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Skinner begins two-year term as president of statewide pediatrics society

MONTGOMERY— L. Katrina Skinner, MD, FAAP, a community pediatrician in Fairhope, Ala., began her term on Oct. 1, 2020 as president of the Alabama Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics (AL-AAP), an 833-member statewide society of pediatricians.

Dr. Skinner is president and owner of Fairhope Pediatrics in her hometown of Fairhope. She completed his pediatric residency at University of Florida-Sacred Heart in 2009 in Pensacola before opening her practice, which has grown to include three other pediatric providers serving more than 5,000 patients in her area.

Dr. Skinner's leadership roles in the AL-AAP have included Area Representative to the Executive Board, Secretary/Treasurer, and Vice President/President-Elect. In addition, she has served as physician leader in the AL-AAP's HPV Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Project, board liaison for Reach Out and Read-Alabama and Chair of the AL-AAP Practice Management Association. Heavily involved in the AAP Section on Administration and Practice Management, she has a keen interest in educating her peers on practice management strategies, and has been a tireless advocate for children in her community as well as at the state and national levels. Dr. Skinner is also the founder of Women in Pediatrics, an organization devoted to connecting and empowering female pediatricians through education and a growing online community.

She accepted the president's gavel at the AL-AAP's 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting, held September 26 and 27, marking the beginning of her two-year term.

"With the help of our strong and diverse Executive Board members from across the state, I plan to build on the Chapter's long-time role in advocating for adequate child health coverage and improved health conditions for Alabama's children," she said. "In order to have the greatest impact for the children of Alabama, I will, like my predecessors, serve as an expert resource for lawmakers and those involved in negotiating state policies that affect some of the most vulnerable of Alabama's citizens."

At home, Dr. Skinner enjoys spends time with her family, husband Matt and 21-year-old stepson Kristofer, knitting, sewing and putting her culinary skills to use.

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