



**Dr. Lu-Ann Papile**  
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Since 2007, Dr. Lu-Ann Papile has been a professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. In addition, she serves as director of the Neonatal Developmental Care and Follow Up Program at Texas Children's Hospital. She has been engaged in clinical research for nearly 40 years.

Dr. Papile is internationally recognized for her expertise regarding brain injury in the preterm infant and has been invited to speak throughout the United States, Central and South America, and Europe. Her research has focused on studies related to perinatal brain injury and the neurodevelopmental outcome of very preterm infants. In 1978, she published a landmark paper that defined the prevalence and spectrum of periventricular, intraventricular hemorrhage among extremely preterm infants. Her work established the "Papile classification" that has been universally used to identify the severity and extent of PIVH in preterm infants.

Dr. Papile has served on numerous national committees/boards in the US and currently is the chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Fetus and Newborn. She is also an associate editor of the Yearbook of Neonatology.

She is the author of numerous articles and abstracts, many of which were the result of her participation as a principal investigator in the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Neonatal Research Network. She has been the recipient of clinical research grants from NIH and other US national agencies.

Dr. Papile has received several awards including the Landmark Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Legends in Neonatology award from *Pediatrix*, both in 2007; and the Alumnae/Alumni Achievement Award from the Medical College of Pennsylvania, her alma mater, in 2004. She has been listed continuously in *The Best Doctors in America*, since its inception in 1992.

She received a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry from Albertus Magnus College and an M.D. from the Medical College of Pennsylvania (now Drexel University). Dr. Papile completed her pediatric residency and fellowship in neonatology at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. She joined the pediatrics faculty as an instructor in 1972 and was promoted to professor in 1989. Dr. Papile is a resident of Houston, Texas.