

## The Robert G. Townley Memorial Lectureship



Following completion of residency in Internal Medicine and Fellowship in Allergy Asthma and Immunology in Boston, MA, Dr. Robert G. Townley joined the faculty of Medicine and was Assistant Chief, Department of Asthma-Allergy, National Jewish Hospital, located in Denver, CO. Dr. Townley subsequently returned to Creighton University in Omaha, NE and started an allergy asthma and immunology division in the department of medicine and initiated their allergy fellowship training program.

Dr. Townley has helped train more than 50 fellows in allergy as well as 32 postdoctoral fellows from Japan, who had already finished their clinical training in allergy. He has helped initiate and carry out studies both in bench and animal research in allergy/immunology as well as clinical trials. His preclinical and clinical studies focused on airway hyperresponsiveness and inflammation. Five students have obtained their PhD with the allergy division. He has helped editor co-edit 3 textbooks pertaining to asthma and inflammation, airway smooth muscle, and Immunopharmacology of allergic diseases. He had also been successful in obtaining 3 NIH RO1 grants and an Allergic Disease Centre Grant.

Dr. Townley's allergy program was one of the clinical sites involved in the study of the IL-13 antagonist Lebrikizumab in the treatment in adults with asthma. This study was supported by Genentec and showed that the asthma subjects with high levels of the Periostin gene demonstrated significantly greater improvement in their FEV1 in those subjects treated with Lebrikizumab. (Corren, J., R.F. Lemanske et al 2011. Lebrikizumab treatment in adults with asthma. N. Engl. J. Med).

Sadly, with Dr. Townley's passing on Friday, September 9, 2016, this lectureship has been renamed the Robert G. Townley Memorial Lectureship. The lectureship will help to preserve the memory of Dr. Townley and all his wonderful accomplishments and contributions during his lifetime.

**The Robert G. Townley Lectureship will be presented in Plenary 3501: Current and Emerging Therapeutics in Upper Airway Disease by Peter Hellings, MD: Phenotypes and Endotypes of Rhinitis and Their Impact on Management on Sunday, February 28 at 1:45 pm**

## **The Robert G. Townley Memorial Lectureship – Ms. Kim E. Mudd, RN, MSN, CCRP**



Kim Mudd is the Nurse Manager of the Food Allergy Research group in the Division of Pediatric Allergy at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, MD. Kim completed her BS in Bio-Medicine at Western Michigan University She completed her BSN at John Hopkins School of Nursing and completed her Master's Degree in Nursing and Health Policy at the University of Maryland.

Kim has over 30 years of experience in Allergy Research and has authored multiple papers and book chapters on food allergy, asthma and latex allergy. She has been very active in community education, especially in the area of food allergy management and has twice been recognized by the Food Allergy and

Anaphylaxis Network.

Kim been an Allied Health Member of the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology since 2001. She has received multiple Travel Grant Awards for research abstracts from AAAAI and has presented at the AAAAI Annual Meeting since 2007. She is an active member of the AAAAI Adverse Reactions to Foods Interest Section Committee, and the Practice Improvement Committee. Kim has been part of the Allied Health Annual Program Committee since 2011 and has participated in AAAI Leadership since 2016 and currently chairs the Allied Health Professionals Assembly.