One-year CALGB Grant for Promising Cancer Research
The Richard L. Schilsky Cancer and Leukemia B Achievement Award was established to honor those exceptional individuals who make it possible for CALGB to succeed in research that transforms care for cancer patients.

The Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB) is a research community led by investigators from U.S. academic and community medical centers, and supported by a large network of health care providers, patient advocates, clinical research professionals, and administrators.

Established in 2010 through generous donations from both CALGB leaders and industry supporters, the Richard L. Schilsky CALGB Achievement Award is intended to identify and honor "unsung heroes" of the CALGB so that they can receive the thanks that they so richly deserve.

All CALGB members are encouraged to submit nominations for this award, which will be presented at the CALGB Summer Group Meetings held in June each year. During the Plenary session of these meetings, awardees will be asked to give a brief presentation of their work.

2010 Award Recipient

John C. Byrd, M.D.

Dr. Byrd is the Director of the Hematologic Malignancies program at The Ohio State University and holds the D. Warren Brown Professorship in Leukemia Research and academic rank of Professor of Medicine and Medicinal Chemistry. His research accomplishments over the past 10 years include work completed in the laboratory and clinic with several different therapeutic agents active in chronic lymphocytic leukemia and related leukemia and lymphoma. In particular, he continues to be very active in the development of therapeutic antibodies and other targeted agents because of his interest in non-toxic therapies for the treatment of leukemia. Dr. Byrd has been a faculty member of the Clinical Research Training Institute of the American Society of Hematology (ASH) and is a founding member of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute Data Safety and Monitoring Committee. Recently, he was elected to the American Society of Clinical Investigation for his research accomplishments. He has authored or been a co-author on more than 100 peer-reviewed publications.

2011 Nominations

Nominations for the 2011 award will be accepted from CALGB members until March 31, 2011. A letter, describing the contributions of the nominee, should be sent to:

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