



PEDIATRIC BLOOD AND MARROW TRANSPLANT CONSORTIUM

PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Robertson Parkman is the second recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Consortium. Dr. Parkman 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. Parkman is a Professor of Pediatrics at both the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles and the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California. For 40 years, he has dedicated his career to service the clinical, teaching and research missions of pediatric bone marrow transplantation and immunology. He received his medical training at Yale and since then has had many positions in hospitals in Boston, Massachusetts and Los Angeles, California. He has authored over 200 scientific publications. He continues to participate in many organizations from the American Cancer Society to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute where he is the Chairman for the Data and Safety Monitoring Board for Gene Transfer and Cellular Therapies. His clinical research in immunology and bone marrow transplantation has advanced this field and improved the survival and quality of life of many patients 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. Parkman will receive this well-deserved award during the 2010 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 Orlando Florida.

The presentation of the award to Dr. Parkman will be during the PBMTc Spring Business Meeting held at the BMT Tandem Meetings in Orlando, Florida. The meeting will take place on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 7:30 pm in room Suwannee 14 of the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel. There is no cost and you do not need to make a reservation to attend the PBMTc Spring Business meeting, we encourage everyone who is already attending the BMT Tandem Meeting to come support Dr. Parkman.