

Our Own Dr. Lawrence Vogel Receives 'Lifetime Achievement Award'

Dr. Lawrence C. Vogel, Interim Chief of Staff and Chief of Pediatrics, SHC - Chicago, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA), held in Philadelphia (photo, right). ASIA is a premier organization in the field of spinal cord injury (SCI) care, education, and research. Its mission is to promote and establish *standards of excellence* for all aspects of health care for individuals with SCI, to *educate* healthcare professionals, patients and their families, as well as the public on SCI, to *foster research* aimed at preventing SCI, improving care, reducing consequent disability, and finding a cure for both acute and chronic SCI, and to *facilitate communication* among members and the widest community.



The Lifetime Achievement Award, established in 1987, is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the world of SCI care. This award pays tribute to Dr. Vogel's dedication to children with SCI and their families, his professional competence, and his recognized achievement in the scientific world. Dr. Vogel embodies the mission of ASIA.

Dr. Vogel's numerous accomplishments in SCI medicine and rehabilitation span almost four decades. He graduated with distinction from Northwestern University in 1969. After completing medical school in 1973 at the University of Illinois, he moved to Connecticut, where he completed his residency in diatrics at Yale New Haven Hospital. Missing his hometown of Chicago, he returned to complete his fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Chicago.

Since 1979, he has served as Chief of Pediatrics at SHC - Chicago. In 1982, he became the first (and only) Medical Director of the SCI program. He now serves as Interim Chief of Staff. Dr. Vogel is also a Professor of Pediatrics at Rush Medical College and a prolific writer. He has had a sustained program of research on pediatric SCI with funding that spans 25 years, resulting in over 150 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 25 book chapters, and two books. He has delivered over 500 public presentations, instructional courses and/or invited lectures. In his limited free time, he served as vice chair and chair for the Consortium for Spinal Cord Medicine, president of the American Paraplegia Society and American Spinal Injury Society, and on the Board of Directors of both organizations for 13 and 12 years, respectively.

Dr. Vogel, a Medinah Shriner in his spare time (left), also served on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Chapter of National Spinal Cord Injury Association. Most recently, he was invited to be a member of the Institute of Medicine. A skillful editor, he served as issue-editor for *Topics in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation* and on the editorial board of *Journal of Spinal Cord Medicine* for 11 years. Currently, he is co-editor of *Topics in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation* and co-chair of a workgroup reviewing the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes Common Data Elements and the International SCI Data Sets for Pediatric Spinal Cord Injury. His work throughout his career has transformed the landscape of pediatric SCI.



Dr. Vogel's passion is contagious. Through his work, as well as his humor, he has made a positive difference in the lives of our pediatric patients, families, staff, and trainees. He is most deserving of the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award. From all of us at Shriners, Chicago, thank you for your hard work, commitment, and love. Congratulations, Dr. Vogel!

