

Chapel Hill, NC October 2016 - The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) is pleased to announce that Dr. Marc A. Connery MD has completed all requirements to maintain his certification in general pediatrics and has re-enrolled in another five-year Maintenance of Certification (MOC) cycle.

Board certification signifies that pediatricians have gone above and beyond state licensing requirements to practice medicine. To become certified by the ABP, physicians must satisfactorily complete three years of training in an accredited pediatric residency program and pass a rigorous examination. Once they earn certification, they are enrolled in the board's Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program to ensure that they are continually improving their skills and knowledge.

During each five-year cycle, certified pediatricians earn credit for activities that enhance their knowledge of medical advances and engage them in "best practices" for patient safety and quality care. Every 10 years, they also must pass an examination of medical knowledge and problem-solving abilities.

Founded in 1933, the ABP certifies general pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists based on standards of excellence that lead to high-quality health care during infancy, childhood, adolescence and the transition into adulthood. A voluntary, non-profit organization, it is one of 24 member boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties. For more information, or to learn about a pediatrician's certification status visit <a href="majority-mycertifiedpediatrician.org">mycertifiedpediatrician.org</a>.