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ASHP Foundation Announces 2006-2007 Oncology Patient Care Trainees

BETHESDA, Md. (February 6, 2007) — The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation has selected eight outstanding, dedicated pharmacists to complete its 2006-2007 Oncology Patient Care Traineeship.

This traineeship, one of several targeted educational programs offered by the ASHP Foundation, is a 10-day, experience-based certificate program designed to train pharmacy practitioners to establish and maintain specialized services for the management of patients with cancer. Supported in part by a grant from Amgen, Inc., the traineeship is intended to provide individualized, intensive self-study, didactic and clinical training for selected candidates.

“I applied for the ASHP Foundation Oncology Traineeship so I may enhance my clinical skills as an oncology pharmacist and to help me provide the safest chemotherapy experience possible for our patients,” says trainee Carl Popelas, Pharm.D., a clinical pharmacist at Milford Memorial Hospital in Delaware.

“I am honored to be chosen for an ASHP Foundation Oncology Traineeship,” says trainee Dawn Jensen, Pharm.D., a pharmacist at Delta County Memorial Hospital in Delta, Colorado. “I am looking forward to increasing my knowledge and skills so that I can return and help provide state-of-the-art care to the patients in our oncology clinic.”

The 2006-2007 trainees, specified by site and preceptor, are:

**University of Washington Medical Center
Seattle, Washington**

Preceptor: Karl Kwok, Pharm.D.

Dawn F. Jensen, Pharm.D.
Delta County Memorial Hospital
Delta, Colorado

Jacqueline M. Parpal, Pharm.D.
University of Colorado Hospital, Anschutz Inpatient Pavilion
Aurora, Colorado

**University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Houston, Texas**

Preceptor: Debbie Blamble, Pharm.D.

Tom L. Rogers, Pharm.D.
DCH Regional Medical Center
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Sheree W. Tolbert, Pharm.D.
Columbus Regional Healthcare System - John B. Amos Cancer Center
Columbus, Georgia

**The Johns Hopkins Hospital
Baltimore, Maryland**

Preceptor: Audrea Szabatura, Pharm.D.

Nicholas A. Link, Pharm.D.
Cleveland Clinic Health System – Hillcrest Hospital
Mayfield Heights, Ohio

Brandon M. Vakiner, Pharm.D.
Saint Francis Health Center
Topeka, Kansas

**Duke University Medical Center
Durham, North Carolina**

Preceptor: Julia Hammond, Pharm.D.

Carl J. Popelas, Pharm.D.
Bayhealth Medical Center – Milford Memorial Hospital
Milford, Delaware

Brenda G. Turley, B.S.
Exempla Health Care - St. Joseph Hospital
Denver, Colorado

The ASHP Research and Education Foundation was established in 1968 by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. The mission of the Foundation is to improve the health and well-being of patients in hospitals and health systems through appropriate, safe and effective medication use. The Foundation provides leadership and conducts education and research activities that foster the coordination of interdisciplinary medication management leading to optimal patient outcomes. Emphasis is given to programs that will have a major impact on advancing pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems, thereby improving public health.

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