



ASHP Foundation News Release

Professor Joseph F. Dasta Receives ASHP Foundation's 2010 Award for Sustained Contributions to the Literature of Pharmacy Practice

ASHP Foundation to recognize recipients of 2010 Literature Awards in Anaheim, California

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Joseph F. Dasta, M.Sc., FCCM, FCCP, has been named the recipient of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation's 2010 Award for Sustained Contributions to the Literature of Pharmacy Practice. Professor Dasta is Professor Emeritus at The Ohio State University, College of Pharmacy, and an adjunct professor at the University of Texas at Austin, College of Pharmacy. The ASHP Foundation will recognize all of the recipients of the 2010 Literature Awards during the 2010 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, California.

The Literature Awards Program honors important contributions by pharmacists to the biomedical literature. All Literature Award recipients exemplify excellence in research and writing that foster improvements in patient care medication use, pioneer new uses of technology and pharmacy personnel and demonstrate the pharmacist's role in patient care.

Professor Dasta has published in the pharmacy and medical literature for 33 years. His body of work involves articles on pulmonary medicine; pharmacotherapeutic and economic outcomes in critically ill patients, focusing mainly on pharmacotherapeutic practice patterns and developing the pharmacist's role in the critical care setting; and pharmacoeconomics and health outcomes of critical illness.

Professor Dasta wrote the first study to compare sustained-release to conventional release theophylline tablets in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was among the first to attempt to understand intensive care unit (ICU) pharmacotherapy, describing alterations in their pharmacokinetics and documenting suboptimal use of sedatives. His 1982 editorial on critical care therapeutics was the first paper to identify the ICU as an important area for pharmacist contributions and was followed by the first textbook on *The Practice of Critical Care Pharmacy* in 1985, which he co-edited. This helped set the stage for the increasing role of the critical care pharmacist. The studies Professor Dasta conducted in ICU patients demonstrated the additional role a pharmacist can play in conducting critical care research. Three of his surveys of critical care pharmacy over a 10-year period demonstrated the increased involvement of the ICU pharmacist both within and outside of the United States.

His later work collectively emphasized the high cost of acute illness and the opportunity to reduce the costs associated with unnecessary or inappropriate therapy, including sedatives. He has shown that optimal pharmacotherapy is about total cost of care, not simply the acquisition drug cost. Professor Dasta

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was an author of the American College of Critical Care Medicine's national guideline on hemodynamic support of sepsis.

"This recognition is especially meaningful to me since it is from my peers in the hospital pharmacy field," said Professor Dasta. "I am fortunate to have collaborated with so many talented people. I share this award with my colleagues in pharmacy, medicine, nursing and respiratory therapy. One of my hopes is that this research has stimulated others to attempt to answer additional questions generated from my findings with the goal of improving the care of the critically ill and injured patient. My deepest thanks go to the ASHP Foundation."

The ASHP Foundation is honored to recognize Professor Dasta and all of the 2010 awardees for their commitment to patient and medication-use safety. The other 2010 recipients are:

Award for Innovation in Pharmacy Practice

"Implementing a Comprehensive, 24-Hour Emergency Department Pharmacy Program"

Helen K. Park, Pharm.D., Victoria E. Aldridge, Pharm.D., Mark Bounthavong, Pharm.D., and Anthony P. Morreale, Pharm.D., M.B.A.

American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy 2009; 66:1943-47.

VA San Diego Healthcare System

San Diego, California

Drug Therapy Research Award

"Adverse Outcomes Demonstrated for Drotrecogin Alfa (Activated) in Septic Patients With Baseline Bleeding Precautions"

Chris A. Gentry, Pharm.D., BCPS, Kristin Busse, Pharm.D., Bhanu Sud, M.D., and Douglas Drevets, M.D.

Critical Care Medicine 2009; 37:19-25.

Oklahoma City VA Medical Center

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Pharmacy Practice Research Award

"Physician and Pharmacist Collaboration to Improve Blood Pressure Control"

Barry L. Carter, Pharm.D., Gail Ardery, Ph.D., Jeffrey D. Dawson, Sc.D., Paul A. James, M.D., George R. Bergus, M.D., William R. Doucette, R.Ph., Ph.D., Elizabeth A. Chrischilles, R.Ph., Ph.D., Carrie L. Franciscus, M.A., and Yinghui Xu, M.S.

Archives of Internal Medicine 2009; 169:1996-2002.

University of Iowa

Iowa City, Iowa

Student Research Award

"Influence of Genetic Variation of Beta-2 Adrenergic Receptors in Patients with Cystic Fibrosis"

Brittany R. Traylor, Pharm.D., Thomas T. Skrentny, Jr., Pharm.D., and Eric Snyder, Ph.D.

The American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine 181; 2010:A1827

The University of Arizona

Tucson, Arizona

Related Resources

The Literature Awards Program, which was established in 1970, has recognized more than 400 practitioners for their significant contributions to the literature of pharmacy practice. For more information regarding this award, please visit our Web site at www.ashpfoundation.org/litawards.

About the ASHP Foundation

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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