



In celebration of 30 years of SIDP, the Recognition Awards committee would like to take a look back at the past 30 years of SIDP award recipients. A full list of award recipients can be found on the [SIDP website](#). Please join us in celebrating and recognizing the work of SIDP, the members and the impact of their contributions to the field of infectious diseases. We asked these inspiring individuals to tell us what being recognized by SIDP has meant to them.



Kelly Reveles (@KellyReveles) – Young Investigator Award Recipient 2020

Assistant Professor, The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy and Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Medicine, University of Texas Health San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

What impact did this award have on your career or what did it mean to you to win the award?

I am incredibly proud to be a past recipient of the SIDP Young Investigator Award. This award helped to personally validate my hard work and achievements, but also opened the door to new networking opportunities and collaborative relationships through national recognition. I also believe this award will be impactful during review of my faculty promotion and tenure dossier this year.

Who/what influences you career the most?

The passion of my infectious diseases colleagues and trainees inspires me every day. I also could not do what I do without the many many successful mentors and collaborators I've had over my career and the love and support of my family.

What advice do you have for new ID practitioners?

Surround yourself with other motivated and passionate ID practitioners who will lift you up when things get tough. Also, find great mentors (in and outside of your field/specialty) and never let them go (and buy them coffee regularly...)!



Bruce Jones (@Bruce_M_Jones) – Gita Patel Best Practice Recognition Award 2020

Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacy Specialist St. Joseph's/Candler Health System, Inc. Clinical Adjunct Associate Professor University of Georgia College of Pharmacy

What impact did this award have on your career or what did it mean to you to win the award?

As I learned more about Gita Patel and why this award was established it meant a lot to me to hear of someone with a similar passion to mine. I am also not formally trained in infectious diseases, and when I set out to start our penicillin skin testing program in 2013 I did not realize the revolution that penicillin allergies would become in our profession.

Who/what influences your career the most?

Students, residents, and other ID practitioners who aren't afraid to think outside of the box and advance the profession.

What advice do you have for new ID practitioners?

Don't box yourself into the day-to-day constructs of your job description. Whether it is research, mentoring, expanding practice, or other avenues, always seek out something you are passionate about to keep motivated.

Libby Dodds Ashley (@thereallda) –FIDP 2020

Associate Professor of Medicine Duke University School of Medicine Operations Director Duke Antimicrobial Stewardship Outreach Network

What advice do you have for new ID practitioners?

Get involved- the relationships you have through professional societies are some of the most rewarding in your career. The ID Pharmacy world is SO friendly! I remember when I started meeting some of the people who were so successful was intimidating and now I consider many of them close friends.



Jim Rhodes (@njrhodes_rx) - Young Investigator Award Recipient 2019

Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice Midwestern University, College of Pharmacy
Downers Grove

What impact did this award have on your career or what did it mean to you to win the award?

Recognition by SIDP was a strong affirmation of the work I have done so far. This recognition directly supported my scholarship narrative as I compiled my tenure and promotion dossier. Likewise, this recognition has enhanced my visibility within the society and the profession.

Who/what influences your career the most?

I'm inspired by the patients we see on consults, with serious and challenging infections. Without translational research, we would not be able to provide them with optimal care.

What advice do you have for new ID practitioners?

Find mentors with a track record of helping mentees navigate clinical or academic tracks. Identify an area of need and focus on how you can improve it.



Timothy Gauthier (@IDstewardship) – Gita Patel Best Practice Recognition Award 2019

Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Program Manager; Baptist Health South Florida; Miami, FL

What impact did this award have on your career or what did it mean to you to win the award?

Being selected by my peers to receive this award was a tremendous honor. It served to validate my efforts to contribute to the cause. Having this award also increases my credibility in the field.

Who/what influences your career the most?

The people I work and interact with. The infectious diseases challenges the world faces. My family.

What advice do you have for new ID practitioners?

Listen more than you talk. Learn from the successes/failures of others to inform your path. Follow your heart. Think big, because you are smart and can achieve great things.



Ryan Crass (@Crasspofungin) - Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy Paper Award 2019

Pharmacometrician, Ann Arbor Pharmacometrics Group

Citation: Crass RL, Rodvold KA, Mueller BA, Pai MP. Renal Dosing of Antibiotics: Are We Jumping the Gun? *Clinical Infectious Diseases* 2019 May 1;68(9):1596-602.

