



ASHP Foundation News Release

Brian L. Erstad Receives ASHP Foundation 2017 Literature Award for Sustained Contributions *All 2017 Literature Awardees will be recognized at ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Orlando, Florida*

BETHESDA, MD (November 9, 2017) -- Brian L. Erstad, Pharm.D., has been named the recipient of the ASHP Foundation 2017 Literature Award for Sustained Contributions. Dr. Erstad is currently a tenured professor and head of the Department of Pharmacy Practice & Science at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy. He is also a center investigator for the Center for Health Outcomes and Pharmacoeconomics Research and a co-director for the Arizona Clinical and Translational Research Graduate Certificate Program.

The Literature Awards Program honors pharmacists who have made significant contributions to biomedical literature and have published high-impact articles in primary peer-reviewed journals. We believe that recognition through awards stimulates innovation and fosters improvement in the quality of the professional literature.

Dr. Erstad has authored more than 200 peer-reviewed articles, monographs, and book chapters. He is sole editor of the textbook *Critical Care Pharmacotherapy*. “The common theme of my publications for the past few decades has been an interprofessional approach to patient safety issues in order to optimize patient outcomes. This theme is reflected in many of my external service efforts, such as my work on the FDA Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee,” said Dr. Erstad.

Dr. Erstad has served on the ASHP Board of Directors and numerous committees and task forces for other organizations and agencies, including the FDA’s Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee, Board of Pharmacy Specialties, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, U.S. Pharmacopeia, the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), and the American College of Chest Physicians.

Dr. Erstad has been recognized as a Fellow by three professional organizations. He was the first and only pharmacist to receive the SCCM Shubin-Weil Master Clinician/Teacher Excellence Award and one of only two pharmacists first to be recognized as a Master of Critical Care Medicine for achievements as a prominent and distinguished leader of national and international stature.

“I am fortunate to have collaborated with a number of outstanding students, residents, fellows, and clinician-researchers during my career,” said Dr. Erstad. “Any modicum of success that I have achieved I owe to them.”

The ASHP Foundation is honored to recognize Dr. Erstad and all of our awardees for their commitment to patient and medication safety. The other 2017 Literature Award recipients are:

Award for Innovation in Pharmacy Practice

“Standardization of Compounded Oral Liquids for Pediatric Patients in Michigan”

Melanie J. Engels, Pharm.D., M.B.A., Scott L. Ciarkowski, Pharm.D., M.B.A., Janis Rood, Pharm.D., BCACP, Bryan Wang, Pharm.D., Larry D. Wagenknecht, B.S.Pharm., Chris J. Dickinson, M.D., James G. Stevenson, Pharm.D., FASHP

[*Am J Health Syst Pharm.* 2016 Jul 1; 73\(13\):981-90.](#)

Drug Therapy Research Award

“Changes in Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medication and Dietary Supplement Use Among Older Adults in the United States, 2005 vs. 2011”

Dima M. Qato, Pharm.D., M.P.H., Ph.D., Jocelyn Wilder, M.P.H., L. Philip Schumm, M.S., Victoria Gillet, B.S., G. Caleb Alexander, M.D., M.S.

JAMA Intern Med. 2016 Apr;176(4):473-82. doi: 10.1001/jamainternmed.2015.8581

Pharmacy Practice Research Award

“Comparison of Medication Safety Systems in Critical Access Hospitals: Combined Analysis of Two Studies”

Gary L. Cochran, Pharm.D., S.M., Ryan S. Barrett, M.S., Susan D. Horn, Ph.D.

[*Am J Health-Syst Pharm.* 2016; 73:1167-73.](#)

Student Research Award

“Brentuximab Vedotin for Treatment of Non-Hodgkin Lymphomas: A Systematic Review”

Garrett K. Berger, Pharm.D., Ali McBride, M.D., Stephanie Lawson, B.S., Kelsey Royball, B.S., Kevin Gee, B.S., Irbaz Bin Riaz, M.D., Ahlam A. Saleh, M.D., Soham Puvvada, M.D., Faiz Anwer, M.D., Seongseok Yun, M.D.

Crit Rev Oncol Hematol. 2017;109:42-50.

For More Information

The Literature Awards Program was established in 1971 to recognize pharmacy practitioners for their significant contributions to the literature of pharmacy practice. Over the years, 701 authors and 163 articles have been recognized. For more information regarding this award, please visit our website at www.ashpfoundation.org/litawards.

About the ASHP Foundation

The ASHP Research and Education Foundation (www.ashpfoundation.org) was established in 1968 by ASHP (www.ashp.org) as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. As the philanthropic arm of ASHP, our vision is that patient outcomes improve because of the leadership and clinical skills of pharmacists who, as vital members of the healthcare team, are accountable for safe and effective medication use. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of patients in health systems through appropriate, safe, and effective medication use.