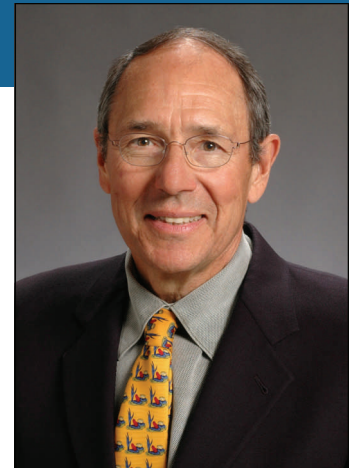


## 2008 UROLOGY MEDALIST

### Michael E. Mitchell, MD, FAAP



Congratulations to Michael E. Mitchell, MD, who received the Urology Medal on Sunday, October 12, 2008, at the AAP National Conference and Exhibition in Boston.

Dr Mitchell is one of the pioneers in the field of Pediatric Urology. Beginning with his concept of a 'valve bladder syndrome' over 30 years ago, Mike Mitchell has refocused his well-respected creative thinking on the valve bladder to reemphasize the role of cycling and the ability of valve bladders to remodel themselves. Ironically, while not the first to espouse the concept of 'cycling' per se, Mitchell, a consummate reconstructive surgeon, has given the bladder the opportunity to shine on its own and demonstrate its enormous reparative potential. Since then, these ideas are also finding their way into the embryonic field of pediatric bladder molecular science. He applied the same principles to other patients particularly newborns with bladder exstrophy and encouraged complete primary repair of exstrophy. The result has altered our understanding and supported the early aggressive management of these patients to preserve bladder function. The infant boys with congenital posterior urethral valves, patients born with bladder exstrophy and the urologists and physicians around the world who care for them, owe a debt of gratitude to Mike for persistently championing these concepts.

Among Dr Mitchell's other many accomplishments are: former Chairperson of the AAP Section on Urology (2003-04); member of the Journal of Urology Editorial Board; Chairman, ACGME Residency Review Committee; Associate Editor, Journal of Pediatric Surgery; Trustee, American Board of Urology. He is currently Medical Director of Urology at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, and Section Chief of Pediatric Urology at Medical College of Wisconsin.

**The Urology Medal is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field of Pediatric Urology.**