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**Dr. William D. Figg Receives ASHP Foundation's  
2008 Award for Sustained Contributions to the Literature of Pharmacy Practice**  
*Foundation recognizes recipients of 2008 Literature Awards in Orlando*

BETHESDA, Md. (January 21, 2009) — Dr. William D. Figg, Sr., was named the recipient of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation's 2008 Award for Sustained Contributions to the Literature of Pharmacy Practice. The ASHP Foundation also recognized the recipients of four other 2008 Literature Awards categories during the 2008 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Orlando, FL.

The Literature Awards Program honors important contributions to the literature of pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems. All Literature Award recipients exemplify excellence in research and writing that foster improvements in the medication-use process, pioneer new uses of technology and pharmacy personnel and promote the pharmacist's role in patient care.

Dr. Figg has served since 1993 as Senior Scientist & Section Head of the National Cancer Institute's Medical Oncology Branch, Molecular Pharmacology Section. More recently, the Clinical Pharmacology Research Core and the Preclinical Pharmacology Research Core were formed, which he also heads. Dr. Figg has focused his research on utilizing pharmacological principles in anticancer drug development and evaluating novel new agents in the treatment of cancer of the prostate. He has published more than 350 peer-reviewed publications, which have made significant advances in understanding cancer, the genetic risk factors and advancing our treatment options. Dr. Figg is a captain in the U.S. Public Health Services' Commissioned Corps.

"I was very honored to receive this award from the ASHP Foundation," said Dr. Figg. "I want to acknowledge the fact that the ongoing research in my laboratory wouldn't be possible without the outstanding and dedicated scientists who work with me."

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The ASHP Foundation is honored to recognize the commitment of Dr. Figg and all of the recipients to patient and medication-use safety in our health systems. The 2008 recipients are as follows:

***2008 Award for Sustained Contributions to the Literature of Pharmacy Practice***

William D. Figg, Sr., Pharm.D., M.B.A.  
Senior Scientist & Section Head  
National Cancer Institute  
Medical Oncology Branch, Molecular Pharmacology Section  
Bethesda, MD

***2008 Award for Innovation in Pharmacy Practice***

“Implementation of an electronic system for medication reconciliation”

Joan S. Kramer, Pharm.D., Paula J. Hopkins, B.S.N., M.S.N., James C. Rosendale, James C. Garrelts, B.S., Pharm.D., LaDonna S. Hale, Pharm.D., Tina M. Nester, Pharm.D., Patty Cochran, B.S.N., M.S.N., Leslie A. Eidem, B.S.Pharm., and Robert D. Haneke, B.S., Pharm.D.  
*American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy* 2007; 64: 404-22.  
Wesley Medical Center  
Wichita, KS

***2008 Drug Therapy Research Award***

“Impact of statin dosing intensity of transaminase creatine kinase”

Krista M. Dale, Pharm.D., C. Michael White, Pharm.D., Nickole N. Henyan, Pharm.D., Jeffrey Kluger, M.D., and Craig I. Coleman, Pharm.D.  
*The American Journal of Medicine* 2007;120:706-12.  
University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy  
Storrs, CT  
Hartford Hospital  
Hartford, CT

***2008 Pharmacy Practice Research Award***

“Clinical and economic outcomes of pharmacist managed antimicrobial prophylaxis in surgical patients”

C.A. (CAB) Bond, Pharm.D., and Cynthia L. Raehl, Pharm.D.  
*American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy* 2007; 64:1935-1942.  
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, School of Pharmacy  
Amarillo, TX

***2008 Student Research Award***

“Evaluating the impact of study-level factors on warfarin control in United States-based clinical trials: A meta-analysis”

Deborah A. Cios, Pharm.D., William L. Baker, Pharm.D., BCPS, Stephen P. Sander, Pharm.D., and Craig I. Coleman, Pharm.D.  
University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy  
Storrs, CT

The Literature Awards Program was established in 1970, and has recognized more than 400 practitioners for excellence. The ASHP Foundation formally recognized the recipients during the 2008 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Orlando, FL.

For more information regarding this award, please visit our Web site at [www.ashpfoundation.org](http://www.ashpfoundation.org).

*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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