

Medical Toxicology Foundation Releases 2013 Annual Report

The American College of Medical Toxicology announces the release of the Medical Toxicology Foundation 2013 Annual Report. The report highlights the foundation's efforts to promote the impact and value of medical toxicology in the provision of safe, high-quality care.

Phoenix, Arizona ([PRWEB](#)) November 26, 2013 -- The Medical Toxicology Foundation (MTF) has released its 2013 annual report, which summarizes the numerous awards available from and provided by the foundation in order to promote the impact and value of medical [toxicology](#) in the provision of safe, high quality care. Highlighted this year is a greater emphasis on prescription drug abuse prevention. The [report](#) details nearly \$60,000 provided in awards in recent years to fund research and educational activities within the specialty of medical toxicology. The MTF is a non-profit charitable organization affiliated with the American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT). As part of its commitment to sustaining and improving the practice of medical toxicology, the foundation funds medical toxicology education and research programs that are vital to the care of patients suffering from the adverse effects of drug, chemical and natural toxin exposures.

The report also describes awards currently available for the promotion of research and career development in medical toxicology. The newest MTF initiative, The Fund to Support Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention in Memory of Ryan Donovan, supports outstanding research and educational initiatives that have the greatest potential to reduce the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs, particularly among young people. A major goal is to support the development or analysis of innovative prevention, treatment, and harm reduction strategies. This award was endowed by Ward Donovan, M.D., a medical toxicologist who has dedicated his career to toxicology research and education as well as the [treatment of poisoned patients](#). Dr. Donovan is also a past President of the ACMT.

Additional awards are available to fund innovative research and teaching projects, as well as travel for emergency medicine residents and medical students to attend scientific toxicology meetings. Michael Levine, M.D. is a former recipient of the MTF Michael P. Spadafora Travel Award, which allowed him to attend a medical [toxicology scientific meeting](#) during his emergency medicine residency. He states, "There are not a lot of opportunities out there for funding in toxicology. The Medical Toxicology Foundation is certainly one important source of this kind of funding that can provide money for research, foster interest in the field and provide scholarships."

ACMT is a professional, nonprofit association of physicians with recognized expertise in medical toxicology. The College is dedicated to advancing the science and practice of medical toxicology through a variety of activities.