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The American Society of Hematology Recognizes Curt Civin, MD, and Craig Kitchens, MD, MACP, for Outstanding Mentorship

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(WASHINGTON, July 23, 2015) – The American Society of Hematology (ASH) will honor Curt Civin, MD, and Craig Kitchens, MD, MACP, with 2015 Mentor Awards at the 57th ASH Annual Meeting and Exposition in Orlando for their sustained, outstanding commitment to the training and career development of early-career hematologists.

The ASH Mentor Award was established in 2006 to recognize hematologists who have excelled in mentoring trainees and colleagues. Each year the Society recognizes two outstanding mentors drawn from the areas of basic science, clinical investigation, education, or clinical/community care who have had a significant, positive impact on their mentees' careers and, through their mentees, have advanced research and patient care in the field of hematology.

Dr. Civin, Director of the Center for Stem Cell Biology and Associate Dean for Research at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, will be presented with the 2015 ASH Mentor Award for his service as a research mentor, educator, and career advocate to several generations of trainees. During his nearly 40-year career Dr. Civin has served as the primary faculty preceptor to 49 postdoctoral fellows and nine predoctoral students. Dr. Civin's mentees cite his confidence, optimism, generosity, and passion for combining basic research and clinical expertise as critical elements of his influence on their careers. Dr. Civin is also well-known for creating a collegial, exciting, and rigorous training environment in which he effectively balances patient care, research, administration, and teaching.



Dr. Civin's research focuses on stem cell biology, Fanconi anemia, and leukemia. He is internationally recognized for his discovery of the CD34 lympho-hematopoietic stem cell antigen and subsequent development of the CD34 monoclonal antibody, heralded as a major milestone in the development of cell therapy. This work has not only led to improved stem cell transplantation

for thousands of patients, but it has also indirectly contributed to the training of thousands of physicians and technicians throughout the world.

As a long-standing member of ASH, Dr. Civin has served on multiple committees and on the editorial board of *Blood*. Dr. Civin has served on the editorial board of nine additional scientific journals, and served as editor-in-chief of *Stem Cells* from 2000-2007. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the 2006 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Return of the Child Award and the 2009 American Association of Blood Banks' Karl Landsteiner Memorial Award & Lectureship. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Society for Cancer Research, and the American Society of Clinical Oncology and currently serves on the Board of Scientific Advisors and Clinical Trials Advisory Committee of the National Cancer Institute.

Announcement of Awards: Mentor Award, Outstanding Service Award, Public Service Award, Wallace H. Coulter Award for Lifetime Achievement in Hematology

Sunday, December 6, 2015, 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Orange County Convention Center, Hall D, Level 2

ASH Mentor Award



Curt I. Civin, MD, of the University of Maryland School of Medicine will be presented with a 2015 ASH Mentor Award for this long-standing and consistent impact on the careers of mentees. Since opening his lab in the late 1970s, Dr. Civin has mentored 49 post-doctoral fellows and nine predoctoral students, many of whom have gone on to become leaders in pediatric oncology. Throughout his career, Dr. Civin has served countless patients and pursued his research interests in stem cell biology, Fanconi anemia, and leukemia. He has served on the editorial board of 10 hematology journals, including *Blood*, and served as Editor-in-Chief of *Stem Cells* for nearly a decade.

ASH 2015 Honorific and Mentor Award Recipients

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Curt Civin, MD, Director of the Center for Stem Cell Biology and Associate Dean for Research at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and **Craig Kitchens, MD, MACP**, Professor Emeritus at the University of Florida College of Medicine, will each receive Mentor Awards for

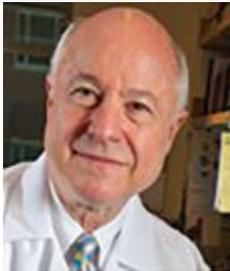
their sustained, outstanding commitment to the training and career development of early-career hematologists.

