



Department of Pediatrics

Bernard L. Maria, MD, MBA has been appointed as the academic chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Medical Director of MCGHealth Children's Medical Center effective July 2009.

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Dr. Maria is the Ellington Charles Hawes Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Georgia and Chief of Pediatrics and Medical Director at MCGHealth Children's Medical Center.

Board certified in pediatric neurology and pediatric neuro-oncology, Dr. Maria comes from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, where he was founding executive director of the Charles P. Darby Children's Research Institute.

As director of the Charles P. Darby Children's Research Institute, Dr. Maria helped increase research funding from \$9 million to more than \$27 million annually. During his tenure as associate director of MUSC's Neuroscience Institute, the institute rose to third in the nation in National Institutes of Health research funding for similar facilities.

His research focuses on how to reverse the resistance of brain tumor cells to radiation and chemotherapy drugs. His clinical expertise is in caring for children with brain tumors and other neurological problems.

Dr. Maria has been regularly included in "Best Doctors in America" and he is recognized for his passion in education and mentoring.

He earned his medical degree from the Université de Sherbrooke, Québec, Canada and completed his pediatrics training at The Montreal Children's Hospital, McGill University. He completed pediatric neurology training, including a year as chief resident, at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. He completed a neuro-oncology fellowship at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

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