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## **W. H. HENDREN EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR PEDIATRIC SURGERY & UROLOGY ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF SIX NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

*New board members bring deep understanding of important surgical issues in pediatric surgery and urology that continue into adulthood*

**Boston, MA** --- The W. H. Hendren Education Foundation for Pediatric Surgery and Urology (WHHF) announces the appointment of six new members to its Board of Directors, following their election at the Foundation's Board meeting held on April 19, 2021. The Board also recognizes departing Board members Richard Gephardt and William G. Hendren, MD, for their many years of service in guiding and supporting the initial development of *The Hendren Project*, the major effort of the Foundation.

Joining the WHHF Board of Directors are (in alphabetical order):

**N. Scott Adzick, MD**, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, PA  
*Surgeon-in-Chief, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia*  
*C. Everett Koop Professor of Pediatric Surgery; Professor of Pediatrics; and Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania*  
*Director, Pediatric General, Thoracic, and Fetal Surgery*  
*Founder and Director, The Center for Fetal Diagnosis and Treatment*

**Andrea Bischoff, MD**, Colorado Children's Hospital, Aurora, CO  
*Director International Center for Colorectal and Urogenital Care, Children's Hospital Colorado*  
*Attending Pediatric Surgeon, Children's Hospital Colorado*  
*Associate Professor, University of Colorado*

**Steven Fishman, MD**, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA  
*Surgeon-in-Chief; Chief, Department of Surgery; Stuart and Jane Weitzman Family Chair in Surgery; Co-Director, Vascular Anomalies Center, Boston Children's Hospital*  
*Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, MA*

**Thomas Krummel, MD**, Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA  
*Emile Holman Professor Emeritus; Department of Surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine*  
*Surgeon in Chief Emeritus, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital*  
*Co-Director, Byers Center for Biodesign Stanford University*

**Dennis P. Lund, MD**, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Palo Alto, CA  
*Elizabeth Wood Dunlevie Professor and Associate Dean of the Faculty for Maternal and Child Health, Stanford University School of Medicine*  
*Professor of Surgery and Chief Medical Officer, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford*

**Alberto Peña, MD**, Colorado Children's Hospital, Aurora, CO  
*Founding Director, International Center for Colorectal Care, Children's Hospital Colorado*  
*Professor Emeritus, University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus*

“*The Hendren Project* evolved into an important international resource for pediatric surgery and urology based on the support and strategic guidance provided by the original Board of Directors,” said Keith Fox, President and Chairman. “But we have now reached a point in our development that requires that the community provides the leadership and ownership of the project.”

Mr. Fox noted that the success of *The Hendren Project* would not have been possible without the guidance, direction, and insight of both departing long-serving Board members, Richard Gephardt and William G. Hendren, MD, who is also a Founder of the Foundation. “The involvement of the original Board members has heralded a new way for pediatric surgeons and urologists worldwide to share information and professional experiences in a confidential and professional online environment. *The Hendren Project* enables medical professionals to present their most challenging cases in expert-moderated webinars attended by an international audience and to discuss options for treatment. *The Hendren Project* has helped provide expert medical information to surgeons internationally who often would not have access to similar resources. “The time has come to open up direction of THP to important leaders in the international pediatric surgical and urological communities,” Mr. Fox said.

*The Hendren Project* plans to expand its perspective on treatment of rare surgical conditions to include ongoing issues related to the original condition that continue into adulthood. “The new Board members are involved in these adult health challenges already and will guide us where we can be most effective within our mission to identify and to address these,” said Keith Fox.

New Board member Dr. Andrea Bischoff noted, “We find increasingly that with many pediatric patient cases, treatment as a child is not the end of a patient's condition. It is the beginning of a journey as the patient matures into adulthood.”

“These adult patients find there are limited medical resources available that understand their original medical condition and can effectively treat in context adult issues resulting from the initial conditions,” added Steven Fishman, MD.

The nine members of the W. H. Hendren Education Foundation for Pediatric Surgery and Urology Board of Directors are as follows:

Keith Fox, *President and Chair*  
Gary Kearney, *Treasurer*  
N. Scott Adzick, MD, *Director*  
Andrea Bischoff, MD, *Director*  
Steven Fishman, MD, *Director*  
Thomas Krummel, MD, *Director*  
Dennis Lund, MD, *Director*  
Alberto Pena, MD, *Director*  
Andrew Tisch, *Director*

**ABOUT THE W. H. HENDREN EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR PEDIATRIC SURGERY AND UROLOGY** ([www.hendrenproject.org/content/foundation#](http://www.hendrenproject.org/content/foundation#))

The W. H. Hendren Education Foundation for Pediatric Surgery and Urology is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 Public Foundation founded in April 2012 by W. H. Hendren, MD, and William G. Hendren, MD. Its major project is *The Hendren Project*.

**ABOUT THE HENDREN PROJECT** ([www.hendrenproject.org](http://www.hendrenproject.org))

The mission of *The Hendren Project* is to provide sponsor-supported digital resources that enable a global pediatric surgical community to help one another better serve children with complex surgical conditions throughout their lives. Launched in January 2014, *The Hendren Project* has become a “go-to” resource for pediatric surgeons and urologists to share their most difficult patient cases with peers and to discuss effective treatment strategies for rare and complex surgical issues in children.

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