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ASHP Foundation Recognizes Excellence in Health-System Pharmacy

Individuals and institutions receive awards in medication-use safety, pharmacy residency training and pharmacy literature

The ASHP Foundation held three awards ceremonies during the 2007 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, from December 2-6. We are proud to recognize the following individuals and institutions that were honored.

2007 Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety

Barnes-Jewish Hospital is the recipient of the 2007 Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety, the only award program to honor pharmacist-led multidisciplinary teams for significant institution-wide system improvements relating to medication use. The award, which is sponsored by the Cardinal Health Foundation, also honors two finalists.

More than 200 guests attended the 2007 Excellence Luncheon at the Sands Expo on December 2nd, where the recipient and finalists were announced. All three teams were featured in a video presentation and recognized publicly. "This awards program is one of the most rewarding projects the Cardinal Health Foundation has ever undertaken," said Dwight Winstead, Group President of Clinical Technologies and Services for Cardinal Health. "This program exists to showcase successful collaborations among pharmacists, physicians, nurses and other disciplines to improve patient safety in health systems."

Barnes-Jewish Hospital received a \$50,000 award for its innovative initiative: adopting and standardizing interventions related to the rapid diagnosis and treatment of severe sepsis. The 1,200-bed, university-based teaching hospital was treating approximately 1,200 patients per year with severe sepsis. A multidisciplinary team led by Scott Micek, Pharm.D., believed that more quickly diagnosing and treating sepsis would have a consistent positive impact on patient outcomes. Pharmacist, nurse and physician project champions collaborated to institute standardized care pathways supported by evidence-based treatment guidelines. Key components to the success of the initiative included development of a severe sepsis order set focusing on early hemodynamic resuscitation and appropriate



Left to right: Front row: Richard Reichley, R.Ph.; Donna Prentice, APRN-BC, CCRN; Courtney Harrison, BSN, RN; Jennifer Williams, APRN-BC. Back row: Scott Micek, Pharm.D.; Brent Ruoff, MD; Marin Kollef, M.D.; Craig McCammon, Pharm.D.; and Chris Holthaus, M.D.

antimicrobial therapy, interdepartmental education of all patient care providers and adaptation of the order set into the emergency department's computerized prescriber order entry system.

A comparison of before- and after-implementation data demonstrated statistically significant reductions in 28-day mortality, hospital length of stay and hospital expenditures. Barnes-Jewish clearly demonstrated that standardizing sepsis care translated into significantly improved patient outcomes.

Award finalist Community Health Network, located in Indianapolis, Indiana, recognized in 2005 that 80 percent of its patients had at least one unresolved issue with a medication on their admission histories. The organization used a systematic approach to develop and implement an action plan that would improve both their admission history and medication reconciliation processes. A multidisciplinary team instituted a successful Medication History and Reconciliation Program that signif-

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icantly reduced unresolved medication issues. During the first three quarters of 2007, pharmacists documented medication histories for more than 21,000 patients. Involving pharmacists in medication histories decreased unreconciled medications at Community Health Network by a remarkable 73 percent.

Award finalist Mercy Health Center, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, began benchmarking the number of patient falls and related injuries by reporting them to the National Database of the Nursing Quality Indicators. This practice made Mercy aware that its fall rate exceeded the national average. In response, a pharmacist was added to the Falls and Restraints Committee and the pharmacy developed a Medication Fall Risk Score, which identifies medications as having a high, medium or low fall risk value. Since the implementation and use of the Pharmacy Fall Prevention Program, there has been a substantial decrease in the total number of falls. The results were impressive: A little over one year after implementation, fall-related injuries decreased by 32 percent.

"This award has shown that pharmacist-driven initiatives can yield major system changes to improve medication-use safety," says Stephen J. Allen, M.S., FASHP, Executive Vice President of the ASHP Foundation. "These initiatives are innovative yet practical applications that are transferable to all health care institutions to improve medication safety. The award recipient and finalists have been successful in one of the most desirable yet challenging areas of practice improvement."

