

MD Anderson Laboratory Professional Named 2016 Cardinal Health urEssential Award Recipient

Dr. Peter Hu receives award, \$25,000 scholarship donation toward The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center on behalf of Cardinal Health

DUBLIN, Ohio, July 13, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Cardinal Health named Dr. Peter C. Hu, Ph.D., F.A.C.Sc, associate professor in the School of Health Professions at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, the 2016 winner of the **Cardinal Health urEssential Award**, which recognizes the essential contributions medical laboratory professionals make to patient care.

In addition to being nationally recognized for his outstanding contributions to the clinical lab and beyond, Cardinal Health will make a charitable contribution of \$25,000 to the institution of higher learning of Dr. Hu's selection. The contribution will be used as scholarship funding for MD Anderson's Molecular Genetic Technology Program and the Graduate Program in Diagnostic Genetics, both of which are academic programs for students seeking careers in laboratory medicine.

Dr. Hu received multiple nominations for this award, one of which stated, "Peter believes that the public deserves well prepared practitioners of diagnostic molecular science and clinical cytogenetics, so he takes time out of his very busy schedule, teaching, publishing and speaking to visit schools of molecular genetics, cytogenetics and other medical laboratory science programs for accreditation to assure that they meet the standards to serve the community. He has done this throughout the U.S. and as far away as Qatar."

Cardinal Health created the urEssential Award to recognize outstanding medical laboratory professionals and place a spotlight on the valuable role they play in health care.

"With lab test results driving more than 70 percent of treatment decisions, medical laboratory professionals are truly essential to patient care," said Chris Kerski, senior vice president and general manager of Laboratory Products at Cardinal Health. "It is an honor to recognize a deserving, essential member of our industry, Dr. Peter Hu, with this year's award. His outstanding work and dedication to the field fully embodies what the urEssential Award stands for and we're proud to honor him."

This marks the third year for the Cardinal Health urEssential award program. Individuals working in the medical laboratory profession may be nominated by their managers, colleagues, peers and students, or they may self-nominate. All nominees are evaluated by a panel of industry professionals on their involvement in three categories:

- Participation in activities that broaden community awareness of the medical laboratory profession
- Exceptional contributions in the laboratory that have positively impacted productivity or supported best practices
- Contributions to the profession to include all activities and special honors

For more information on the Cardinal Health urEssential award program, visit www.cardinalhealth.com/urEssential.

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