

## The Society for Pediatric Research Announces Dr. Brenda Poindexter as 2024 President

HOUSTON, June 1, 2024 – The [Society for Pediatric Research \(SPR\)](#) is pleased to announce Brenda Poindexter, MD, MS, from Emory University School of Medicine, as the incoming President beginning June 1. She will serve as president from June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025, then take office as past president from June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026.

Brenda Poindexter, MD, MS, is currently Chief of the Division of Neonatology at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta and Marcus Professor of Pediatrics at Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Poindexter is an accomplished and nationally recognized leader in clinical research. She has led large randomized clinical trials and served as Principal Investigator for the Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD Neonatal Research Network for over 15 years. Her sustained area of discovery has focused on the nutritional needs of preterm infants and optimal feeding strategies. She has made fundamental contributions regarding protein intake and metabolism, human milk and newborn growth.



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Dr. Poindexter has actively collaborated and been engaged with the Society for Pediatric Research as both a trainee and elected member since 2002. As a fellow in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine at Indiana University, she received both the SPR Fellow’s Clinical Research Award and the Midwest SPR Kenny Trainee Investigator Award. Her leadership roles in the SPR include Midwest SPR Council (2004-2007), Midwest SPR President (2006-2007), SPR Council representing Neonatology (2014-2017), and the SPR Advocacy Committee (2014-2017). She holds national leadership positions including the AAP Committee on Fetus and Newborn, the American Board of Pediatrics Neonatal Sub-board, the AAP Perinatal and Developmental Medicine Research Symposium for trainees, and the AAP Women in Neonatology Leadership Committee. As Director of Clinical Research for the Cincinnati Children’s Perinatal Institute and now as Chief of the Division of Neonatology at Emory, she has created and promoted a strong and collaborative research environment through mentorship of trainees and faculty.

Dr. Poindexter is committed to the SPR mission of creating multidisciplinary networks of diverse researchers to improve child health through mentoring and faculty development. As SPR President, she will foster initiatives to engage and support physician scientists as they face clinical demands, funding challenges, and mentorship needs. In addition, she will amplify efforts to catalyze new collaborations both within SPR and beyond and advocate for child health researchers as they heal from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**About the Society for Pediatric Research**

The [Society for Pediatric Research \(SPR\)](https://www.societyforpediatricresearch.org) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1929. The mission of the SPR is to create a multi-disciplinary network of diverse researchers to improve child health. The 4,800 plus members of SPR are recognized independent, productive child health researchers engaging in hypothesis-driven research. Membership in SPR is a recognized honor in academic pediatrics requiring nomination by academic peers and leaders. For more information, please visit <https://www.societyforpediatricresearch.org>.

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