Career Teaching Scholar Awards
Pediatric Grand Rounds

December 12, 2014
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Children’s Hospital Colorado, Mt. Oxford Auditorium

This year’s awardees are...

Brian P. Englund, PA-C
Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics

Debby J. Faes, PA-C
Clinical Professor of Pediatrics

Ida I. Nakashima, MD
Associate Professor Emerita of Pediatrics

Jeffrey S. Wagener, MD
Clinical Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics

The Department of Pediatrics presents the Career Teaching Scholar Award to gifted teachers, both full-time faculty and clinical faculty, who have made outstanding contributions to pediatric education throughout their career.

Reception in 2nd Floor Conference Center Lobby ~ 1:30 p.m.

Sponsored by The Department of Pediatrics, University of Colorado School of Medicine
Dr. John "Jack" H. Githens passed away November 5, 2014, at the age of 92. Jack grew up in Philadelphia, received his undergraduate degree from Swarthmore College and his medical degree from Temple University in 1945. After serving active duty in the U.S. Navy, he completed training in pediatric hematology at Philadelphia Children's Hospital. Jack’s love for Colorado, which he discovered on a hitchhiking trip across the United Sates at the age of 17, drew him back in 1950.

Dr. Githens became Chief Resident in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and subsequently became Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Githens spent a brief period of time from 1960-63 as Chairman of Pediatrics at University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington; but returned to his beloved Colorado as the Associate Dean of University of Colorado School of Medicine, where he served until his retirement as Professor Emeritus in 1987. He was acting Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics from 1955-56 and again in 1973-74.

Jack was the Founder and Director of the Colorado Sickle Cell Treatment and Research Center. Jack received various distinguished awards during his lifetime including notably, the Governor of Colorado’s Proclamation Award, proclaiming September 28th as Dr. Jack Githens Day in the State of Colorado.

Beyond his distinguished medical career, Jack was an outdoor enthusiast who was passionate about downhill and cross country skiing, fishing for elusive trout in Colorado’s most remote mountain streams, camping, hiking in the National Forests, identifying the best edible mushrooms, and enjoying Colorado’s spectacular sunsets. He cared deeply for Colorado’s environment and the health of its children.

Jack was well-respected and loved, a wonderful father, and good friend to many. He was preceded in death by his high school sweetheart and wife, Virginia (Din) Githens. Jack is survived by son, Jim Githens, daughter, Windy Githens Benzerga, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Contributions can be made in his memory to the Sickle Cell Treatment and Research Fund, #0221051, at the CU foundation. Contributions may be made on-line at [www.cufund.org/give-now](http://www.cufund.org/give-now) and enter the fund number 0221051; or by check to CU Foundation and include the fund number.