The Gail G. Shapiro, MD FAAAAI Memorial Lectureship will be presented by Tyra Bryant-Stephens, MD in session 3521 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI): Innovation in School-Based Asthma Care in Convention Center, North Building, 100 Level, Room 120A on Sunday, February 27 at 12:35 pm

Gail G. Shapiro, MD FAAAAI

Gail Greenberg Shapiro, MD, FAAAAI, 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. Shapiro passed away August 25, 2006. She is survived by her husband Peter and her two children and five grandchildren. The AAP honored Shapiro in October 2006 with the Bret Ratner Award, the highest award given to a Pediatric Allergist. She is remembered by patients and colleagues alike as an extraordinary physician who made a lasting contribution to the specialty. Shapiro was a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington, School of Medicine and 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, Washington.

In 1998, she co-chaired the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology's (AAAAI) Pediatric Asthma initiative which developed the Pediatric Asthma Guide for Managing Asthma in Children in 2000 and later, the Pediatric Asthma Educational Handouts. Shapiro was the first democratically elected President of the AAAAI in 2001. She also co-chaired the Practice Management Task Force in 2004, which developed the AAAAI’s first Practice Management Workshop. 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 Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Research and Education Organization (ARTrust) (now the AAAAI Foundation.)

Over her 31 years in clinical practice, 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, 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
Tyra Bryant-Stephens, MD

Tyra Bryant-Stephens, is a board-certified pediatrician in clinical primary care practice for over 30 years and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. In 1997 she founded the Community Asthma Prevention Program (CAPP) of Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), an asthma program that implements asthma interventions in underserved, under-resourced inner-city communities. CAPP has made over 21,000 home-based asthma visits, educated thousands of caregivers in community education classes, provided site-based asthma trainings for hundreds of primary care providers and taught hundreds of children in school-based asthma classes.

Dr. Bryant-Stephens is nationally recognized for her work in community-driven, evidence-based research in asthma interventions. Recently Dr. Bryant-Stephens has partnered with home repair agencies to create the CAPP+ program where structural home repairs are carried out to eliminate root causes of asthma triggers. In 2015, her work was recognized by the White House and she was invited to participate in a roundtable discussion with President Obama to discuss strategies to engage the community in the health impacts of climate change.

She served as a member of the Expert Panel Working Group of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute which released the 2020 Focused Updates to the Asthma Management Guidelines.

Most recently, she has taken on a new role as the Inaugural Sr Director for the CHOP Center of Health Equity. She serves on regional and national advisory committees and locally serves as a member of the Philadelphia Board of Health.