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Awards Recognize Innovation and Impact in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

Chicago, January 2024: Clinicians and investigators whose work significantly advances pediatric hematology/oncology will be presented with the field's most prestigious awards by the [American Society for Pediatric Hematology/Oncology \(ASPHO\)](#) at the [2024 ASPHO Conference](#), April 3-6, in Seattle, Washington.

"Celebrating individuals whose dedication and stellar contributions have a major impact on patient care and outcomes is a focal point of the ASPHO Conference, which is the flagship gathering bringing together today's and tomorrow's subspecialty leaders," states ASPHO Board President Caroline Hastings, MD, who notes that this year's conference also features medical humorist Dr. Will Flanary, known as Dr. Glaucomflecken to his 4 million followers on social media, as the keynote presenter.

The [Distinguished Career Award](#) recipient, **David A. Williams, MD**, of Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, Boston, MA, will be recognized for significant contributions as a basic researcher, clinical researcher, clinician, educator, and administrator. Additionally, as his award nominator commented, in his many leadership roles, Dr. Williams "has trained, supervised, or influenced countless individuals who are major contributors to our field." A reception honoring Dr. Williams will follow the award presentation in Seattle on Friday, April 5.

The [George R. Buchanan Lectureship Award](#) will be presented to **Prakash Satwani, MBBS MD**, of Columbia University Irving Medical Center in New York, NY, who will give a lecture during the award presentation Thursday, April 4, at the ASPHO

Conference. “Dr. Satwani is truly a gift of a person, physician, and mentor and to the field of pediatric stem cell transplantation. He cares deeply about his patients and his students/trainees and leaves a profound impact on everyone he encounters. He consistently offers pertinent insight to ensure highest quality data output and encourage hypothesis-driven research efforts. Despite Prakash’s seniority and vast clinical and research experience, he functions with the utmost humility and is deeply committed to supporting junior faculty,” share colleagues who nominated him for the award.

Nirali N. Shah, MD MHSc, National Cancer Institute in Rockville, MD, is the 2024 recipient of the [Frank A. Oski Memorial Lectureship Award](#), given to an outstanding clinical or laboratory investigator in pediatric hematology/oncology whose cutting-edge research is of the caliber of the investigations made by Dr. Oski. Dr. Shah’s award nominator praised Dr. Shah as “a tireless advocate for her patients, who are some of the most refractory and sickest patients in the field of pediatric hematologic malignancies. Her incessant efforts in obtaining Breakthrough Therapy Designation by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the CD22 CAR-T cell trial, based on the application she authored, is one of many examples of her grit and her selfless dedication to her patients. There are very few who understand the clinical field of immunotherapy targeting cell surface receptors, in particular CD22, in pediatric B-ALL as well as Dr. Shah.” Dr. Shah will give a lecture during the award presentation on Friday, April 5 at the ASPHO Conference.

ASPHO is proud to once again partner with Northwestern Mutual Foundation for the [Childhood Cancer Survivorship Award for Excellence](#) and recognize 2024 honoree **Katie A. Greenzang, MD EdM**, of Dana-Farber / Boston Children’s Cancer and Blood Disorders Center in Boston, MA. In its seventh year, the award recognizes professionals who focus on helping pediatric cancer survivors live full and healthy lives and whose work reflects a growing portfolio of research and project funding. The \$10,000 honorarium augments the investigator’s current work to enhance the lives of childhood cancer survivors through innovative projects. Dr. Greenzang will be presented with the award on Friday, April 5.

The [2024 ASPHO Conference](#) brings critical basic, translational, and clinical research and recommendations, education, mentoring, and networking opportunities to subspecialist investigators and practitioners from every sector of the field including hospitalists, physician assistants, advanced nurse practitioners, other advanced practice providers, and allied healthcare professionals. Nominations for [ASPHO Awards](#) presented at the 2025 ASPHO Conference, May 7-10, in Louisville, KY, including the [Distinguished Career Award](#), [Frank A. Oski Memorial Lectureship](#)

[Award](#), [George R. Buchanan Lectureship](#), and [Northwestern Mutual Award for Excellence in Childhood Cancer Survivorship](#), are being accepted until Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

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: [2024 ASPHO Conference](#), [About Us](#), [Educational Offerings](#), and [Community](#).

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