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NICOLE BRANDT RECEIVES 2007 ASCP LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION AWARD

(Alexandria, Va.—June 18, 2007) Nicole Brandt, PharmD, CGP, BCPP, received the 2007 ASCP Leadership in Education Award from the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) during Geriatrics '07 – ASCP's 29th Midyear Conference and Exhibition. The ASCP Leadership in Education Award was established to honor unique and innovative educational endeavors of ASCP members and to recognize specific accomplishments and achievements in the area of education.

A Certified Geriatric Pharmacist, Brandt is Associate Professor of Geriatric Pharmacotherapy at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, and Director of Education and Clinical Programs and Services at the Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging.

She is coursemaster for the majority of the geriatric pharmacotherapy pathway courses, including Pharmacology and Aging, Consumer Education for Older Adults, Geriatric Imperative and Geriatric Pharmacotherapy. She precepts students on geriatric pharmacotherapy and ambulatory care rotations.

Brandt created the geriatric pharmacotherapy residency at Maryland to offer further professional training to PharmDs in the area of geriatric practice. She has advocated for residents to have the opportunity to take master's courses and is trying to develop an in-house masters' program at the School of Pharmacy.

She conducts dementia and medication management clinics at the VA hospital in Baltimore, runs community outreach programs related to substance abuse in the elderly, and assesses and educates patients as a pharmaceutical care provider for low-income patients.

As a consultant with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, she developed the train-the-trainer program for surveyors on unnecessary medications.

“Nikki Brandt's role in educating students, peers, patients and other healthcare professionals is far-reaching,” said ASCP President Joseph Gruber, RPh, CGP, FASCP. “Contributing to the pool of well-trained senior care pharmacists, she is respected by fellow practitioners and educators, her students, and the general community for her passion for, and dedication to, geriatric practice and education.”

The ASCP Leadership in Education Award is sponsored by sanofi-aventis.

The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, the recognized expert in geriatric pharmacotherapy, is the international professional association that provides leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to advance the practice of consultant and senior care pharmacy. ASCP's 8,000 members manage and improve drug therapy and improve the quality of life of geriatric patients and other individuals residing in a variety of environments, including nursing facilities, subacute care and assisted living facilities, psychiatric hospitals, hospice programs, and in-home and community-based care. Visit ASCP's Web site at <http://www.ascp.com>.

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