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**HOPA Announces 2019 Membership Award Winners at 15th Annual Conference,
HOPA Ahead**

Chicago, IL (April 4, 2019): The Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) announced the recipients of the 2019 HOPA Membership Awards at its 15th Annual Conference in Fort Worth, TX. The HOPA Membership Awards, which are presented annually, recognize HOPA members who have shown outstanding achievement in their field.

**George Carro, RPh MS BCOP
2019 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.

George Carro, RPh, MS, BCOP, currently serves as the Senior Director of Oncology Pharmacy Services and the PGY2 Oncology Residency Director at the NorthShore University HealthSystem in Evanston, IL. He graduated from the University of IL at Chicago with a Bachelors Degree in Pharmacy and earned a Master in Science degree at DePaul University. George received his board certification in oncology pharmacy (BCOP) in 1999. He developed a comprehensive oncology pharmacy program at the Kellogg Cancer Centers (KCC), which are ambulatory cancer clinics located in Chicago's northshore suburbs. George also started an ASHP-accredited PGY2 oncology pharmacy residency program; the program is in its 20th consecutive year. He has served as pharmacy chair and co-chair for the ECOG pharmacy committee, and completed the ASCO quality training program. George is active in professional organizations including ASCO, ASHP and served on many HOPA committees as well as the HOPA board of directors from 2013-2016. Making sure that every patient knows that a pharmacist has been involved with his/her care has been a main priority in George's career.

**Megan May, PharmD BCOP
2019 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.

Megan May is a Clinical Oncology Pharmacy Specialist at Baptist Health Lexington's Cancer Center in Lexington, Kentucky. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy in Birmingham, Alabama and completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at Shands Jacksonville Medical Center and a Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Residency at the Medical University of



South Carolina. In addition to direct patient care, Dr. May plays an active role in the education of pharmacy students and residents. She serves on multiple committees at Baptist Health Lexington, including the Cancer Committee and the Institutional Review Board. She has authored numerous articles, and presented research posters and presentations, both regionally and nationally.

Ashley Glode, PharmD BCOP
2019 Patient Advocacy Award

The HOPA Patient Advocacy Award recognizes a HOPA member who demonstrates leadership and collaboration while advocating for outstanding patient care.

Ashley Glode is an Assistant Professor at the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Dr. Glode received her PharmD degree from Duquesne University and completed her PGY1 pharmacy practice and PGY2 oncology residencies at Yale-New Haven Hospital and Roswell Park Cancer Institute, respectively. Before joining the University of Colorado, Dr. Glode was the Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Hematology and Stem Cell Transplantation and PGY2 Oncology Residency Program Director at the Medical University of South Carolina. In Colorado, her clinical appointment is in the Phase 1/ GI/ head and neck/sarcoma clinic at the University of Colorado Cancer Center. Her clinical practice and areas of research interest focus on identifying improvements to supportive care interventions and enhancing the quality of life of patients undergoing cancer treatment.

Amanda Pate, CPhT
2019 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.

Amanda Pate is a certified pharmacy technician who has worked for the last few years to obtain alternate funding for oncology patients who cannot afford their oral and infusion medications.

Ila Saunders, PharmD BCOP
2019 Volunteer Award

The Volunteer Award recognizes the time, talent and energy of a HOPA member who contributes significant volunteer service to the organization.

Ila Maewal Saunders is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the UC San Diego (UC San Diego) Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego. Prior to joining Skaggs in 2014, Ila was a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist- Stem Cell Transplant at MD Anderson Cancer Center for six years. Ila has been actively involved on several HOPA committees since 2011 including the Session Proposal Task Force, Research Abstract Review Group and the BCOP Conference Planning Committee. She has served in leadership roles for the BCOP Annual Conference Planning Committee, BCOP Oversight Committee, and the Entry-level Competencies in Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Practice for Graduates of the PharmD degree and PGY 1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Task Force. Most recently, Ila was appointed as Chair of the BCOP Oversight Committee and the Vice-Chair of the BCOP Preparatory Course Task Force.



Judith Smith, BS PharmD BCOP CPHQ FCCP FISOPP

2019 Basic Science and Clinical Research Literature Award

The Basic Science and Clinical Research Literature Award recognizes an author who has written an important scientific article describing hematology/oncology basic science and/or translational research or clinical trials evaluating drug efficacy and/or safety.

Dr. Judith A. Smith is an Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at UTHealth McGovern Medical School and Director of the Women's Health Integrative Medicine Research Program. She also is an oncology clinical pharmacy specialist at the UTHealth-Memorial Hermann Cancer Center. She received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy from Union University Albany College of Pharmacy. She completed residency in Pharmacy Practice and Oncology Pharmacy Practice at NIH followed by a fellowship in Clinical Pharmacology at UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center(UTMDACC). Previously she was a Faculty member in the Department of Gynecologic Oncology at UTMDACC. Dr. Smith is an active member of many pharmacy professional organizations. She has been Board Certified in Oncology Pharmacy and Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality. Her research mission is to advance the progress of the safe and effective use of nutritional and herbal supplements with pharmacologic modalities as it relates to women's health and cancer through innovative thinking, systematic methodology and collaborative interactions throughout the UTHealth System and global research community.

Julianne Orr, PharmD BCOP

2019 Oncology Pharmacy Practice Literature Award

The award recognizes an author who has written an article, other than scientific research, that contributes significantly to the betterment of the hematology/oncology pharmacy profession and describes innovations in community, hospital, or healthcare system hematology/oncology pharmacy practices.

Julianne is originally from Rock Hill, South Carolina and obtained her doctorate of pharmacy from the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy in May 2014. After graduation, she went on to complete her PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at the Greenville Health System in Greenville, SC. Julianne continued her training with a PGY2 oncology pharmacy residency at Augusta University Medical Center and the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in Augusta, Georgia. Currently, Julianne is an outpatient oncology clinical pharmacist at Indiana University Simon Cancer Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. Her primary focus is the management of patients receiving oral chemotherapy and bridging the gap between the oncology clinic and the specialty pharmacy.

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.