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ASHP Foundation Prepares Pharmacists to Care for Critically Ill Patients

BETHESDA, Md. (April 2, 2009) — The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation has selected four pharmacists to complete a special traineeship in critical care supported by an educational donation provided by Scios, Inc.

Nearly 80% of all Americans will experience a critical illness or injury, either as the patient, family member or friend of a patient. Pharmacists can play a major role in improving a critically ill patient's recovery and long-term outcomes. The ASHP Foundation established the Critical Care Traineeship in 2003 to prepare pharmacists to care for this special patient population. The 10-day, experience-based program is designed to train pharmacy practitioners to establish and maintain specialized services for the management of patients within the intensive care or critical care units.

“The opportunity to work directly with these talented pharmacists by helping to broaden and deepen their abilities as a critical care pharmacist is a unique privilege,” says Eric W. Mueller, Pharm.D., a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Critical Care and Director of the Critical Care Pharmacy Residency Program at the University Hospital in Cincinnati, OH. Dr. Mueller also serves as a traineeship faculty member. “The ASHP Foundation Critical Care Traineeship provides an excellent opportunity to network and reciprocate important practice insights. The focused curriculum and rich interdisciplinary, direct patient care experiences will enhance the skills of these pharmacists as clinicians, preceptors and educators, further enhancing the global and unit-specific impact of pharmacotherapy services at their healthcare institutions.”

The 2008-2009 trainees, specified by site and faculty, are:

University of Minnesota at Minneapolis
Minneapolis, MN

Lead Faculty: Henry J. Mann, Pharm.D.

Tammy L. Buntjer, B.S. Pharm.

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Senior Pharmacist II; Clinical Pharmacist, Inpatient Pharmacy, CCU Team
Alaska Native Medical Center; Inpatient Pharmacy
Anchorage, AK

Keeley M. Matson, Pharm.D.
Medication Use Clinical Pharmacist
Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center
Milwaukee, WI

**The University Hospital
Cincinnati, OH**

Lead Faculty: Eric W. Mueller, Pharm.D.

Erin M. Goodman, Pharm.D.
Specialty Practice Pharmacist in Critical Care
University Hospital East
Columbus, OH

Alyssa R. Guirguis, Pharm.D.
Critical Care Pharmacist/Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy
University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, Knoxville Campus
Knoxville, TN

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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