During his nearly 40-year career, Civin has served as the primary faculty preceptor to 49 postdoctoral fellows and nine predoctoral students; and is cited by his mentees for his confidence, optimism, generosity, and passion for combining basic research and clinical expertise as critical elements of his influence on their careers. His research has focused on stem cell biology, Fanconi anemia, and leukemia. Kitchens has helped promote the training and career development of hundreds of clinical trainees and faculty over his own 40-year career. He is described as a role model who emphasizes professionalism and moral values while encouraging trainees to pursue challenging research projects that may be outside of their comfort zone, according to a news release from ASH. His work has focused on thrombosis, and he has contributed to more than 120 publications and more than 40 book chapters.

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University of Maryland School of Medicine Professor Dr. Curt Civin Receives 2015 Mentor Award from the American Society of Hematology

Monday, November 23, 2015



Curt I. Civin, MD

Physician-Scientist Honored for His Sustained Commitment to Training Early-Career Hematologists

[Curt Civin, MD](#), Professor in the Departments of [Pediatrics](#) and [Physiology](#), Director of the [Center for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine](#), and Associate Dean for Research, and at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UM SOM), was one of two physicians to receive the **American Society of Hematology's (ASH) 2015 Mentor Award**, which honors outstanding commitment to the training and career development of early-career hematologists.

The award was established in 2006 to recognize hematologists who have excelled in mentoring trainees and colleagues. Each year, ASH recognizes two outstanding mentors who have had a significant impact on their mentees' careers and, through this, have advanced hematological research and patient care.

Dr. Civin has had a long, distinguished career. He discovered CD34+ lympho-hematopoietic stem-progenitor cells, opening entirely new directions in stem cell, leukemia, immunology, and transplantation research. He also developed the first successful stem cell therapy emanating from basic research, as proved in his own

patients. CD34+ was the first and is still the best marker for hematopoietic stem-progenitor cells.

Dr. Civin received a BA in Biology/Independent study from Amherst College in 1970 and an MD from Harvard University in 1974. After completing his pediatric residency at the Boston Children's Hospital Medical Center, he did a fellowship in pediatric hematology-oncology at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). He arrived at UM SOM in 2009 after more than three decades at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

As a longstanding member of ASH, Dr. Civin has served on multiple committees and on the editorial board of the group's journal, Blood. He has served on the editorial boards of nine other scientific journals and served as editor-in-chief of the journal Stem Cells from 2000 to 2007. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society for Cancer Research and the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

"Curt Civin is not only a superior researcher, he is an exceptional teacher," said [Dean E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA](#), who is also Vice President of Medical Affairs, the University of Maryland and the John Z. and Akiko Bowers Distinguished Professor. "His commitment to the next generation has yielded great benefit, and serves as an inspiration to our faculty as a model for combining research, treatment and education."

About the American Society of Hematology

The American Society of Hematology is the world's largest professional society concerned with the causes and treatment of blood disorders. Its mission is to further the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disorders affecting blood, bone marrow, and the immunologic, hemostatic, and vascular systems by promoting research, clinical care, education, training, and advocacy in hematology. www.hematology.org

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The University of Maryland School of Medicine was chartered in 1807 and is the first public medical school in the United States and continues today as an innovative leader in accelerating innovation and discovery in medicine. The School of Medicine is the founding school of the University of Maryland and is an integral part of the 11-campus University System of Maryland. Located on the University of Maryland's

Baltimore campus, the School of Medicine works closely with the University of Maryland Medical Center and Medical System to provide a research-intensive, academic and clinically based education. With 43 academic departments, centers and institutes and a faculty of more than 3,000 physicians and research scientists plus more than \$400 million in extramural funding, the School is regarded as one of the leading biomedical research institutions in the U.S. with top-tier faculty and programs in cancer, brain science, surgery and transplantation, trauma and emergency medicine, vaccine development and human genomics, among other centers of excellence. The School is not only concerned with the health of the citizens of Maryland and the nation, but also has a global presence, with research and treatment facilities in more than 35 countries around the world. <http://medschool.umaryland.edu/>