Editorial

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The editors and publishers of *Pediatric Neurosurgery* are honored to announce that the new Editor-in-Chief of the journal is Jerry Oakes, MD. Professor Oakes is a professor of Neurosurgery and Pediatrics, and Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Children's Hospital of Alabama in Birmingham. Dr. Oakes has established one of the leading pediatric neurosurgical centers in the world and a much sought after fellowship training program in pediatric neurosurgery. He has published over 120 peer reviewed articles and another 40 non-refereed. Dr. Oakes continues to be a major contributor to national and international meetings. His leadership has helped to guide pediatric neurosurgery through its evolution to a recognized specialty within neurosurgery. Dr. Oakes is the President of the American Society of Pediatric Neurosurgeons and a Director of the American Board of Pediatric Neurological Surgery. He has played a major role over the last five years as a section editor of *Pediatric Neurosurgery*. His diligence in obtaining timely quality reviews is partly responsible for the enhanced stature of our journal and the fact that we are now current. We look forward to Dr. Oakes' leadership and guidance as *Pediatric Neurosurgery* continues to grow.

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