Four Faculty Members Honored During Annual Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting

Four Department of Pediatrics faculty members were honored at a reception of the American Pediatric Society during the Pediatric Academic Societies’ annual meeting, which was held in May 2008, at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.

- **M. Douglas Jones, Jr., MD**, Chair of the American Board of Pediatrics, and former Chair of Pediatrics at University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine, was the 2008 recipient of the Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr., Leadership Award. The award was given during the plenary session of the American Pediatric Society and honors an individual who has extraordinary leadership skills, has been a role model for others to emulate, and, in the tradition of Dr. St. Geme, has created a future for pediatrics. The award was established by member constituents of the Federation of Pediatric Organizations to honor the life, work, and memory of Dr. St. Geme and to memorialize his many contributions to pediatrics.

- **Richard B. Johnston, Jr., MD**, was named the 2008 John Howland Medal Awardee. The American Pediatric Society’s highest award in North America, the John Howland Medal has been given since 1952 to honor those who, by their contribution to pediatrics, have aided in its advancement.

- **James K. Todd, MD**, was given the Distinguished Physician Award of the Pediatrics Infectious Disease Society. This award is presented annually to a pediatrician who has an extensive and distinguished career in pediatric infectious diseases, marked by significant accomplishments and contributions, including those as a clinician, educator, and/or investigator. The pediatrician’s accomplishments and contributions are nationally and internationally recognized for their excellence and support the Society’s mission to advance the knowledge of pediatric infectious diseases and its application to the care of children.

- **William W. Hay, Jr., MD**, was installed as President of the Pediatric Academic Societies.

Festschrift Symposium for M. Douglas Jones, Jr., MD

On October 5 and 6, 2006, M. Douglas Jones, Jr., MD, Chair of the American Board of Pediatrics, and former Chair of Pediatrics at University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine, was honored with a Festschrift symposium entitled, “The Future of Pediatrics.”

Dr. Jones was honored for his life-long contributions to pediatrics as an investigator, educator, clinician, national leader, and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics. His contributions, say colleagues, have helped shape the direction of pediatric training and career development over the past two decades and promise to reshape the future of pediatrics. In addition, “The Future of Pediatrics: A Festschrift for M. Douglas Jones, Jr., MD,” was published in November 2007 as a Supplement to *The Journal of Pediatrics*. Ronald J. Sokol, MD, Professor and Vice Chair of Clinical and Translational Research, Department of Pediatrics, University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine, and Stephen R. Daniels, MD, PhD, Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine, served as co-guest editors for the Supplement.