

THE DR. LORI A. ALEXANDER INTER_xVENT YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Dr. Lori A. Alexander **March 10, 1955 – May 8, 2004**

Dr. Lori Alexander earned her Doctorate from The Ohio State University and received an American Heart Association Post-Doctoral Fellowship and Grant-In-Aid to pursue her research interest in cardiology at the Ohio State University College of Medicine. After a number of years on the faculty at the University of New Hampshire, she left teaching and entered the Harvard School of Public Health where she received a Post-Doctoral Master of Public Health in Epidemiology. She founded and served as Director of the Electrophysiology Research Section at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and also served as Director of Research at the Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas Heart Institute. For over twenty-five years, she volunteered with the American Heart Association and worked in the areas of adult and youth heart health education, prevention, rehabilitation, research and programming. She served as President of the Chatham County (Georgia) Affiliate of the American Heart Association from 2000 to 2001.

Dr. Alexander first met Dr. Neil Gordon, the founder of INTER_xVENT^{USA}, Inc., in the early 1990s through her husband, Dr. Ken Hardigan, an interventional cardiologist. Dr. Alexander assisted Dr. Gordon in designing the first randomized clinical trial of INTER_xVENT in patients with coronary artery disease. She was listed as Dr. Gordon's co-investigator on the research grant application for this study that received funding from the American Heart Association. Tragically, Dr. Alexander subsequently developed fatal cardiac complications from radiation therapy she had received as a young woman.

In honor of Dr. Alexander's many important contributions to the field of cardiovascular disease prevention in general and to INTER_xVENT's initial research efforts in particular, the Dr. Lori A. Alexander INTER_xVENT Young Investigator Award was created in 2006. The award will be made annually to a deserving young investigator to facilitate his/her presentation of INTER_xVENT-related research at a national medical/scientific meeting. The award will provide assistance with data analysis and abstract preparation, assistance with presentation preparation, and \$1,000 toward the expenses for attending the medical/scientific meeting to present the abstract.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Employee of an institution (not-for-profit or for-profit) that has been an INTER_xVENT licensee/affiliate for at least one year.
2. Age ≤ 40 years at the time of submission of application.
3. Endorsement from the institution's INTER_xVENT program director.
4. Written agreement to prepare, submit and present the proposed research at the designated medical/scientific meeting if selected as the Award recipient.

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Application Procedure

Each year, INTER_xVENT will notify licensees of the specific medical/scientific meeting(s) for which applications will be considered. *For 2006, the designated meeting is the 2006 AACVPR Annual Meeting, September 14-17, Charleston, WV.*

A three-step application process will then be utilized, as follows:

Step 1.

Submit to INTER_xVENT (ngordon@interventusa.com; cc to sjohnson@interventusa.com) your bio-sketch together with a brief description of the proposed research study. The study must involve analysis of data already in the INTER_xVENT database. However, the study may involve utilization of data from multiple INTER_xVENT licensees rather than only the institution's data. The brief description should be no longer than approximately 200 words and must be submitted to INTER_xVENT at least 60 days prior to the due date for the submission of abstracts for the designated medical/scientific meeting. *(For 2006, the brief description must be submitted by 5PM EST, Friday, March 17).*

Step 2.

INTER_xVENT will review all applications and, where appropriate, discuss the proposed research with the applicants. If the proposed research is feasible and deemed to represent a meaningful contribution to existing medical/scientific knowledge, INTER_xVENT will assist select applicants with data analysis and the preparation of an abstract for the designated medical/scientific meeting. The completed abstract must be submitted to INTER_xVENT for review at least 14 days prior to the due date for the submission of abstracts for the designated medical/scientific meeting. *(For 2006, the abstract must be submitted to INTER_xVENT by 5 PM EST, Sunday, April 2; the deadline for abstract submission to AACVPR is 5 PM CST, Friday, April 7).*

Step 3.

INTER_xVENT will review all submitted abstracts and notify the applicants of the Award recipient. INTER_xVENT will assist the Award recipient (and all others who submit abstracts) with the preparation of their presentation(s). The Award recipient will receive \$1,000 toward the expenses for attending the medical/scientific meeting and presenting the abstract.

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