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Dr. Jeffery A. Towbin, SADS Scientific Advisor, Selected to Receive 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award from the American College of Cardiology

Dr. Jeffrey A. Towbin, SADS Scientific Advisor who is the Executive Co-Director of the Heart Institute & Medical Director, Cardiomyopathy, Heart Failure and Heart Transplant, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, and Professor and Vice Chair of Pediatrics for Strategic Advancement at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, has been selected to receive the 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award from American College of Cardiology. He is the first practicing pediatric cardiologist to ever receive this award.

"On behalf of the SADS Foundation, I'd like to congratulate Dr. Towbin on this remarkable achievement," says Dr. Michael Ackerman, MD, PhD, Genetic Cardiologist from the Mayo Clinic and President of the Board at the SADS Foundation. "Not only is Dr. Towbin a groundbreaking scientist and incredible doctor who's made an impact in the lives of countless patients, he's also a steadfast friend to the SADS Foundation."

As per Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, this prestigious honor recognizes Towbin's lifetime of outstanding contributions to cardiovascular medicine, his excellence as a role model in service, research and teaching, and the lasting impact he has made on peers, learners and patients.

"Dr. Towbin has been a Scientific Advisor at the SADS Foundation for over 30 years, as well as a longtime volunteer and friend. We would like to join his colleagues, patients and peers in congratulating him," says Alice Lara, President and CEO of the SADS Foundation. "This achievement not only recognizes the profound impact of Dr. Towbin's career on the field, but helps elevate the critical role of pediatric cardiology in supporting and caring for families with genetic heart conditions."

Towbin will accept this award during the Opening Showcase at ACC's Annual Scientific Session in Chicago on Saturday, March 29, 2025.

About Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes Foundation (SADS):

Established in 1991 by Dr. Michael Vincent, The Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes Foundation (SADS) is a community of families, medical professionals, and supporters saving lives and advancing care for people with heart arrhythmia conditions that can lead to sudden death. Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) are genetic heart conditions that can cause sudden death in young, apparently healthy people. These conditions can be treated and deaths can be prevented.

Warning Signs for SADS conditions include: family history of unexpected, unexplained sudden death under age 40; fainting or seizure during exercise, excitement or startle; consistent or unusual chest pain and/or shortness of breath during exercise.

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