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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.

2015 Award Recipient

Alan P. Lyss, MD

Alan P. Lyss, MD, is a medical oncologist at Missouri Baptist Cancer Center. He joined the cancer center to direct the Cancer Research Program and to provide access to cancer research for the medically under-served rural residents served by the center’s physicians and staff.

Dr. Lyss’ clinical and research interests are in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of breast and lung cancers and supportive measures to reduce symptoms in patients receiving cancer treatment. Dr. Lyss is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine and Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Missouri School of Medicine.

As a practicing medical oncologist since 1982, Dr. Lyss has consistently engaged in clinical research, primarily through National Cancer Institute-sponsored cooperative groups. He has been a member of Cancer and Leukemia Group B since 1986 and served as Principal Investigator at Washington University from 1986 to 1991 and subsequently at Missouri Baptist Medical Center for 24 years. During this time, he served CALGB, North Central Cancer Treatment Group and the Alliance in many roles. He was Principal Investigator of Heartland Cancer Research CCOP for many years and is currently Sub-Principal Investigator for Heartland Cancer Research NCORP. Dr. Lyss’ dedication to cooperative group clinical research is apparent given his institution’s track record as a top-accruing site through the years.

In addition, he has served on the Board of Directors as well as Executive, Audit, Breast and Respiratory Committees of CALGB for two decades. He was a member of the Data and Safety Monitoring Board and Community Oncology Committee, and member and Vice Chair of the Publications Committee. Dr. Lyss has also filled many behind-the-scene roles on nominating committees and in training programs. At the national level, he contributed to several National Cancer Institute programs, including the informed consent working group and the clinical trials education program. In his local community, he has received such honors as Top 10 Doctors in Missouri, Patients’ Choice Award and Compassionate Doctor Recognition. He has authored or co-authored more than 40 published manuscripts.

Dr. Lyss received his MD degree from Washington University School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Ohio State University and a fellowship in hematology and oncology at the University of Pennsylvania.