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HOPA Announces 2018 Membership Award Winners at 14th Annual Conference

Chicago, IL (March 21, 2018): The Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) announced the recipients of the 2018 HOPA Membership Awards at its 14th Annual Conference on March 21 in Denver, Colorado. The HOPA Membership Awards, which are presented annually, recognize HOPA members who have shown outstanding achievement in their field.

R. Donald Harvey, PharmD FCCP FHOPA BCOP 2018 Award of Excellence

The 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.

Donald Harvey is an Associate Professor in the Department of Hematology and Medical Oncology in the School of Medicine and Director of the Phase I Clinical Trials Section at the Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University. He obtained his BS and PharmD degrees at the University of North Carolina (UNC) and completed pharmacy practice and hematology oncology residencies at the University of Kentucky and UNC, respectively. His research in anticancer early drug development focuses on the application of clinical pharmacology principles to improved patient care, and he has been principal or co-investigator on over 50 phase I and clinical pharmacology trials since joining Emory in 2009 and has over 60 peer reviewed publications. Organ dysfunction, drug interaction, food effects, and pharmacokinetically driven trials are areas of interest for Dr. Harvey and his group. He is also active in clinical pharmacology and hematology/oncology professional organizations including ASCO, ASCPT, and ASH and is Chair of the Research Committee and a Past President of HOPA.

Alexandra Shillingburg, PharmD BCOP 2018 New Practitioner Award

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

Alexandra Shillingburg is a Bone Marrow Transplantation Pharmacist Clinical Coordinator at the Levine Cancer Institute through the Carolinas Healthcare System in Charlotte, North Carolina. Before that, Alex Director of Stem Cell Collection and Apheresis Program and the Alexander B. Osoborn Hematopoietic Malignancy and Transplantation Program at the West Virginia University Cancer Institute. She has been cited in many journals with topics focusing around hematology, oncology, clinical trials, pathology, and pediatrics. She has also presented on many state, regional, and national sessions with the most recent one being *Cancer and Clots: New Oral Anticoagulants in Cancer Patients* at the 2nd Annual Tennessee



Oncology Pharmacists' Association. Alex has been a noted innovator and leaders in developing HCT pharmacy programs from the beginning of her career.

Desiree Rolniak, CPhT

2018 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.

Desiree Rolniak, CPhT, is a Specialty Pharmacy Technician in Investigational Pharmacy Services at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX. There, Desiree Before arriving at MD Anderson, she was a pharmacy technician for the United States Air Force Academy. Desiree's Civil Service experience in the US Air Force, project management experience, and her exceptional analytical skills are a testament to her success as a Specialty Technician.

About HOPA

Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) is a nonprofit, education-based organization formed in 2004 to help oncology and hematology pharmacy practitioners and their associates the best possible cancer care. HOPA supports research, provides education, encourages professional development and advocates for health policy issues that improve patient care. HOPA serves more than 2,700 members in the fields of oncology pharmacy, pharmacy administration, and research, and includes pharmacy residents, interns, and technicians specializing in hematology/oncology practice.