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.

2017 marks the 11th year of the Gail G. Shapiro Memorial Lectureship. It will be presented in Symposium (1804) Reshaping Allergy Practice with Emerging Health and Communication Technology Tools on Friday, March 3, 2017: 4:00 to 5:15 pm, GWCC, Rooms B207-B208.
The Gail G. Shapiro Memorial Lectureship – Giselle Mosnaim, MD MS FAAAAI

Dr. Giselle Mosnaim is an attending physician at NorthShore University Health System, Department of Medicine, Section of Allergy and Immunology.

She received her MD from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine in 1995 and completed her internal medicine residency at Lutheran General Hospital in 1998. Upon fulfillment of her allergy/immunology training at the Rush University Medical Center/Stroger Hospital integrated fellowship program in 2000, she was appointed Associate Program Director and then Program Director from 2001-2008. She graduated from Rush University with an NIH-funded (K-30) Master of Science in Clinical Research in 2002.

Her research interests focus on Pediatric Asthma Disparities. She has been funded through the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute and Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute to conduct clinical research in the area of Pediatric Asthma Disparities in Chicago.

This has resulted in first author publications in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology: In Practice, and the Annals of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology. Dr. Mosnaim is a Past-President of the Illinois Society of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ISAAI) and serves on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (AAAAI).

She has also served as Chair of the Fellows-In-Training Committee, New Allergist/Immunologist Assembly, and Health Outcomes, Education, Delivery and Quality Interest Section as well as co-founder of the Leadership Institute Mentorship Program for the AAAAI.