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CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S EMPLOYEE RECOGNIZED WITH PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FROM CONNECTICUT PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

HARTFORD, Conn. - West Hartford resident Garry Lapidus, PA-C, MPH, Director of the Injury Prevention Center at Connecticut Children's Medical Center and Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine has been named the recipient of the Connecticut Public Health Association's (CPHA) prestigious 2013 Charles G. Huntington III Award. This honor recognizes a health care practitioner who has demonstrated public health leadership and a commitment to the health and well-being of populations. Each year, the CPHA recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to public health leadership, education and advocacy in our state.

"CPHA is thrilled to extend the Charles G. Huntington Award honor to Garry," says Elaine Abrams, MPH, RN, CPHA President-elect. "He was clearly chosen because he exemplifies what this award is all about."

This award is given in memory of Charles Huntington, a physician assistant, who, at the time of his passing, was an Associate Dean and Associate Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. A leader, role model, and a dedicated humanist, Huntington was a steadfast public health advocate, and a caregiver of the first order. Lapidus was presented the 2013 Charles G. Huntington III Award at the 2013 CPHA Public Health Awards Night on April 4 at the Wadsworth Mansion in Middletown. In the attached photo, he is pictured receiving his award with (from L to R): Joan Segal, Past President, Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA); Kathi Traugh, President, CPHA; and U.S. Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro.

"While Connecticut Children's is known for the high level of care that we provide for sick or injured children, we have a core responsibility to work to prevent injuries from occurring in the first place," said Martin J. Gavin, President and CEO of Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

“Garry has led our efforts in this regard through his exemplary work at our Injury Prevention Center, and we are pleased that the public health community has recognized him for his outstanding contributions.”

Garry Lapidus has worked as a physician assistant for over three decades and provides clinical care in the Emergency Department at Connecticut Children’s. A national leader in injury prevention research, education and training, public policy and community programs, he has published over 40 peer-reviewed journal articles and given numerous presentations to local, national and international audiences. He developed and teaches the Injury and Violence Prevention course at the University of Connecticut Graduate Program in Public Health and serves as a preceptor and mentor for medical and public health students. Lapidus is past Chair of the Injury Control and Emergency Health Services section of the American Public Health Association and served on the advisory boards for the National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center, the Harvard Injury Control Research Center, and for the Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research. He currently is President of the New England Injury and Violence Prevention Research Collaborative and a board member of the Injury Free Coalition for Kids.

About Connecticut Children’s Medical Center

Connecticut Children’s Medical Center is a nationally recognized, 187-bed not-for-profit children’s hospital serving as the primary teaching hospital for the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Named among the best in the nation for several of its pediatric specialties in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* “Best Children’s Hospitals” rankings, Connecticut Children’s is the only free-standing children’s hospital in Connecticut that offers comprehensive, world-class health care to children. Our pediatric services are available at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center in Hartford and at Saint Mary’s Hospital in Waterbury, with neonatal intensive care units at Hartford Hospital and the University of Connecticut Health Center, along with five specialty care centers and 10 other locations across the state. Connecticut Children’s has a medical staff of nearly 1,100 practicing in more than 30 specialties.

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About Connecticut Public Health Association

The mission of the Connecticut Public Health Association, the state affiliate of the American Public Health Association, is to represent and unite the diverse expertise of Connecticut's public health professionals, to ameliorate the most pressing public health issues in the state, and to promote health and safe living for the people of Connecticut. CPHA works to promote and protect the public's health through advocacy; education; program, professional and workforce development; and networking among the public health community. For more information, please visit www.cpha.info.

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