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#### **PATIENCE WHITE RECEIVES AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RHEUMATOLOGY PAULDING PHELPS AWARD**

**ATLANTA** – Patience H. White, MD, MA; vice president for public health at the Arthritis Foundation and professor of medicine and pediatrics at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, received the Paulding Phelps Award from the American College of Rheumatology during the ACR Annual Scientific Meeting, November 6 – 11 in Atlanta.

The award is named after ACR past president, Paulding Phelps, MD, the first community-based private practitioner to serve as president of the ACR. It is given to a clinical rheumatologist for outstanding service to patients, community and the practice of medicine.

Dr. White received her Doctor of Medicine from Harvard Medical School, completed internal medicine training at Beth Israel Hospital, and did a rheumatology fellowship at Beth Israel Hospital and the Brigham and Women’s Hospital, followed by a pediatric rheumatology fellowship with Barbara M. Ansell, MD, at Northwick Hospital in London, England. In mid-career she completed a Masters of Education at George Washington University in connection with developing a Certificate in Medical Education Program to improve teaching skills of academic physicians. She received an ACR Clinician Educator Award to develop a curriculum to improve the teaching capacity of region’s rheumatology fellows.

As professor of medicine and pediatrics at George Washington University, Dr. White has served as director of the division of adult rheumatology and of pediatric rheumatology at the Children’s National Medical Center, associate dean for faculty affairs, and chair of the faculty Senate. She has served the ACR by participating on the Committee on Rheumatology Workforce and Training Issues, the Section on Pediatric Rheumatology Executive Committee, Committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest, Committee on Education, Committee on Quality of Care and the board of directors. She has had leadership positions in the American Academy of Pediatrics including the Council on Sections, the Pediatric Rheumatology Section, and the Committees on Scientific Meetings and Child Health Financing.

The American College of Rheumatology is an international professional medical society that represents more than 8,000 rheumatologists and rheumatology health professionals around the world. Its mission is to advance rheumatology. The ACR/ARHP Annual Scientific Meeting is the premier meeting in rheumatology. For more information about the meeting, visit [www.rheumatology.org/education](http://www.rheumatology.org/education). Follow the meeting on twitter by using the official hashtag: #ACR2010.

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