What impact did this award have on your career or what did it mean to you to win the award?

It was an incredible honor to receive this award as a post-doctoral fellow and a testament to the incredible mentorship I received from my co-authors. I believe this recognition helped our work and message reach more clinicians dosing antibiotics in patients with acute kidney injury.

Who/what influences your career the most?

My mentors in infectious diseases practice and research have had the biggest influence on my career.

Steven Barrier – Distinguished Service Award 2011 and FIDP 2018

Retired in San Anselmo, CA

Who/what influences your career the most?

The fascinating interplay between humans and infectious pathogens. Our inability, after nearly 100 years from the discovery and implementation of the first antimicrobials, to effectively prevent and treat many infectious diseases.

What advice do you have for new ID practitioners?

You're always learning. Maintain your curiosity. Explore new opportunities. Build strong relationships with your fellow health care professionals.

Ashley Wilde – Outstanding Clinical Practice in Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy Award 2018

Director of Infectious Diseases Clinical Programs and Research at Norton Healthcare in Louisville, KY

What impact did this award have on your career or what did it mean to you to win the award?

Winning the 2017-2018 Outstanding Clinical Practice in Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy award from SIDP was a tremendous distinction. I admire the work of so many ID pharmacists making it an honor to be recognized by a group of my peers. The award had a significant impact on my career within my organization. Our leadership saw the accomplishments to date and expanded my role to lead infectious diseases clinical programs more broadly. I am better positioned to advance the practice of infectious diseases pharmacy in innovative programs to improve the quality of infectious diseases care.

Who/what influences you career the most?

There is a long list of people that influenced my career. My ID physician counterpart, Paul Schulz, has encouraged me since the start of my career to practice at the top of my license. He only saw the knowledge and skills I brought to the organization and never allowed my input to be dismissed because of antiquated perceptions of pharmacist lacking in clinical training. I owe a lot of inspiration to other ID innovators and female leaders like Rachel Kenney and Susan Davis. I built deep appreciation of infectious diseases from my mentors during my training including Michael Nailor and Joe Kuti. Lastly, I have been shaped by all of my ID PGY2 residents over the years and continue to be inspired by my current colleagues Matt Song, Brian Bohn, Sarah Moore, and Elena Swingler.

What advice do you have for new ID practitioners?

My advice for new ID practitioners is to never lose your passion. You will face challenges, rejections, naysayers, and barriers every step of the way. Passion is what will keep you going. You will no doubt be quick to feel burnt out, so keep close what reminds you of why you chose this career in the first place. For me, I have a network of people that support me and believe in me. I also keep an email folder with small messages of kind words I've received over the years. And now, I keep my SIDP award in my office to remind me to keep pushing even in the face of the global pandemic.

Katie Suda (@SUDAMonas) - Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy Paper Award 2017, 2018

Professor of Medicine and Associate Director of the Center for Pharmaceutical Policy and Prescribing Division of General Internal Medicine School of Medicine University of Pittsburgh

Citations:

2017: Fleming-Dutra KE, Hersh AL, Shapiro DJ, Bartoces M, Enns EA, File TM Jr, Finkelstein JA, Gerber JS, Hyun DY, Linder JA, Lynfield R, Margolis DJ, May LS, Merenstein D, Metlay JP, Newland JG, Piccirillo JF, Roberts RM, Sanchez GV, **Suda KJ**, Thomas A, Woo TM, Zetts RM, Hicks LA. Prevalence of Inappropriate Antibiotic Prescriptions Among US Ambulatory Care Visits, 2010-2011. JAMA 2016;315:1864-73.

2018: Suda KJ, Hicks LA, Roberts RM, Hunkle rRJ, Matusiak LM, Schumock GT. Antibiotic expenditures by medication, class, and healthcare setting in the United States, 2010-2015. Clin Infect Dis.2018 Jan 6;66(2):185-190.

What impact did this award have on your career or what did it mean to you to win the award?

To be recognized by the premier ID pharmacotherapy organization was a significant moment in my career. My work in outpatient antibiotic prescribing finally "made it". As a fellow my work on outpatient antibiotic prescribing was ignored....now it was receiving awards and influencing policy.

