Child Neurology Foundation: Young Investigator Award for Pediatric Neurology Near Endowment

The Philip R. Dodge Young Investigator Award is nearing endowment status with a generous $175,000 contribution from Questcor Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Minneapolis, MN (PRWEB) March 28, 2014 -- The Dodge Award, named after Dr. Philip Rogers Dodge, one of the modern founders of the specialty of pediatric neurology, recognizes a promising young investigator annually with a $25,000 research grant.

“Both the Child Neurology Society (CNS) and Child Neurology Foundation (CNF) have been working in tandem to permanently endow the Dodge Award,” said Nina F. Schor, MD, PhD, president of CNS. "The completion by Questcor of its commitment … reflects the common goal of Questcor, the CNF, and the CNS to enhance our understanding of and ability to treat disorders of the nervous system in childhood and adolescence. We are so very grateful for this partnership!"

Darryl DeVivo, MD, chair of the Dodge Award Steering Committee at CNS, commented, “Questcor has been a great partner for the CNS and the CNF.”

This is not the first contribution by Questcor to the award. The company committed to funding the Dodge Award in 2011 at a rate of $25,000 annually for 10 years and decided to accelerate its final payment as part of the CNS/CNF strategy to finalize permanent endowment in 2014.

Steve Cartt, Chief Operating Officer of Questcor, noted that in addition to the Dodge Award, the company also supports the Foundation’s efforts to provide support for parents and to educate the public about infantile spasms, a severe, very rare epileptic condition.

W. Donald Shields, MD, president of the CNF, added, “One of the important goals of the CNF is to fund young investigators as they begin a career in research that will improve the care of children suffering from neurologic disease.”

The commitment from Questcor was presented in Minneapolis at the 2014 CNF Gala Dinner and Fundraiser. Other major contributors to the award include PERF (Pediatric Epilepsy Research Foundation) and substantial personal contributions from pediatric neurologists.

BACKGROUND

About Child Neurologists (also called Pediatric Neurologists)

Child neurologists are specially trained physicians who follow-up their four-year medical school education with a five-year post-graduate training regimen consisting of two years training in pediatrics, one year in general neurology, and two years in pediatric neurology.

About the Foundation

Founded in 2000, the unique purpose of the Child Neurology Foundation is to support families. CNF does this
through collaboration with disorder-specific groups; accurate and understandable web-based resources; and by supporting research toward treatments and cures for the one-in-four children living with one or more of the 450+ neurologic disorders. For more information on the Foundation, please visit www.childneurologyfoundation.org.

About the Society

The Child Neurology Society is the non-profit, professional association of pediatric neurologists devoted to fostering the discipline of child neurology and promoting the optimal care and welfare of children with neurological and neuro developmental disorders. For more information on the Society, please visit www.childneurologysociety.org.

About Questcor Pharmaceuticals

Questcor Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the treatment of patients with serious, difficult-to-treat autoimmune and inflammatory disorders. Questcor’s specific areas of focus are in the fields of neurology, nephrology and rheumatology, and the company is currently supporting research efforts in a variety of conditions having significant unmet medical need. For more information about Questcor, please visit www.Questcor.com.
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