Dr. Micek was the subject of a radio media tour that the ASHP Foundation and ASHP conducted for Patient Safety Week this past March, and Barnes-Jewish Hospital will present its work at an educational session at the ASHP 2008 Summer Meeting in Seattle, Washington.

For more details about these winning teams' initiatives, to see a special video presentation of the winners, and for information about applying for the 2008 Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety, visit www.excellenceinmeduse.org. The application period runs from February 15 through May 16, 2008.

2007 Literature Awards

On Wednesday, December 5th, a distinguished group of practice leaders gathered for the 2007 Literature Awards breakfast at the Sands Expo. The breakfast is an annual event held to honor the recipients of these awards, which recognize important contributions to the literature of pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems in five categories. Awardees were recognized, presented with plaques, and spoke about what the recognition meant to them personally and professionally. Immediately following the breakfast, the awardees were recognized at the 2007 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting Scientific Session.

The 2007 Literature Award recipients are as follows: 2007 Award for Sustained Contributions to the Literature of Pharmacy Practice

John G. Kuhn, B.S., Pharm.D., FCCP, BCOP
Professor of Pharmacy
College of Pharmacy, The University of Texas at Austin and
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Texas

2007 Award for Innovation in Pharmacy Practice

"Development and Clinical Outcomes of Pharmacist-Managed Diabetes Care Clinics"
Candis M. Morello, Pharm.D., C.D.E., Emily B. Zadvorny, Pharm.D., BCPS, Margaret A. Cording, Pharm.D., BCPS, Ryan T. Suemoto, Pharm.D., CDM, Jillian Skog, Pharm.D., and Amir Harari, M.D.
Am J Health-Syst Pharm 2006; 63:1325-31.
Naval Medical Center San Diego, San Diego, CA
University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, California

2007 Drug Therapy Research Award

"Time Until Initiation of Fluconazole Therapy Impacts Mortality in Patients With Candidemia: A Multi-Institutional Study"
Kevin W. Garey, Pharm.D., M.S., Milind Rege, M.S., Manjunath P. Pai, Pharm.D., Dana E. Mingo, Pharm.D., Katie J. Suda, Pharm.D., Robin S. Turpin, Ph.D., and David T. Bearden, Pharm.D.
Clinical Infectious Diseases 2006; 43(July1):25-31.

University of Houston College of Pharmacy and St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital
Houston, TX

2007 Pharmacy Practice Research Award

"Effect of a Pharmacy Care Program on Medication Adherence and Persistence, Blood Pressure, and Low-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol"
Jeannie K. Lee, Pharm.D., Karen A. Grace, Pharm.D., and Allen J. Taylor, M.D.
Journal of the American Medical Association 2006; 296:2563-2571.
Walter Reed Army Medical Center
Washington, DC

2007 Student Research Award

"Complementary and Alternative Medicine Use Among Individuals Participating in Research: Implications for Research and Practice"
Gregory J. Welder, Timothy R. Wessel, M.D., Christopher B. Arant, M.D., Richard S. Schofield, M.D., and Issam Zineh, Pharm.D.
Pharmacotherapy 2006; 26(12):1794-801.
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL

For more information about these awards, please visit the ASHP Foundation Web site at <http://www.ashpfoundation.org/MainMenuCategories/Awards/ASHPFoundationLiteratureAwards.aspx>.



Dr. John Kuhn (pictured here with ASHP Foundation Chair Jill Martin) received the 2007 Award for Sustained Contributions to the Literature of Pharmacy Practice for the work he has done in pharmacy oncology research and practice.

AWARDS

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RESEARCH GRANTS

2008 Federal Services Junior Investigator Research Grant

"Medication Adherence in Chronic Kidney Disease"

Junior Investigator:

Kristen Locke, Pharm.D.

Senior Investigator:

Charuhas V. Thakar, M.D.

Cincinnati VA Medical Center and University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy
Cincinnati, OH

"Evaluation of Medication

Non-Adherence and Associated Factors in Posttraumatic Stress Disorder"

Junior Investigator:

Sheila Botts, Pharm.D.

