

AAAAI Foundation and Phillip E. Korenblat, MD FAAAAI Lectureship: Investing Together in Our Future

The Phillip E. Korenblat, MD FAAAAI Lectureship: Investing Together in Our Future will be presented by Gurjit K. Khurana Hershey, MD PhD FAAAAI in 2521 National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID): New Insights Into the Immunoregulation of Atopic Dermatitis in Convention Center, North Building, 100 Level, Room 120A on Saturday, February 26 at 12:35 pm

Phillip E. Korenblat, MD FAAAAI



Phillip E. Korenblat, MD, FAAAAI is Professor of Clinical Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine. He obtained his undergraduate and Doctor of Medicine degrees from the University of Arkansas. His residency at Washington University School of Medicine was completed in 1965 followed by an allergy, immunology, and rheumatology fellowship at Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation.

Dr. Korenblat returned to St. Louis and established his private practice in 1966, practicing at Associated Specialists in Medicine, P.C. for 49 years. He transitioned to the Clinical Research Center located at Barnes Jewish West County Hospital, which he originated in 1990 at the time of establishing the first dedicated center for asthma care in the community.

Dr. Korenblat has completed over 300 clinical research studies and has been published extensively, including being credited as co-editor of two editions of the textbook, Allergy Theory and Practice. Within the 1984 edition, he published the first asthma guidelines for the management of asthma which introduced the concept of using the “mild, moderate, and severe classification.” In 1968, Dr. Korenblat, with co-investigators, published the first evidence of tolerance in humans to oral ingested food antigen and in collaboration with co-investigators was the first to present data demonstrating the requirement of multiple doses of epinephrine for the treatment of anaphylaxis.

Among his many professional honors, Dr. Korenblat received the “Outstanding Teaching Allergist” and Distinguished Clinician awards from the American Academy of Asthma, Allergy & Immunology. In 1995 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Washington University Medical Center Alumni Association. The Lifetime Achievement Award-Master Physician was presented to him by the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Medical Staff Association in 2012.

Over the course of his distinguished career, Dr. Korenblat has been a caring physician, a physician educator and mentor to younger physicians and the AAAAI Foundation is proud to offer this new lectureship in his name. Dr. Korenblat's Lectureship was established in 2017.

Gurjit K. Khurana Hershey, MD PhD FAAAAI



Dr. Gurjit Khurana Hershey is an endowed Professor of Pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. She is board certified in Pediatrics and Allergy and Immunology and is an active clinician, educator, and researcher. Her research focuses on the overall goal of improving the health of children with asthma. She is an internationally recognized expert in pediatric asthma and immunology. Her laboratory uses multidisciplinary approaches that seamlessly integrate innovative human cohorts with animal and in vitro models to identify and delineate the mechanisms that contribute to the development, progression, and persistence of asthma. Current projects in the laboratory include: (1) understanding the role of the epithelial barrier in the pathogenesis of atopic dermatitis, asthma and allergic diseases; (2) delineate the mechanistic basis of the atopic march; (3) molecular phenotyping and endotyping of allergic diseases to

better define and subclassify atopic dermatitis and asthma disease phenotypes to improve prediction and management of these common disorders; and (4) identifying and testing new treatments for allergic diseases.

Dr. Khurana Hershey's research program has been continuously funded for nearly 20 years. She has a proven track record in team science and managing large interdisciplinary research programs including as PI of an NIH U19 for the last 13 years. She has been has trained over 80 trainees in her laboratory and 14 of them now hold independent academic faculty positions. Collectively, her trainees have gone on to secure 39 external grants and publish over 500 manuscripts.

She has been awarded numerous awards over the years, including the Washington University School of Medicine Alumni Achievement Award and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine Drake Medal, the highest honor that the College of Medicine bestows. She served on the NIAID Council and the Board of Directors of the American Board of Allergy and Immunology.