



NEW DIVISION DIRECTORS' ROUNDTABLE (NDDR)

Moderator Biographies

MARTY DRELL, MD



Martin J. Drell, MD is the Carl P. Adatto, M.D. Professor of Community Psychiatry at Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. He initiated the current Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Program at LSU in 1987 and was its Head until 2017. He has been a Training Director several times in his career spanning back to when he was at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. I am a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry if that's what you prefer. He is a past President of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry-AACAP [2013-2014], as well as past President of the Society of Professors of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry-SPCAP (now the American Association of Directors of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry-AADCAP [1996-1998], and the American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training-AADPRT [2001-2002]. For the last seven years, he has been a consultant to DCFS (Department of Family Services) and involved in issues of the diagnosis and polypharmacy in children/adolescents in foster care. He is editor of two Newsletters (for the AACAP Owls and for the AADCAP). He has lectured and written numerous articles on clinical issues, including infant psychiatry, ethics, consultation/liaison, and systems of care, polypharmacy and diagnosis in foster care, management of disasters, administration, and the teaching of psychotherapy. New projects concerning the teaching of psychodynamic psychotherapy include the AACAP Psychodynamic Faculty Training and Mentorship Initiative that he co-chairs and the AACAP Leatherman-Ritvo 250K Endowment Fund for the Advancement of Psychodynamic Understanding and Psychodynamically Informed Child Therapies that he is the initiating Chair of.

VICTOR FORNARI, MD



Victor Fornari, MD is the Vice Chair & Director, Division of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, and Professor of Psychiatry & Pediatrics, Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. I have practiced as a Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist at the Zucker Hillside Hospital for the past thirty-five years and have served as the Child Division Director for the past fifteen years. I am a Professor of Psychiatry & Pediatrics at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. I have served as the Director of Training in both General as well as Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (1991-2006). I have devoted a significant portion of my clinical work to the care of child survivors of trauma, and have been appointed by the United States Department of State to the National Crisis Response Team. I have consulted to the Nassau County Mental Health Association over the past 30 years in their School Mental Health Partnership. I have participated in the development and implementation of a Collaborative Care Program in New York State together with my colleagues from four other Medical Schools. I am an Investigator in two PCORI-funded initiatives, MOBILITY & START. I am a member of many professional societies and served as the President of the Greater Long Island Psychiatric Society, district branch of the American Psychiatric Association (1997-1999). I have participated in the Primer for New Division Directors at our Annual Meeting for the past twelve years. I have served as the President of ADDCAP (2018-2020).

MEG BENNINGFIELD, MD



Margaret "Meg" Benningfield, MD is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Pediatrics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She is a graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and completed residency in General Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital and McLean Hospitals and a fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Cambridge Hospital. She joined the faculty at Vanderbilt in 2008 and has served as Director of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry since 2017. Her clinical focus has been in providing acute care in inpatient and partial hospital settings. In addition, she leads efforts to support pediatricians in providing behavioral health care through the Vanderbilt Health Affiliated Network and to support the behavioral health needs of youth in the child welfare system through work with The Vanderbilt Center of Excellence for Children in State's Custody. She serves as a collaborator for research focused on understanding the neurobiology of anxiety disorders, alcohol use disorders, and suicide risk assessment.