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## **AAP President to Address the Impact of Poverty on Children and Transforming the Practice of Pediatrics**

SAN DIEGO –American Academy of Pediatrics President James M. Perrin, MD, FAAP, has seen firsthand how poverty diminishes a child’s promise and how toxic stress can harm a child’s development. He’s also witnessed how a team-based approach can transform the practice of pediatrics and help all children thrive.

In an address Oct. 11 at the 2014 AAP National Conference & Exhibition in San Diego, Dr. Perrin will share his vision for the future of pediatrics, and how we must transform the practice of pediatrics by building teams that support team care in order to help children live up to their promise. His presentation begins at 10:30 a.m. PT at the San Diego Convention Center.

James Perrin, MD, FAAP, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), will take the stage at the 2014 AAP National Conference & Exhibition to discuss the accomplishments made by the AAP in early childhood development, how poverty affects child health, and how pediatric practices can take on a more team-based approach in caring for children.

“The Academy has taken on the important issues of toxic stress and poverty – in the context of great change in the environment for health care,” said Dr. Perrin. “We are working to meet expanding needs of children, families, and communities – transforming pediatric practice through new payment arrangements that support team care and using new technologies to benefit patient care.”

Dr. Perrin is a primary care pediatrician with a lifetime of policy work and advocacy for children and adolescents, especially those with chronic conditions. A professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Perrin formerly headed the Division of General Pediatrics at the MassGeneral Hospital (MGH) for Children. He also founded and directed the MGH Center for Child and Adolescent Health Policy.

Dr. Perrin has a long record of AAP service. He chaired the AAP Committee on Children with Disabilities, co-chaired a committee that developed practice guidelines for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and co-chaired a work group to implement the ADHD guidelines. He has also served on the AAP task force on mental health and the committees on federal government affairs and genetics. Dr. Perrin was president of the Ambulatory Pediatric Association and founded its journal, *Academic Pediatrics*.

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