

The Gail G. Shapiro Memorial Lectureship



Gail Greenberg Shapiro, MD, was born in 1947 in New York City, New York. She received her medical degree in 1970 from Johns Hopkins Medical School, where she also completed her pediatric internship. She completed her pediatric residency and allergy fellowship at the University of Washington in Seattle and joined Northwest Asthma & Allergy Center as a Board Certified Allergist in 1974.

Dr. Shapiro was a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington School of Medicine and also served as a member of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's Expert Panel on the Management of Asthma. She was President Elect (1988-1989) and President (1989-1990) of Medical Staff at the Children's Hospital and Medical Center in Seattle, WA.

Dr. Shapiro was the first democratically elected President of the AAAAI, serving in 2001-2002. In 1998, she co-chaired the AAAAI's Pediatric Asthma initiative which developed the Pediatric Asthma Guide for Managing Asthma in Children in 2000 and later, the Pediatric Asthma Educational Handouts. She co-chaired the Practice Management Task Force in 2004, which developed the AAAAI's first Practice Management Workshop. Dr. Shapiro chaired and was active in AAAAI committees including the Annual Meeting Program Committee, Asia and Pacific Basin Region Committee, Asthma Diagnosis Committee, Rhinosinusitis Committee and many more. She was a major donor to the AAAAI Education & Research Trust.

Over her 31 years in clinical practice, Dr. Shapiro was the primary allergist to more than 36,000 individuals as she took care of one patient at a time, with a professional, yet personal, approach. As an objective research scientist, she began by evaluating effectiveness of various treatments for severe asthma. To spread this information, she published several hundred scientific papers, books and articles.

As Clinical Professor of Pediatrics Gail Shapiro trained medical students, residents, and allergy/immunology fellows. She trained and taught nationally and internationally, reaching over 60,000 pediatricians, through the American Academy of Pediatrics. Her research and teaching activities have improved the care for at least 25 million patients in the USA alone. She was honored in October 2006 by the American Academy of Pediatrics as the recipient of the Bret Ratner Award, the highest award given to a Pediatric Allergist from the AAP. Dr. Shapiro died August 25, 2006. She is survived by her husband Peter and her two children and one granddaughter. She will be remembered by patients and colleagues alike as an extraordinary physician who made a lasting contribution to the specialty.

2012 marks the sixth year of the Gail G. Shapiro Memorial Lectureship. **It will be presented in Plenary Session 5101: Immunology at the Epithelial Frontier on Tuesday, March 6th, 2012 from 8:15 am - 9:45 am.**

The Gail G. Shapiro Memorial Lectureship – Lisa A. Beck, MD FAAAAI



Lisa A. Beck, MD received a BA degree in Chemistry from Mount Holyoke College in 1981 and her MD degree from SUNY Stony Brook in 1985. She completed two years of internal medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center and a dermatology residency at Duke University in 1990.

She joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins Medical Institution as a board-certified dermatologist that same year and established an academic practice devoted to the treatment of allergic skin diseases. After two years she took a leave from her faculty position to do a postdoctoral fellowship in Immunology at the Johns Hopkins Asthma and Allergy Center (JHAAC, 1992-1994) working in the laboratory of Dr. Robert Schleimer. This was the beginning of her translational research career studying cutaneous allergic inflammation.

She developed as a scientist and clinical researcher with input from many talented investigators at JHAAC. In 2006, she moved to the University of Rochester where she maintains a laboratory focused on understanding the interaction between the immune system and skin barrier defects in subjects with atopic dermatitis. She hopes this work will help us understand why subjects with atopic dermatitis are commonly sensitized to a host of allergens, chronically colonized with bacteria, and sometimes infected with both bacteria and viruses.

Her clinical and laboratory work on atopic dermatitis has been supported by grants from the National Eczema Association, NIH/NIAID, NIH/NIAMS, Dermatology Foundation, and support from the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. She is a subcontractor on the NIH/NIAID funded Atopic Dermatitis Research Network (ADRN), which has amassed the largest registry of well-characterized subjects with Atopic Dermatitis in the US.

Dr. Lisa Beck is a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. She serves on the Executive Board of the Society of Investigative Dermatology. She was an Associate Editor (1994-2011) and more recently serves as Section Editor for the Journal of Investigative Dermatology. She is a member of the Scientific Board of the National Eczema Association and a member of the American Board of Dermatology Basic Science Curriculum committee. She was a member of the expert panel sponsored by the NIAID to develop Food Allergy Guidelines. She has regularly presented her work at the AAAAI meeting and has been an active member of the AAAAI Allergic Skin Diseases Committee – chairing both Workshops and Seminars Subcommittees. Dr. Beck is the author of over 75 scholarly articles, reviews, abstracts and textbook chapters.