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## **2008 Maher Award Recipients Announced**

**BETHESDA, Md**. - The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences' (USU) Department of Medicine recently announced that four faculty members received the 2008 John F. Maher Award for excellence in the field of peritoneal dialysis.

The 2008 recipients include: Teodor-Doru Brumeau, M.D. associate professor, Division of Immunology and Rheumatology; Mary A. Marovich, M.D. associate professor; LCDR Erich F. Wedam, MC, USN, assistant professor, Division of Cardiology; and Xiaoming Zhou, M.D., Ph.D., research assistant professor, Division of Nephrology.

The award, given every two years by the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis, honors the contributions of those selected to the field of PD and their distinction in either scientific, medical or nursing aspects. Judged on the basis of the excellence in research, clinical attributes in PD, publications, patient impact and recognition at national and international level, the awardees will present their findings to the ISPD Congress.

Located on the grounds of Bethesda's National Naval Medical Center and across from the National Institutes of Health, USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing, and also offers several graduate programs in the biomedical sciences and public health. The university educates health care professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense and the U.S. Public Health Service.