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Anne Weissman Lucky, M.D., Named Practitioner of the Year

Each year, the Dermatology Foundation recognizes a Practitioner of the Year-- a dermatologist whose teaching, research, and practice have resulted in the highest level of care for patients. This year, that honor was bestowed upon Dr. Anne Weissman Lucky.

From early on, Anne Lucky has combined compassion and knowledge to provide the best possible care for her patients. Upon graduation from the Yale University School of Medicine in 1970, she was honored with the Miriam Kathleen Daisy Award, given to the "student who by strength of character, personal integrity, and academic achievement gives promise of fulfilling the ideal of the compassionate physician."

After a residency in pediatrics and fellowships in human genetics and endocrinology, Dr. Lucky found her way to dermatology. Her interest in children led her to head the pediatric dermatology department at Cincinnati Children's Hospital for five years before establishing with her dermatologist husband a private practice, as well as a clinical research unit that has carried out more than 160 clinical trials.

And her dedication to teaching and research has continued. Dr. Lucky has authored more than 170 publications. She has also remained on the hospital's medical faculty, currently as acting

director of the dermatology division, inspiring generations of medical students and residents at weekly clinics. In 2005, she co-founded two interdisciplinary care centers, one for children with complex vascular anomalies and the other for children with Epidermolysis Bullosa. In providing care for what she describes as “really sick kids with really rare problems,” Dr. Lucky has provided meaningful improvement in their care and quality of life.

Clearly, Anne Lucky has fulfilled the “ideal of the compassionate physician” that was forecast for her as she began her medical career. As she would put it, her patients are “where you learn everything. And that’s what and who you are there for.”

The Dermatology Foundation was created in 1964 and is the leading private funding source for skin disease research. It provides funding that helps develop and retain tomorrow’s teachers and researchers in dermatology and enables advancements in patient care.