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The Richard L. Schilsky Cancer and Leukemia Group B Achievement Award was established in 2010 to recognize the 15-year tenure of Dr. Schilsky as Group Chair of CALGB. The award acknowledges the significant contributions of an individual to cooperative group research. As an organization, it is vital for the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology to identify and honor the talented people responsible for its success. This award is made possible through generous donations from our members and industry supporters. It is presented each year during the Plenary Session of the Alliance Group Meeting.

2013 Award Recipient
Hyman B. Muss, MD

Hyman B. Muss, MD, is an experienced clinician-scientist. He currently is a professor of medicine at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and the director of the Geriatric Oncology Program at the UNC-Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center Program.

Before joining the faculty at UNC, Dr. Muss served as associate director of clinical research and division director of hematology/oncology at the University of Vermont Cancer Center. He was previously at Wake Forest University Comprehensive Cancer Center in Winston-Salem, NC, where he was a professor of medicine and associate director for clinical research.

Dr. Muss has served as co-chair of the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology’s Cancer in the Elderly Committee since 1996; he has been a Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB) member since 1979 and served as co-chair of the CALGB Breast Committee from 1996 to 2003. His research and expertise is largely focused on geriatric oncology and the care of older women with breast cancer. He has a major interest in breast cancer survivorship and long-term toxicity of treatment, including cardiac toxicity. Dr. Muss has developed and served as principal investigator on multiple clinical and translational trials and was the lead author of a CALGB trial and seminal New England Journal of Medicine article that compared standard adjuvant chemotherapy with oral chemotherapy in older women with early stage breast cancer. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the Board of Directors of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and the ASCO Foundation.

Dr. Muss has received several notable awards, including the B.J. Kennedy Award in Geriatric Oncology from ASCO in 2008 and the 2012 Susan G. Komen for the Cure Brinker Award for Scientific Distinction. In 1971, he was honored with a Bronze Star for his service in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Dr. Muss earned his undergraduate degree and graduated cum laude in chemistry from Lafayette College and obtained his medical degree from the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center. He completed his internship, residency and a research fellowship at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.