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HOPA Announces 2016 Membership Award Winners at 12th Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA

Chicago (March 22, 2016): The Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) announced the recipients of the 2016 HOPA Membership Awards at its 12th Annual Conference on March 17 in Atlanta. Presented on an annual basis, HOPA Membership Awards recognize members who have shown outstanding achievement in their field.



Niesha L. Griffith, MS RPh FASHP
2016 Award of Excellence

This Award of Excellence recognizes a member who has made a significant, sustained contribution to or provided excellent leadership in improving or supporting hematology/oncology pharmacy.

Niesha Griffith is Administrator of Oncology Pharmacy and Infusion Services for the James Cancer Hospital and Director of the Pharmacy Administration Residency Program at the OSU Medical Center. She holds an appointment of Clinical Assistant Professor at the OSU College of Pharmacy and is involved with teaching and coordinating a course for the Health-System Pharmacy Administration graduate students. She is Past President of HOPA and also served as Health Policy Chair and Board Member at Large.



Meghana V. Trivedi, PharmD PhD BCOP
2016 Basic Science and Clinical Research Literature Award

The Basic Science award recognizes distinct articles that describe hematology/oncology basic science and/or translational research or clinical trials evaluating drug efficacy and/or safety.

Dr. Trivedi, a tenure-track assistant professor in the department of Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research at the University of Houston, College of Pharmacy, received this award for her article, *Circulating and Disseminated Tumor Cells from Breast Cancer Patient-derived Xenograft-bearing Mice as a Novel Model to Study Metastasis*. Dr. Trivedi's research is focused on breast cancer, translational oncology pharmacology, and clinical oncology.



Ginah Nightingale, PharmD BCOP
2016 Oncology Pharmacy Practice Literature Award

The Oncology Pharmacy Practice Literature Award recognizes an article, other than scientific research, that contributes to the betterment of the hematology/oncology pharmacy profession, and describes innovations in community, hospital, or healthcare system in hematology/oncology pharmacy practices.

Ginah Nightingale, Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the Jefferson College of Pharmacy at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is the recipient for her work, *Evaluation of a Pharmacist-led Medication Assessment Used to Identify Prevalence of and Associations with Polypharmacy and Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use Among Ambulatory Senior Adults with Cancer.*



Kristin Held Wheatley, PharmD BCOP
2016 New Practitioner Award

The New Practitioner Award recognizes a member early in their career who has made a notable contribution to developing or supporting clinical hematology/oncology pharmacy services.

Kristin Held Wheatley, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist and PGY1 Program Director with Lehigh Valley Health Network in Allentown, Pennsylvania, has experience in pediatric stem cell transplant, pediatric oncology, and pediatric infectious diseases. She has published peer-reviewed articles, presented numerous national presentations, and has been involved in updating program materials for a stem cell transplantation training course.



Benyam Muluneh, PharmD BCOP CPP
2016 Patient Advocacy Award

The Patient Advocacy Award, made possible through a grant from Teva Oncology, recognizes a HOPA member who demonstrates leadership and collaboration while advocating for outstanding patient care.

Benyam Muluneh is both an oncology clinical pharmacist practitioner at University of North Carolina Medical Center in the Malignant Hematology Clinic and an adjunctive assistant professor appointment at UNC's Eshelman School of Pharmacy. His research and clinical focus is surrounding better defining and advancing the role of the pharmacist in managing oral chemotherapy and improving supportive care strategies in patients with malignant hematology.



**Edward D. Gormley, Jr., BS CPhT
2016 Technician Award**

The Technician Award recognizes a technician who demonstrates excellence in his/her work and shows a commitment to hematology/oncology pharmacy practice in an organized health care setting.

Edward Gormley, a Pharmacy Automation Specialist at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD, is responsible for planning, implementing, and operating the two chemotherapy-compounding robots. Since starting at Hopkins, he has also served as Pharmacy Inventory Specialist for the Pediatric Pharmacy.

HOPA

HOPA is a nonprofit professional organization formed in 2004 to help oncology and hematology pharmacy practitioners and their associates provide the best possible cancer care. HOPA supports research, conducts educational conferences to advance knowledge, encourages professional development and advocates for health policy issues that improve patient care. HOPA has more than 2,400 members and includes oncology pharmacists, as well as pharmacy interns, residents, technicians, researchers, and administrators specializing in hematology/oncology practice.

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