The AAP Section on Critical Care (SOCC) Distinguished Career Award was established in 1995 as an annual award to recognize significant career achievements in the field of pediatric critical care medicine by senior Section leaders.

The SOCC Executive Committee has selected Dr. Alice D. Ackerman as the esteemed recipient of the 2016 Award to be presented during the SOCC program in San Francisco.
AAP Section on Critical Care

The American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Critical Care (SOCC), founded in 1984, is the leading advocate for critically ill and injured children and a professional home for pediatric intensivists. Its mission is to optimize the care of critically ill and injured children of all ages through the educational and professional support of its members. The SOCC provides a forum for Pediatric Critical Care Specialists and other members to meet, discuss, and develop ideas, programs, and projects to improve the care of children and to address issues of importance to pediatric subspecialists.

The SOCC continues to recognize Distinguished Career Awardees, including past award recipients:

2015 Tom B. Rice, MD
2014 Barry P. Markovitz, MD
2013 Vinay Nadkarni, MD
2012 Niranjan Kissoon, MD
2011 Timothy S. Yeh, MD
2010 M. Michele Moss, MD
2009 Jerry J. Zimmerman, MD
2008 Patrick M. Kochanek, MD
2007 Ashok P. Sarnaik, MD
2006 David G. Nichols, MD
2005 J. Michael Dean, MD
2004 Bradley P. Fuhrman, MD
2003 Ann E. Thompson, MD
2002 Daniel L. Levin, MD
2001 Murray Pollack, MD
2000 Russell Raphaely, MD
1999 George Lister, MD
1998 George Gregory, MD
1997 Peter Holbrook, MD
1996 John Downes, MD
1995 I. David Todres, MD

Alice D. Ackerman, MD, MBA, FAAP

Dr. Alice D. Ackerman currently serves as Professor (tenured) and Founding Chair of Pediatrics at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, and as Chair, Carilion Children’s and Chief Pediatric Officer, Carilion Clinic, where she is responsible for care of all children throughout the 8-hospital physician-led system in southwest Virginia. Previously she was chief of Pediatric Critical Care at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, a position she founded upon completion of her fellowship in pediatric critical care at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Throughout Dr. Ackerman’s career she has been an outspoken advocate for all children, but especially those who are critically ill or injured, with an emphasis on prevention. Among other achievements she developed the first pediatric critical care transport system in the state of Maryland. She served on the first State of Maryland AAP local Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine, and was a co-PI on the first Maryland State EMS-C grant. She has focused on bridging gaps between the ED, the floor and the PICU, and worked tirelessly at University of Maryland Hospital to develop patient care pathways that focus on the continuum of care between the outpatient and inpatient worlds.

Dr. Ackerman has served on the ABP sub-board of pediatric critical care, and been an active member of both the Section on Critical Care (SOCC) for the AAP as well as the Pediatric Section of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM). In addition, she has been a member of the Council of SCCM and was recently awarded the title of Master of Critical Care Medicine (MCCM).

Dr. Ackerman remains active within her new state on the EMSC committee, teaches others about pediatric preparedness, and provides leadership support for others to participate in PICU/ED/floor quality and research projects. She uses her blog to raise awareness of issues like non-accidental trauma in childhood, pediatric sepsis, and the importance of immunization against life-threatening infectious organisms.