Who/what influences you career the most?

The ability to draw attention to research to drive change to improve patient care influences my career the most. However, what excites me day-to-day is working with my collaborators to vertically enhance science and to drive policy.

What advice do you have for new ID practitioners?

Pursue research projects on the "weird stuff" that you observe clinically. For example, that unusual sensitivity pattern, patient adverse reaction, or finding on an MUE. Dig dipper - you may have found the topic to your first million dollar grant!



Melissa Badowski – Gita Patel Best Practice Recognition Award 2016

Clinical Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Pharmacy

What impact did this award have on your career or what did it mean to you to win the award?

Receiving this award has been one of the greatest honors of my career! It is truly an honor to be recognized for work that I am so passionate about and enjoy doing!

Who/what influences your career the most?

My colleagues and learners at the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Pharmacy! I have had the amazing opportunity to work alongside and learn from some of the most selfless, intelligent, and dedicated colleagues of my career. I have also had the opportunity to see former learners excel in the area of infectious diseases. You all influence me to be a better clinician, teacher, and researcher.

What advice do you have for new ID practitioners?

"ID Moves Pretty Fast. If You Don't Stop And Look Around Once In A While, You Could Miss It."

- If Ferris Bueller was a practitioner in the world of ID

Take the chance to explore the various facets of ID! The opportunities are endless.



Marc Scheetz (@IDPharmacometrx) - Young Investigator Award Recipient 2012

Professor, Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy, Department of Pharmacy Practice College of Graduate Studies, Department of Pharmacology College of Graduate Studies, department of Biomedical Sciences; Director, Pharmacometrics Center of Excellence; Infectious Diseases Pharmacist, Northwestern Medicine Department of Pharmacy

What impact did this award have on your career or what did it mean to you to win the award?

The Young Investigator award by SIDP was a highlight recognition of my career. I was honored to join the outstanding researchers in Infectious Diseases Pharmacology. While the award recognizes an individual, it was truly a team recognition.

Who/what influences your career the most?

I am fortunate to have had too many mentors and influential colleagues to mention. My clinical mentor, Mike Postelnick, taught me to obtain my research questions from the bedside and to design research that can improve patient care. I was fortunate to be invited to learn from the labs of Drs. Roger Jelliffe, Michael Neely, Tom Lodise, and George Drusano. Finally, I am always indebted to our lab and Pharmacometric Center of Excellence who challenge our approaches on a weekly basis. A special thanks to Drs. Rhodes, Pais, Chang, and Rohani who are currently working with our group.

What advice do you have for new ID practitioners?

Find a mentor. Don't be shy about asking people from afar. My mentors span the globe and almost all relationships started with an email. Approach the people that can give you advice with an idea, your current plan, and how you can dedicate effort to achieve your goals. There are many great mentors through SIDP, and this group is especially giving.



Chris Gentry (@CGentPharm) - Outstanding Clinical Practice in Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy Award 2011 and Pharmacotherapy Paper of the Year 2009

Chief, Pharmacy Service Oklahoma City VA Health Care System

Citation: Gentry CA, Gross KB, Sud B, Drevets DA. Adverse outcomes associated with the use of drotrecogin alfa (activated) in patients with severe sepsis and baseline bleeding precautions. *Crit Care Med.* 2009;37:19-25.

What impact did this award have on your career or what did it mean to you to win the award?

There is nothing more professionally gratifying than to be recognized by your peers/colleagues. Much hard work goes into efforts to improve patient care through clinical service and/or research. If the end result happens to place one in a position to be considered for any of these awards, it makes the journey even more worth it.

Who/what influences your career the most?

The continuous quest to optimize quality of care in the most cost-effectiveness manner for our veterans with acute or chronic infectious diseases.

What advice do you have for new ID practitioners?

Never stop being the standard-bearers for evidence-based practice that improves quality of care, improves cost-effectiveness, and reduces the burden of antimicrobial resistance. Revel each day in the knowledge that you made a significant positive impact in patient care.

Michael Postelnick – Outstanding Clinical Practice in Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy Award 2008

Antimicrobial Stewardship Coordinator Northwestern Medicine in Chicago, Illinois

What impact did this award have on your career or what did it mean to you to win the award?

