

2024 Pharmacy to Dose Living Legend Award Nominees

1. Nicole Acquisto, PharmD, FASHP, FCCM, FCCP, BCCCP

a. Dr Acquisto is one of the original pharmacists to put emergency medicine pharmacy on the map. On a personal level, she has been someone who I have looked up to in my own career. She is a great mentor, researcher, role model and friend. She is a sounding board and one of the only people who will still redline one of my manuscripts in a way that makes me feel like a resident (in a good way!) a testament to how much she has to offer in the way of feedback and mentorship. She is a Clinical Research Pharmacist in the Department of Pharmacy and Associate Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at University of Rochester Medical Center. She is a leader in EM pharmacy and active at advancing practice at the national and international level through advocacy, education, and research. She previously mentored a team of EM pharmacists, was the PGY2 EM Pharmacy Residency Director (11 years), managed an ED antimicrobial stewardship program, was Chairman of the ED Opioid Task Force, had a leadership role on the enterprise-wide Opioid Task Force, and was involved with quality improvement and optimization of patient care activities with the ED, prehospital medicine and several subspecialty services. She also developed and organized the pharmacist role within various emergency response team efforts for time-dependent emergencies (e.g., cardiac arrest, trauma, stroke, pulmonary embolism) at the institution. She is currently involved in advancing the research mission for the Departments of Pharmacy and Emergency Medicine and leads and participates in multi-center and single-center research efforts as well as mentoring junior faculty and pharmacy and medical residents and students through the research process. Dr. Acquisto is active in the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), and Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM). She is a past-Chair of the ACCP Emergency Medicine Practice and Research Network (EMED PRN), has been a member of both the ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists Advisory Group on Emergency Care and Clinical Leadership, and is a member of the SCCM Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology Section. She was a member of the expert panel petitioning the Board of Pharmacy Specialties to recognize EM as a pharmacist specialty and participated in the Commission on Credentialing PGY2 EM residency competency areas, goals, and objectives update. Dr. Acquisto has over 110 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters and has presented on the national stage over 50 times. Her national recognitions include the ASHP Pharmacy Residency Excellence New Preceptor Award (2013), two ASHP Best Practices Awards (2008, 2018), the ACCP New Clinical Practitioner Award (2014), and four ACCP EMED PRN Outstanding Paper of the Year Awards, (2016, 2019, 2020, 2023). She is an Editorial Board member for the Journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, a Fellow of ACCP, ASHP, and SCCM and a Board Certified Critical Care Pharmacist. She is also one of the few pharmacists to lead a national guideline (the 2023 SCCM RSI guidelines). She is a true living legend in the field of EM pharmacy.

b. Nicole is a pioneer who has paved the way for what has become contemporary pharmacy practice in the emergency department. She was a founding member of the ACCP Emergency Medicine Practice and Research Network and in many ways drove its establishment. She had the foresight to realize that emergency pharmacists are a distinct group and needed their own home. She led the petition that resulted in the recognition of Board Certification for Emergency Department

Pharmacists (BCEMP) - an important milestone. She has represented pharmacy by shaping the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) policy statement on Clinical Pharmacy Services and led the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) guidelines on rapid sequence intubation. Perhaps as impressive, and people may not know this about her, is she is that her vacations involve rafting down deadly rivers or hiking some of the tallest mountains in the world. I am not surprised - she is a living legend.

- c. Nicole is an outstanding pharmacist and mentor. There is nobody else like her. She has devoted her career to improving patient care in the emergency department, advancing clinical pharmacy practice, and mentoring anyone she crosses paths with. Her work ethic and forward-thinking vision have truly made her the living legend she is. I'm proud to work with her and call her my dear friend!

2. John Devlin, PharmD, BCCCP, MCCM, FCCP

- a. As a nationally recognized professional in both pharmacy and critical care, John brings a depth of expertise that bridges patient care, research, and academia. With over 20 years of experience as a critical care pharmacist, he has contributed to more than 250 publications in pharmacy and critical care. His dedication to the profession is exemplified by his ongoing mentorship, ensuring that his trainees not only excel in their current roles but also become leaders in advancing pharmacy practice. He has successfully trained seven post-doctoral critical care pharmacy fellows, numerous pharmacy students, and physicians, demonstrating his commitment to shaping the next generation of healthcare professionals. Building upon his extensive clinical experience, John's contributions extend to research and leadership in workshops or symposiums such as the NIDUS Delirium Boot Camp and New England Critical Care Symposium. His active involvement in professional organizations such as the American Delirium Society, Society of Critical Care Medicine, and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy further reflects his commitment to advancing critical care/delirium. John's ongoing contributions continue to shape the future of critical care pharmacy, setting new standards in professional excellence.
- b. To sum up everything Dr. Devlin has done for the fields of both pharmacy and critical care medicine in a few paragraphs is an exercise in futility. His direct and indirect contributions have truly changed the fields in a positive way. His work in PAD-IS and delirium have led to him chairing the most recent SCCM PAD-IS guidelines as well as leading/contributing to research featured in high-impact journals such as NEJM, JAMA, and SCCM. If his contributions stopped after his clinical work, it would still be incredibly impressive. Dr. Devlin is so incredibly gracious with his time, expertise, and knowledge working with an incredible variety of Pharmacists, including international Pharmacist colleagues. To define a Living Legend is a person who needs no introduction for all they've done, but are also kind and humble enough to continue giving back to the Pharmacy profession, and that is Dr. John Devlin.