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## **Cyril ‘Kim’ Hetsko, MD, receives Medical Society’s Presidential Citation**

**Madison** — Cyril “Kim” Hetsko, MD, received the Wisconsin Medical Society’s Presidential Citation Award during the Society’s Annual Meeting on April 8. Outgoing President Thomas Luetzow, MD, presented the award to Dr. Hetsko, an internal medicine, infectious disease and clinical laboratory physician in Madison. He is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

A Society member for 35 years, Dr. Hetsko served as President from 1991 to 1992 and as a member of the Board of Directors for many years. He also chaired the Society’s Finance Committee and served on task forces on HIV/AIDS, physician payment reform and health system reform.

“To say Dr. Hetsko has been a tireless advocate for patients and our profession would be an understatement,” said Dr. Luetzow in presenting the award, which recognizes a physician or health care professional who has made a significant contribution to medicine or public health. “His leadership and incredible dedication on issues such as access to high quality care for patients across the country and his dedication to our profession are impressive and certainly worthy of our recognition.”

At the national level, Dr. Hetsko is a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association (AMA), and previously he served as a member and then chair of the AMA Council on Medical Service (which is responsible for developing health system policies). He has served as chair of the AMA Board Task Force on Quality and Safety.

Doctor Hetsko also is a member of the governing Executive Committee of the Physicians’ Consortium for Performance Improvement. A past member of the Board of Regents of the American College of Physicians (ACP), Dr. Hetsko served as its national Treasurer. He received the ACP-Wisconsin Laureate Award in 2005 and the Wisconsin Medical Society Director’s Award – the Society’s highest honor – in 2007.

A native of New Jersey and a graduate of Amherst College, Dr. Hetsko received his medical degree from the University of Rochester. After completing his residency at the University of Wisconsin, he served in the U.S. Army doing research on defense against biological warfare at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases in Fort Detrick, Maryland.

With nearly 12,500 members dedicated to the best interests of their patients, the Wisconsin Medical Society is the largest association of medical doctors in the state and a trusted source for health policy leadership since 1841.

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