



James M. Callahan, MD James M. Callahan, MD practiced as a Pediatric Emergency Physician at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and is a Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Retired at the Perelman School of Medicine (PSOM) of the University of Pennsylvania. He formerly served as the Medical Director of CHOP’s Global Pediatric Education program. He is a native of northern New York State and graduated from St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY, and SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse.

He completed his pediatric residency, served as Chief Resident, and was a fellow in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at CHOP. Dr. Callahan served in a range of leadership roles in resident and fellow education and as the Education Officer for the Department of Pediatrics at PSOM.

Over the years, he played a significant role in many global medical education activities, including hosting numerous international observers in the CHOP Emergency Department, serving as an invited speaker at international conferences and symposia, and working with international stakeholders to support the activities of the Open Medical Institute of the American Austrian Foundation in Austria, Mexico and Vietnam, with long-term partners in Chile, and with other partners from Latin America, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

He has authored over thirty peer-reviewed articles and over twenty book chapters related to Pediatric Emergency Medicine. He served as a member of the Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine of the American Academy of Pediatrics and of the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Sub-Board representing the American Board of Pediatrics. He is an ad hoc reviewer for seven refereed journals and serves on the Editorial Boards for Pediatric Emergency Care and the Journal of Pediatrics. He served on the Guidelines Workgroup that authored the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Guidelines on the Diagnosis and Management of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Among Children.

His academic and professional interests include mild traumatic brain injury (concussions) in children and adolescents, prehospital care for children, improving the experience of patients, families, and providers, and professionalism among medical trainees. Dr. Callahan has worked to build and maintain long-term, collaborative relationships with international partners in global medical education and with departments, divisions, and faculty at CHOP to support and facilitate global medical education activities.

He joined the AAF Board in January 2023.