It was a tremendous honor to be recognized by my fellow practitioners with this award. Clinical Practice and preparing the next generation of practitioners for excellence has always been my passion and I greatly appreciate the organization providing a mechanism for recognition of this practice pathway.

Who/what influences your career the most?

Bringing our body of knowledge to the bedside to improve outcomes of anti-infective therapy is what drives me. Seeing excellent clinicians have impact on patient outcomes and learning to value clinicians as much as researchers when it comes to providing the best care for patients is my biggest influence.

What advice do you have for new ID practitioners?

Understand the importance of evidence, but never lose site of the imperfections and limitations of it. Always learn from each experience and every patient you have the privilege to care for. Realize that what you do is called "practice" for a reason and never become smug in your knowledge. Every day should provide new opportunities for learning. When you begin to feel you have no further need to learn, that is the time to leave the profession.

**2007 Award Recipients,
pictured from left to
right:**

Dave Feola

Kevin Garey – Pharmacotherapy
Paper of the Year

Michael Klepser - SIDP President
(2006-2007)

Douglas Slain – Outstanding Clinical
Practice in ID Pharmacotherapy

Manjunath (Amit) Pai – Young
Investigator



Manjunath ("Amit") Pai (@DosingMatters) - Young Investigator Award Recipient 2007 and Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy Paper Award 2013

Chair, and Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI

Citation: Pai MP. Drug dosing based on weight and body surface area: mathematical assumptions and limitations in obese adults. *Pharmacotherapy*. 2012;32:856-68

What impact did this award have on your career or what did it mean to you to win the award?

Awards received from SIDP have had a major impact on my career by supporting my growth and advancement from Assistant Professor to Full Professor and no Department Chair. My award in 2007 (YIOY) served as key peer recognition for my promotion and tenure. Similarly, the 2013 and 2019 PPOY awards allowed me to document my contributions to science and role as a mentor to trainees. I owe my advancement to department chair in part to the national recognition, confidence, and energy I have gained from these awards to remain an academic.

Who/what influences you career the most?

The desire to break the status quo in certain clinical pharmacology paradigms and inspiring trainees to do the same.

What advice do you have for new ID practitioners?

Question everything and accept that science has no finish line

Kevin Garey (@gareykgarey) - Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy Paper Award 2007, 2012

Professor and Chair, University of Houston College of Pharmacy

Citations:

2007: Garey KW, Rege M, Pai MP, et al. Time to initiation of fluconazole therapy impacts mortality in patients with candidemia: a multi-institutional study. *Clin Infect Dis*. 2006;43:25-31.

2012: Garey KW, Ghantaji SS, Shah DN, et al. A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled pilot study to assess the ability of rifaximin to prevent recurrent diarrhoea in patients with *Clostridium difficile* infection. *J Antimicrob Chemother*. 2011;66:2850-5.

What impact did this award have on your career?

My career has primarily involved research in hospitalized patients with healthcare acquired infections, namely invasive candidiasis and C. diff infection. I have been awarded Pharmacotherapy Paper of the Year twice in my career. Both times I used this national award to cement my promotion of Associate Professor (Candida paper) and Full Professor (C diff)

What advice do you have for new ID practitioners?

Find your passion and go for it, especially if it involves microbiome research.

Douglas Slain, Pharm.D., BCPS, FCCP, FASHP – Outstanding Clinical Practice in Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy Award 2007

Professor & Chair-Dept. of Clinical Pharmacy Infectious Diseases Clinical Specialist Global Affairs Liaison West Virginia University Morgantown, WV

What impact did this award have on your career or what did it mean to you to win the award?

The Clinician of the Year Award was a great honor for me, when you consider how many outstanding clinicians we have in SIDP. The award let me know that the physicians and pharmacists who nominated me and the SIDP Awards Committee appreciated my work as a clinical specialist.

Who/what influences your career the most?

I learned a great deal from my residency and fellowship mentor, Ron Polk and the ID Department at Virginia Commonwealth University. Since that time I have been greatly influenced by my SIDP peers. You can get a lot of great ideas over a beer. I am also at a place in my career, where I have had so many great experiences that I have been able to contribute to the Pharmacy and ID world at the global level, which has been very rewarding.

What advice do you have for new ID practitioners?

Network, network, network! Find time to chat with as many SIDP members as possible. You should especially seek out the founding members for some historical perspective.

