

James Burns, MD, MPH, CPH, FSAHM, FAAP

James J. Burns (Jim) is board certified in both General Pediatrics and in the subspecialty of Adolescent Medicine. He graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and he received his medical degree from Pennsylvania State University in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Dr. Burns completed his residency training in Pediatrics, followed by a fellowship in Adolescent Medicine, at Naval Medical Center San Diego. He later completed a master's in Public Health at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Massachusetts.

Jim is a retired captain in the U.S. Navy and has practiced Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at Naval Hospitals stretching from California to Florida. He was fellowship director in Adolescent Medicine at West Virginia University and Division Director of General Pediatrics at Baystate Children's Hospital. Throughout his 39-year pediatric career, Dr. Burns has held academic appointments at medical schools across the nation, earning dozens of awards for excellence in teaching. He currently serves as Professor of Pediatrics, as well as Director of Adolescent Medicine and Pediatric Residency Research, with the University of Florida College of Medicine. He has published over 30 manuscripts and has presented 49 abstracts at national and regional meetings.

Jim is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine and is certified in Public Health. He is most proud to be a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics for the past 32 years.

Medical Interests

Jim has a passion for mentoring physician residents and providing continuity of care. He is a strong advocate for mental health services, immunizations, chronic disease management and special needs children and adolescents.

Florida

Jim is proud to be resident of the state and has ties to the South. He enjoys stand up paddle-boarding and masters swimming with his teammates, the Gulf Coast Pirates. He has two sons who served in the U.S. Navy, one as an F-18 pilot, the other a line officer. His wife Lela-Hobby RN, MSN, DNP is on the faculty of the University of West Florida in the School of Nursing.