Senior Investigator:

David P. Nau, Ph.D.

University of Kentucky Research Foundation
Lexington, KY

2007 Pharmacy Resident Practice-Based Research Grant

"An Assessment of a Pharmacy-Based Enhancement to the Hospital Medication Reconciliation Process"

Lucy Dalzot, Pharm.D.

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Morgantown, WV

"A Clinical Outcomes Comparison Between Direct Thrombin Inhibitors (DTIs) for the Management of Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia (HIT) in Patients Receiving Hemodialysis"

Erik E. Abel, Pharm.D.

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Pittsburgh, PA

"Effects of Cardiopulmonary

Bypass on Cefuroxime Pharmacokinetics in Pediatric Cardiovascular Surgery Patients"

Sarah A. Saft, Pharm.D.

Clarian Health Partners-Riley Hospital for Children
Indianapolis, IN

"Once-Daily Versus Twice-Daily Enoxaparin for Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis in High-Risk Trauma Patients"

Sarah E. Bush, Pharm.D.

Shands at the University of Florida
Gainesville, FL

"The Outcomes of Emergency Pharmacist Participation During Acute Myocardial Infarction"

Nicole M. Acquisto, Pharm.D.

University of Rochester
Rochester, NY

"Prevalence of Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) and Implementation of Risk Assessment in a Pediatric Hospital"

Elizabeth J. Beckman, Pharm.D.

Clarian Health Partners
Indianapolis, IN

TRAINEESHIPS

2007-2008 Antithrombotic Pharmacotherapy Traineeship

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Lawrenceburg, IN

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Mercy Medical Center
Springfield, OH

Thomas Jefferson University
Philadelphia, PA

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Norwood, MA

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Pittsburgh, PA

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2007-2008 Oncology Patient Care Traineeship

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2007 Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards

The 2007 Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards Reception and Awards Ceremony was held on Saturday, December 1st, at the Sands Expo. More than 400 preceptors, residents, and ASHP members gathered to honor their colleagues receiving these awards, sponsored by Amgen, Inc. "This reception celebrates the achievements of outstanding pharmacy residency programs and their preceptors," stated Jill Martin, Chair of the ASHP Foundation. "These achievements are reflected in each of their graduates."

The 2007 Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards recipients are as follows:

2007 Preceptor Award

Art Schuna, R.Ph., M.S., FASHP
William S. Middleton VA Medical Center
Madison, WI

2007 New Preceptor Award

Eric W. Mueller, Pharm.D.
The University Hospital
Cincinnati, OH


2007 Program Award

University of Kentucky HealthCare
Postgraduate Year One Pharmacy Residency Program
Lexington, KY

For more information about these awards, please visit the ASHP Foundation Web site at <http://www.ashpfoundation.org/MainMenuCategories/Awards/asp>. ✱



The recipients of the 2007 Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards accept their awards from ASHP Foundation Chair Jill Martin (at far right). Pictured (from L to R) are: Eric Mueller; Art Schuna; and University of Kentucky Healthcare representatives John Armistead, Kelly Smith and George Davis.



SINGLE DOSE

Over 60% of hospitals identify specific medications that require daily monitoring by pharmacists; hospitals with 400 or more staffed beds were more likely to perform this function when compared to hospitals with less than 50 beds. Only 38% of hospitals identify patients in need of daily pharmacist monitoring by specific medical or surgical services.

—2006 ASHP National Survey of
Pharmacy Practice in Hospital Settings:
Monitoring and Patient Education

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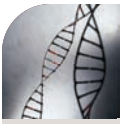
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May 14

- Applications available for Pharmacy Leadership Academy

May 16

- Deadline for Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety applications

June 1

- Applications available for Junior Investigator Research Grant
- Applications available for Oncology Patient Care Traineeship

June 2

- Deadline for 2007 ASHP Foundation Literature Awards nominations

June 7

- ASHP Foundation 2007 Annual Donor Recognition Breakfast, Seattle, Washington

July 1

- Deadline for Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards applications

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