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## PBMTC Lifetime Achievement Award PRESS RELEASE

**Dr. Jean E. Sanders** is the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Consortium. The recipient is being recognized for a career that exemplifies the mission of the Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Consortium *“To support research and education to improve the availability, safety, and efficacy of hematopoietic cell transplantation and other cellular therapeutics for children and adolescents.”*

Dr. Sanders is the Director of the Pediatric Hematopoietic Transplant Program at Seattle Children's Hospital and member of the Clinical Research Division at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. She is a Professor of Pediatrics and the Gerald and Gloria Swanson Family Endowed Chair in Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation Research at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

For almost 35 years, Dr. Sanders has dedicated her career to service the clinical, teaching and research missions of pediatric bone marrow transplantation. Thousands of children have benefited from her medical expertise and research. She has trained more than 90 specialists in this field and has authored over 300 scientific publications. She has chaired multiple cooperative research groups and served as advisor for many medical and scientific organizations including the Children's Oncology Group, the National Childhood Cancer Foundation, the American Academy of Pediatrics and National Institutes of Health. Her pioneering clinical research in pediatric bone marrow transplantation has advanced this field and improved the survival and quality of life of many children undergoing this life-saving procedure.

The Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Consortium (PBMTC) is comprised of more than 100 pediatric BMT centers in the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Europe. The PBMTC is the largest clinical trials group focused exclusively on blood and marrow transplants for children and adolescents. Dr. Sanders will receive this well-deserved award during the 2009 Tandem BMT Meetings of the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation and the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research to be held in Tampa Florida.

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