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## The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM) Express Gratitude to Nancy Murphy, MD, FAAP, FAAPMR, for Serving as Director at Large

The AACPDM Board of Directors wish to thank the former Director at Large, Nancy Murphy, MD, FAAP, FAAPMR for her service to the Academy.

**Milwaukee, WI., December 9, 2024 -** The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM) expresses gratitude to Nancy Murphy, MD, FAAP, FAAPMR, for her service to the Academy as Director at Large.

AACPDM President (2023-24), M. Wade Shrader, MD, from Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware, states, "Nancy's extensive clinical and research knowledge, along with her dedication to the AACPDM and her commitment to helping families and children, is clearly evident in all of her contributions to the Academy."

Dr. Nancy Murphy is a Professor of Pediatrics, Chief of the Division of Pediatric Complex Care and Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Utah School of Medicine.

In 2007, she established the Comprehensive Care Program at Primary Children's Hospital for children with complex conditions and disabilities, often with technology dependencies. She is the Immediate Past Chair of Council of Children with Disabilities, a national committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Throughout her career as a pediatric physiatrist, Dr. Murphy has focused her clinical and academic work on the care of children with disabilities, in the context of their families and communities.



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"It has been a great pleasure to serve the AACPDM in various capacities over the years. I believe in the mission and vision of the Academy and will continue to be an active member," said Dr. Murphy while reflecting on her involvement with AACPDM.

Dr. Murphy has been an AACPDM member since 1996. She has served on the Advocacy Committee (2009-2011), the Complex Care Committee (2012-2018), and as a Mentor in the AACPDM Advisor Program (2015-2016). She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Academic Pediatric Association (APA), the Society for Pediatric Research, and the American Academy of PM&R. She served as chairperson for the AAP Council for Children with Disabilities (2007-2011, 2012-2013), during which she also liaised between the AAP COCWD and AACPDM, strengthening shared initiatives and collaborations between these two organizations.

Dr. Murphy's career uniquely blends her expertise as a pediatrician and a pediatric physiatrist, connecting healthcare systems for children with disabilities with the goals of optimizing outcomes for children and their families.

## ABOUT AACPDM:

The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM) is an organization made up of over 1,100 healthcare professionals dedicated to improving the health and quality of life for individuals with cerebral palsy and other childhoodonset disabilities.

What distinguishes AACPDM is the collaborative approach of its members, who work together to establish a global network aimed at achieving the best possible outcomes for patients. Our membership includes pediatricians, neurologists, surgeons, physiatrists, therapists, nurses, special educators, engineers, and scientists.

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;



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- Fosters innovative research as well as its dissemination and implementation; and
- Advocates for equitable access to evidence based and patient centered care.

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