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National Home Infusion Foundation announces recipient of 2020 Outstanding Abstract Achievement Award

Alexandria, Va. (May 21, 2020) – The [National Home Infusion Foundation](#) (NHIF) is proud to announce that the winner of the 2020 Outstanding Abstract Achievement Award is Rachel Dellevar, PharmD.

Dellevar was given the award for her presentation on "[Prescriber Acceptance Rates of Pharmacist Recommendations in the Home Infusion Setting](#)". Her abstract discussed how pharmacist recommendations made within a home infusion pharmacy setting were either accepted with or without modification or rejected and analyzed the potential reasons for the recommendations and time involved in provider response.

The abstract submission program offers an opportunity for home and specialty infusion professionals to conduct investigative research into an industry-related topic and share their findings with the National Home Infusion Association (NHIA) and larger community. Finalists in the program shared their [presentations live via webinar](#).

As the winner, Dellevar will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, as well as support in developing a manuscript for publication, based on her presentation topic, and an opportunity to publish her finding in NHIA's INFUSION magazine.

Dellevar attended pharmacy school at Concordia University Wisconsin and is currently a PGY1 resident for Coram/CVS Specialty Infusion Services. Her professional interest areas include infectious disease, specialty disease states, and compounding. She is a participant in NHIA's Resident Program, where home and specialty infusion residents collaborate with the association and are provided with an outlet to develop and present research. The residents in the program get training to develop their research, and then submit abstracts and posters which are presented at NHIA's Annual Conference.

"Thank you to NHIA for giving me this amazing opportunity to present my research to such a wide audience. I also want to thank my residency program director Tiffany Fancher, who has been an invaluable resource to me as I conduct my research. This



was a truly fantastic experience and I am so honored to have been selected for this award,” said Dellevar.

“We congratulate Dellevar and all participants in this year’s poster submission program for their hard work and commitment to sharing research on home and specialty infusion clinical practice. It is exciting for us to see the innovative ways that industry professionals are assessing best practices and ways to advance home and specialty infusion and address challenges, especially during this public health crisis,” said NHIF’s Board Chair Chris Maksym, PharmD.

NHIF would also like to acknowledge this year’s Honorable Mention, Janet Slugget of CPIE Pharmacy Services, for her submission titled, “Flow Rate Accuracy of Ambulatory Elastomeric and Electronic Pumps used to Deliver Continuous Infusions at Home.” Slugget is a senior research fellow at the University of South Australia.

NHIF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that aims to advance the home and specialty infusion field and to support the enhancement of patient care and patient outcomes through leadership, research, and education. Established by the National Home Infusion Association, the Foundation is founded on the belief that delivering the highest quality infusion care to patients is at the heart of the field. Through education and research, the Foundation will strive to build upon the solid groundwork established by the industry more than 30 years ago.

NHIA is a trade association that represents companies that provide infusion therapy to patients in their homes, as well as companies that manufacture and supply infusion and specialty pharmacy products. The association’s mission is to provide advocacy, education, and resources to the home and specialty infusion community so the patients they serve can lead healthy, independent lives. Infusion therapy involves patient-specific compounded medications, supplies, and a range of pharmacy, nursing, and other clinical services for delivering care to patients in the home setting. For more information, visit www.nhia.org.

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