM Annual meeting includes a dynamic, multi-disciplinary group of decision makers. Annual meeting attendance often includes over 1,200 professionals from various disciplines, including professionals from more than 53 countries across North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia. The AACPDM Annual Meeting provides a unique opportunity to bring together specialists from around the world and leaders in the field of childhood onset disability.

Dr. Shrader is an active member of the AACPDM. He has served on the Advocacy Committee, Lifespan Committee (Chair), Scientific Program Committees (Co-Chair 2014), Nominating Committee, and the International Affairs Committee.

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.

Learn more about our Academy by visiting www.aacpdm.org.

About Nemours Children's Health



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Nemours Children's Health is one of the nation's largest multistate pediatric health systems, which includes two free-standing children's hospitals and a network of more than 70 primary and specialty care practices. Nemours Children's seeks to transform the health of children by adopting a holistic health model that utilizes innovative, safe and high-quality care, while also caring for the health of the whole child beyond medicine. Nemours Children's also powers the world's most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, Nemours KidsHealth.org.

The Nemours Foundation, established through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. duPont, provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy, and prevention programs to the children, families and communities it serves. For more information, visit Nemours.org.

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