

SADS Foundation Welcomes Professor Silvia Priori and Dr. Stuart Berger to the Board of Directors

Six distinguished medical professionals join the Scientific Advisory Council

Salt Lake City, UT—The Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation is very pleased to announce the selection of **Silvia G. Priori, MD, PhD**, associate professor of Cardiology, University of Pavia (Italy) and **Stuart Berger, MD** to serve on its Board of Directors. “Dr. Priori’s stellar basic and clinical research and Dr. Berger’s clinical experience and dedication to sudden cardiac arrest in the young as the founder of Project A.D.A.M. make them ideal candidates to share their expertise and vision to help move the SADS Foundation forward,” said Michael Ackerman, MD, PhD, SADS Foundation Board Chair and associate professor of medicine, pediatrics and molecular pharmacology, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.

Dr. Priori’s clinical research and activities deal primarily with prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death with a focus on inherited arrhythmogenic syndromes. Since the beginning of her career, Dr. Priori has worked actively within the European Society of Cardiology: From 2003 – 06, Dr. Priori served as Chairman of the Guidelines Committee of the European Society of Cardiology. From June 2005 to June 2007, she was President of the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA). She has authored more than 241 articles in published in leading peer reviewed medical journals.

Dr. Berger is Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Medical Director of the Herma Heart Center at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. He is also the medical director of Project A.D.A.M., an initiative aimed towards education as well as the implementation of school AED programs in the state of Wisconsin and nationally. Dr. Berger’s clinical interests include sudden cardiac arrest in children and its prevention, cardiac transplantation, pulmonary hypertension, interventional cardiac catheterization, critical care cardiology and DiGeorge syndrome immunology and CHD.

New Scientific Advisors – The SADS Foundation is honored to announce the addition of the following six distinguished medical experts to the Foundation’s Scientific Advisory Council:

Heather MacLeod, MS, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Sibley Heart Center, Atlanta, Georgia

James C. Perry, MD, Children’s Heart Clinic, Midwest Adult Congenital Cardiac Center, Chicago, IL

Shubhayan Santani, MD, FRCPC, Dept. of Pediatrics, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

J. Philip Saul, MD, Medical University of South Carolina, Children’s Heart Center of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

John Treidman, MD, Dept. of Cardiology, Children’s Hospital of Boston, Boston, MA

Frank Zimmerman, MD, the Heart Institute for Children, Hope Children’s Hospital, Oak Lawn, IL

“We welcome our colleagues to the SADS Foundation and appreciate their expertise and experiences that will strengthen the Foundation’s ability to provide up-to-date research, medical information and resources to the thousands of children and parents needing to understand more about cardiac arrhythmias and how to live and thrive with these conditions,” stated Dr. Michael Ackerman, SADS Foundation Board Chair.

The 17-member Scientific Advisory Council provides guidance to the Foundation on matters relating to medical research, genetic conditions, prevention, protection and treatment developments, and pediatric and adult patient care issues.

About the SADS Foundation

Founded in 1991, The SADS Foundation mission is to save the lives and support the families of children and young adults who are genetically predisposed to sudden death due to heart rhythm abnormalities. The Foundation is the leader in educating and empowering arrhythmia patients and their families. Visit www.StopSADS.org for information.

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