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Lawrence J. Singerman, MD, FACS, FICS Receives 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award in Diabetes Research from the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland

CLEVELAND – The Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland’s research arm, Dietrich Diabetes Research Institute (DDRI), is pleased to announce that the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award in Diabetes Research recipient is Lawrence J. Singerman, MD, FACS, FICS of Retina Associates of Cleveland for his contributions to diabetes research.

This award recognizes scientists in Northeast Ohio who have influenced the way the disease is understood and treated through their dedication to diabetes research. The first co-recipients of the award were Saul Genuth, MD and the late Bernard R. Landau, MD, PhD in 2006.

Phil Goldberg, MD, Chairman of the Board of the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland (DAGC), presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Singerman at the second annual Chairman’s Forum on Diabetes Research on October 4th. Dr. Singerman will also be recognized at the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland’s Annual Meeting in February 2008.

Dr. Singerman is a Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and Voluntary Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute of the University of Miami School of Medicine. He is also the founder of Retina Associates of Cleveland and maintains a thriving clinical practice focused on retinal diseases and surgery.

Dr. Singerman has been involved with DAGC for many years. He joined the Board of Directors in 1975 and served as Board President from 1987 through 1989. During his tenure as president, he established formal strategic planning for DAGC and chaired the first Strategic Planning Committee. Dr. Singerman also spearheaded DAGC’s move from Lee Road in Cleveland Heights to its present location on Green Road in Beachwood. In recognition of his service as president, Executive Committee member (10 years) and Board member (15 years), DAGC made Dr. Singerman its first Honorary Board Member for Life.

Dr. Singerman completed his ophthalmology training at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Cleveland and his retinal training at the prestigious Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 1974. He continued work at Mt. Sinai as the Director of the Retinal Fellowship Program, Director of Retinal and Laser Surgery, and Director of the Retinal Institute.

He founded the Macula Society in 1977 and has been its executive secretary from then until the present. He is a past president of both the Cleveland and the Ohio Ophthalmological Society. He has served as the Vice Chairman of the Council of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Dr. Singerman has received numerous awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Honor Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology in 2006. He sits on many editorial and advisory boards, lectures internationally, and is well published. Dr. Singerman's dedication to improving the lives of people with diabetes extends to an active research program. He has been the principal investigator on over 60 retinal clinical trials and co-investigator on many others.

Dr. Singerman has been honored in *The Best Doctors in America*, 1992-1997, *The Best Doctors in America: Midwest Region* (Woodward/White Publishers), 1996-2007, and *Best Doctors in Cleveland* (Cleveland Magazine), 1998-2007. For all that Dr. Singerman has given personally and professionally to DAGC, to the field of diabetes, and to the betterment of the quality of life for all those we serve, DDRI is proud to add the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award in Diabetes Research to his long list of awards and accomplishments.

Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland's Dietrich Diabetes Research Institute

Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland is a local and independent nonprofit organization (not affiliated with the American Diabetes Association or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) that has been dedicated to improving the lives of people with diabetes by leading Northeast Ohio in its prevention, management, and cure since 1954. For more information about the organization, please visit www.dagc.org or call (216) 591-0800.

DAGC's research arm, Dietrich Diabetes Research Institute, was established in 2003 by Nancy and Richard Dietrich. DDRI is an independent, regional diabetes research clearinghouse whose mission is to: (1) To strengthen the diabetes research presence in Northeast Ohio by facilitating collaborative efforts in diabetes research, (2) Serve as a diabetes research information clearinghouse to help enhance the overall quality of clinical care for patients with diabetes in northeast Ohio, and (3) Help people with diabetes understand new research and its effect on their medical care. For more information about DDRI, visit www.ddri.org or call 216-591-0800.

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Phil Goldberg, MD (right) presents the award to Larry Singerman, MD