

**LOCAL SCHOLARS SELECTED FOR NATIONAL PROGRAM
ON WOMEN'S HEALTH EDUCATION**

Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 26, 2007 — The Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO) has selected **June LaValleur, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.** and **Dr. Phillip N. Rauk, M.D.** as two of 20 scholars to participate in the APGO/Solvay Pharmaceuticals Educational Scholars Development Program. They will take part in the program designed to help obstetricians and gynecologists become educational leaders in the field of women's health.

Dr. LaValleur and Dr. Rauk were selected from a competitive group of applicants across the United States based on professional credentials and a demonstrated commitment to women's health education. As a long-term goal, program graduates are expected to share the knowledge gained from this program within their communities.

Both physicians will be inducted as members of the 2008-2009 class of the APGO/Solvay Pharmaceuticals Educational Scholars Development Program on January 19, 2008, at the APGO Faculty Development Seminar in Maui, Hawaii.

Dr. LaValleur received her medical degree in 1987 from the University of Minnesota and completed her residency training in obstetrics and gynecology from that same institution. Dr. LaValleur is currently involved in multiple research projects. She is a speaker with a national reputation for her expertise in mature women's health. Her special interests include menopause, sexual dysfunction, osteoporosis, and hormone therapy. Dr. LaValleur continues to pioneer the cause of mature women's health and empowers women all over the country in their lifelong journey toward health and wholeness.

Dr. Rauk graduated from the Washington University School of Medicine in 1986 and completed his Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency at the same institution in 1990. He completed a Fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Magee-Womens Hospital, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1992 and remained there as faculty in the

Maternal-Fetal Medicine Division until 2003 when he joined the faculty in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health at the University of Minnesota Medical School in 2003. Dr. Rauk has been the Residency Program Director since 2006.

APGO and Solvay Pharmaceuticals: Committed to Women's Health

The APGO/Solvay Pharmaceuticals Educational Scholars Development Program is the first-ever comprehensive educational curriculum designed to improve education in obstetrics and gynecology. The program objective is to provide select physician faculty with the necessary training to further develop the skills and knowledge needed to become outstanding teachers and educational administrators. The program consists of a rigorous 15-month curriculum covering four major areas: curriculum and instruction; measurement and evaluation; research and statistics; and leadership and management.

Now in its eleventh year, the APGO/Solvay Pharmaceuticals Educational Scholars Development Program is made possible by an educational grant from Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc. as part of the company's commitment to leadership in women's health. The initiative will run until 2011.

APGO, established in 1962, is a non-profit association dedicated to promoting excellence in women's health care education by providing an exchange of information on programs of study, teaching methods, and research activities among gynecologic and obstetric programs. APGO has grown to become one of the recognized leaders in women's health education. Visit www.apgo.org to learn more about the organization and its activities.

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