



U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee
Department of Health and Human Services

ALLEN J. BRANDS PHS CLINICAL PHARMACIST
OF THE YEAR AWARD COVER SHEET (please print or type)

CANDIDATE'S

GRADE/RANK/NAME: DR. KARIM A. CALIS

POSITION TITLE:

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PROPOSED CITATION (not to exceed 25 words):

FOR excellence in patient care,
teaching, AND clinical research.

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CDR Patricia Garvey
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Dear CDR Garvey:

It is with great enthusiasm that I nominate Dr. Karim Anton Calis for the U.S. Public Health Service Allen J. Brands Clinical Pharmacist of the Year Award for 2007. I have worked with Dr. Calis for more than 17 years. During this time period, I have come to know and respect him both personally and professionally. I am, therefore, pleased and honored to write this letter in support of his candidacy. Karim's reputation for excellence and leadership in clinical pharmacy is recognized at the local, regional, national and international levels. His exceptional work ethic, moral character, knowledgebase, communication and clinical skills, and professional experiences are such that it is difficult for me to adequately convey just how truly remarkable he is as a person, clinician, teacher, and researcher.

Dr. Calis is a clinical specialist in endocrinology and women's health for the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He is also the Director of the NIH Drug Information Service. Dr. Calis earned his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy and received a Master of Public Health degree from The Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. Dr. Calis has served in this capacity since 1989. His clinical expertise and competence became readily apparent to me early in his tenure at the NIH. I actively collaborated with Dr. Calis on several research projects, interacted with him in various educational programs for the NIH staff, and sought his consultation regarding clinical pharmacy and drug information issues. I sincerely doubt that you will find another individual who is more dedicated to drug information, clinical practice, research and education than Dr. Calis.

Dr. Calis was the Program Director of the Specialized Residency in Drug Information Practice and Pharmacotherapy, which he developed in 1992. He is Chairman of the Antimicrobials Subcommittee at the NIH Clinical Center and is a member of the Nutrition, Pharmacy & Therapeutics, and DUE Committees. Prior to

joining the NIH in 1989, Dr. Calis held the positions of Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator, Assistant Director for Clinical Services, and director of a nutritional and metabolic support service. He was inducted as a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists in 1996 and is board certified in pharmacotherapy and nutritional support by the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties. Dr. Calis is a Clinical Professor at the University of Maryland and Shenandoah University, and Professor at the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University. He is a clinical investigator in the NIH intramural research program with a primary focus on disorders of the HPA axis, reproductive endocrinology, physiologic hormone replacement, and childhood growth and obesity. Dr. Calis is responsible for drug safety monitoring for a number of ongoing NIH studies and is a member of the NICHD Institutional Review Board. He also is a member and chair of several data and safety monitoring boards at the NIH.

Dr. Calis is an active member of numerous professional organizations and contributes regularly to the medical literature. He is a referee for several medical and pharmacy journals (including *JAMA*, the *New England Journal of Medicine*, and the *Archives of Internal Medicine*), a reviewer for the *American Hospital Formulary Service*, an assistant editor for the Micromedex DRUGDEX System, and a contributor to the *United States Pharmacopeia: Dispensing Information*. Dr. Calis has served on numerous national and international committees. He was the chair of the ACCP Public and Professional Affairs Committee and also is the chair of the ACCP Women's Health Practice and Research Network. Dr. Calis also served as a member of the Scientific Program Committee of the International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology—a position he has held for nearly a decade. He recently completed 5-year terms as a member of both the United States Pharmacopeial Convention's Expert Panel on Nutrition and Electrolytes and the Endocrinology Expert Committee, and is currently chairman of the Endocrinology Expert Committee. Chair of a USP Expert Panel is a position seldom held by pharmacists. He is Vice Chair of the Medicare Model Guidelines Expert Committee and a member of USP's Council of Experts. Dr. Calis has also served on the editorial boards of the *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacists*, *Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine*, and the *Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association*. Currently he serves on the editorial boards of *Hospital Pharmacy* and the *Journal of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition*.

Dr. Calis has served as a contributor for the APhA Disease-Specific Drug Therapy Protocols. He was nominated by the AACCP, ACCP, APhA, and ASHP for a seat on the Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drug Advisory Committee of the Food and Drug Administration and was twice nominated by the AJHP staff for the ASHP Foundation Award for Sustained Contributions to the Pharmacy Literature. Dr. Calis participated in the prestigious NIA/NCI/AHCPR Working Group on Pharmacology in Aging and Cancer in December 1994. He served as the Endocrinology Section Advisor for APhA's *DrugInfoline* and was previously the Diabetes Section Advisor. Dr. Calis received the Hospital Pharmacist of the Year Award in 1989 from the Washington Metropolitan Society of Hospital Pharmacists and later served as president of that organization. He also is the recipient of the McKesson and Squibb leadership awards. In December of 2001, Dr. Calis was presented with the ASHP Research and Education Foundation's Pharmacy Practice Research Award. This award was conferred to Dr. Calis for a landmark paper he published in the journal *Pharmacotherapy* titled "Quality of Pharmacotherapy Consultations Provided by Drug Information Centers in the United States." Dr. Calis has made outstanding contributions to the medical literature. He has authored more than 80 papers in peer-reviewed journals, and has written more than 30 book chapters, including two chapters in DiPiro's *Pharmacotherapy*. Dr. Calis' reputation for excellence in writing is well recognized.

One of Dr. Calis' greatest attributes is his dedication to both the NIH and patient care. He has on numerous occasions put in extra time to ensure patient safety and provide comprehensive clinical pharmacy services to NIH staff. He consistently gives 100% and works relentlessly to achieve whatever goal he is striving for. Karim also is truly the epitome of a team player. He is always very cooperative in all clinical service responsibilities and is readily willing to help out whenever or wherever he is needed. Other NIH staff often refer to Karim with the utmost admiration and respect. Besides his clinical abilities and dedication, Karim has a great personality and demeanor. He is one of the easiest people to get along with, has a great sense of humor, and is very approachable. Karim also has a genuine compassion and respect for others. This, coupled with his expertise and impeccable work ethic make him an extremely valuable member of the NIH community, as well as the profession of pharmacy.

In summary, I sincerely believe that Dr. Calis is a talented and dedicated individual who continues to make outstanding contributions to the practice of clinical pharmacy and to the medical profession. Over the past year,

Dr. Calis was elected Chair and Vice Chair of two USP expert committees; was named to the editorial board of the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition's journal; published over 15 papers and book chapters; trained a number of pharmacy students, residents, and fellows; participated as an investigator on approximately four new, IRB-approved studies; held a leadership position with the Consortium for the Advancement of Medication Information Practice and Research—all while continuing to provide the highest quality of care to his patients. His tireless efforts; personable demeanor; teaching ability; and extensive training and experience in drug information, pharmacotherapy, and clinical research make him an outstanding candidate for the Allen J. Brands Clinical Pharmacist of the Year Award. I cannot think of another person who is more deserving of this great honor.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Pucino".

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