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Excellence in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Treatment and Research

Chicago, June 2023: Awards recognizing exceptional scientific and clinical contributions to pediatric hematology/oncology were presented by the [American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology \(ASPHO\)](#) at the 2023 ASPHO Conference in May. “The ASPHO Conference is a chance to celebrate special individuals who are making a considerable impact on the improvement of the health and future of our patients,” said 2022-23 ASPHO Board President Douglas K. Graham, MD PhD, to the 1,000-plus practitioners, investigators, and other healthcare professionals, pediatric residents, and medical students who attended the conference in Fort Worth, Texas, and virtually.

Dr. A. Kim Ritchey, of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, received the 2023 Distinguished Career Award and was lauded for his singular dedication to patient care, training clinicians and mentoring clinician scientists, and leadership in the field including serving as ASPHO Board President in 2012-14. The prestigious 2023 George R. Buchanan Lectureship Award was presented to Michael Pulsipher, MD, of University of Utah Health, a highly accomplished physician scientist, clinician, author, and colleague, who shared reflections in “Risky Business—Treating Cancer, Finding Community, Navigating a Career.” Clinical and laboratory investigator Saro Armenian, DO MPH, City of Hope, received the 2023 Frank A. Oski Memorial Lectureship Award for his contributions in defining the epidemiology of cardiovascular disease in stem cell transplantation and childhood cancer

survivorship, and presented “Exploring New Paradigms to Optimize Health Outcomes in Childhood Cancer Survivors.”

ASPHO is proud to partner with Northwestern Mutual Foundation for the sixth annual Childhood Cancer Survivorship Award for Excellence, and recognize 2023 honoree Tara Brinkman, PhD, of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In conjunction with St. Baldrick's Foundation, Paul Northcott, PhD, of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and 2020 recipient of the Robert J. Arceci Innovation Award, presented research on genomic technologies and bioinformatics to decipher the developmental, cellular, and mechanistic basis of medulloblastoma.

The Society's governing [Board of Trustees](#) began the 2023-24 term immediately following the conference, with Caroline Hastings, MD, of Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland, as President. On demand education from the [2023 ASPHO Conference](#) can be purchased through June 30; access ends July 13. The [Call for Workshops](#) for the [2024 ASPHO Conference](#), taking place in Seattle, Washington, April 3-6, 2024, is open until 3pm CT on Thursday, July 27, 2023. Nominations for [2024 ASPHO Awards](#) are due September 27, 2023.

The American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (ASPHO) is the professional medical society of pediatric hematology/oncology subspecialists and other healthcare professionals dedicated to promoting the optimal care of children, adolescents, and young adults with blood disorders and cancer. Founded in 1981, ASPHO serves 2,000 members including physicians, researchers, advanced practice providers, and fellows in training by sponsoring educational and professional development programs, promoting discovery, advocating on behalf of its patient base and members, advancing professional practice and supporting partnerships to further its goals. Learn more: [2022 Annual Report](#), [About Us](#), [Educational Offerings](#), and [Community](#).

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