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# **Pediatric Partnership**

## Drs. Aaron & Meeta Cardon Join UNM Child Neurology Faculty

**A husband-and-wife team of child neurologists** who recently joined The University of New Mexico School of Medicine faculty are bringing advanced expertise in epilepsy and pediatric neuromuscular disease on behalf of the state's children.

Meeta Wagle Cardon, MD, is the state's only pediatric neuromuscular specialist and will be co-director of the pediatric Muscular Dystrophy Association clinic at UNM Hospital, said Danny A. Rogers, MD, chief of the Division of Pediatric Neurology.

Most recently, she was on staff at Child Neurology Consultants of Austin and served as an affiliated faculty member in the Departments of Neurology and Pediatrics at the University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School.

She received her MD degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and completed a residency in pediatric neurology at Texas Children's Hospital in the Baylor College of Medicine. She also served a one-year pediatric neuromuscular fellowship at Stanford Medicine.

A New Mexico native, Aaron Cardon, MD, is the state's only fellowship-trained pediatric epilepsy specialist, Rogers said. He now serves as director of pediatric epilepsy in New Mexico's sole Comprehensive Epilepsy Center.

He received his MD from the Baylor College of Medicine, along with a master of science degree in neuroscience. He went on to complete a residency in child neurology and a fellowship in clinical neurophysiology at Baylor and later served as a clinical instructor in the Division of Child Neurology at Stanford University and the Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital.

He also worked at Child Neurology Consultants of Austin and was affiliated with Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas.

"Dr. Meeta Cardon is not only the lone pediatric neuromuscular specialist in New Mexico, but this marks the first time there has ever been a pediatric neuromuscular specialist in the state," Rogers said. "This means that patients will no longer need to go out of state to get the care they need."

Aaron Cardon brings unique knowledge to UNM's pediatric neurology team, Rogers added. "Along with the recently created Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery, he will help us develop additional capabilities in medical and surgical epilepsy treatments for New Mexico children."