



Kirk W. Reichard, MD, MBA, FAAP

West Chester, PA

Position sought

At-Large Board Member, Surgical Specialist

City and state of residence

West Chester, PA

Professional titles

Surgical Director of Perioperative Services and of the Healthy Weight Program, Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware

Clinical Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics, Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University

Medical School and post-graduate education

M.D., Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

Residency program and fellowship

General surgery residency, University of Illinois, Chicago

Pediatric surgery fellowship, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

Involvement in AAP and other organizations

- AAP Delaware Chapter President
- AAP Section on Surgery member and co-chair of Liaison Committee
- AAP Section on Obesity member and Section on Surgery liaison

- American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery: past chair, Pediatric Committee
- American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA): combined APSA/AAP Advocacy Committee, Quality and Safety Committee, Obesity Committee
- Co-author of 2019 AAP policy statement *Pediatric Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery: Evidence, Barriers, and Best Practices*
- Participated on an AAP-sponsored panel on sleep apnea in children with obesity at the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology and scheduled at the American Association of Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery

Why voters should choose you

I have been a pediatric surgeon for 25 years, having the privilege of caring exclusively for children and their families. Every day, I collaborate with primary care and specialty pediatrician colleagues to assure that our patients receive the best care available. I advocate tirelessly for my patients who are victims of child abuse, neglect, and all types of injury. I am working to address the social determinants of health in our community, including access to mental health services. I look forward to serving children as a leader of the AAP, the most effective child advocacy organization in the country.