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ASHP Foundation Announces 2006 Recipients of Pharmacy Resident Health Services Research Grant

BETHESDA, Md. (January 2, 2007) — The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation is pleased to announce the 2006 recipients of the Pharmacy Resident Health Services Research Grant.

This research grant program, which is funded by the ASHP Foundation, supports health services research in medication use conducted by residents. The residents must be in ASHP-accredited pharmacy residency programs or pharmacy residency programs that have submitted an application for ASHP accreditation. Health services research affects a wide range of medication-use topics including patient education; patient outcomes and effectiveness of medication therapy; health care quality; medication use in minority, elderly and other special populations; medication costs and financing; information for health care policymakers; and access to medications.

A total of \$9,100 was awarded to two projects in health services. The recipients are:

Principal Investigator: Amber L. Cronk, Pharm.D.
Kaiser Permanente Colorado Region
Aurora, CO

Study Title: Description of Medication Strategies Utilized by Medicare Beneficiaries When Reaching the Direct Pay Medication Cap

Principal Investigator: Michelle L. Flynn, Pharm.D.
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center
Hartford, CT

Study Title: Effect of Depression on Diabetes Control and Medication Adherence in Underserved Patients

“I am honored to be a recipient of the ASHP Foundation Pharmacy Resident Health Services Research Grant,” says Cronk. “This grant allows residents who desire to expand their research knowledge and experience to make a meaningful contribution. I believe this grant will allow me to contribute to my own organization as well as other institutions to aid in designing future Medicare Part D benefit packages.”

“The goal of our research is to demonstrate the impact that depression has on diabetes mellitus,” says Flynn. “We intend to utilize our findings to educate our clinicians on the importance of depression as a

comorbid condition. Based on this research, our hope is to incorporate depression screening and treatment as a standard of care for our patients with diabetes mellitus, ultimately improving the overall quality of life for our patients.”

For more information about this research grant program, visit <http://www.ashpfoundation.org/research>.

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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