Suhaib Raoof, MBBS, FCCP, (left) past president of the American College of Chest Physicians (2012), presented the Margaret Pfrommer Memorial Award in Long-term Mechanical Ventilation to Roger Goldstein, MBChB, FCCP, Professor of Medicine and Physical Therapy, University of Toronto, and Director Respiratory Medicine and Senior Scientist, West Park Healthcare Centre, Toronto, Canada, at CHEST 2013. The award is given each year at the annual meeting of the American College of Chest Physicians held in October. Dr. Goldstein chose “Ventilator-Assisted Individuals: Integrating Across the Spectrum of Care” as the title of his honorary lecture.

This award, established in 1999 by Dr. Eveline Faure and Dr. Allen I. Goldberg, honors their lifelong colleague and friend, Margaret Pfrommer, a polio survivor and patient advocate. It is awarded to a clinician or ventilator-assisted professional or advocate who has advanced mechanical ventilation and fostered partnerships between physicians and users of home mechanical ventilation.

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2000 Colin Sullivan, BScMed, MB, BS, PhD, FRA PhD, FRACP, FAA
2001 Augusta Alba, MD
2002 Joseph Ramsdell, MD, FCCP
2003 Anita Simonds, MD, FRCP
2004 John Downes, MD, FCCP
2005 Barry Make, MD, FCCP
2006 Allen Goldberg, MD, FCCP
2007 Dudley Childress, MD
2008 Joshua Benditt, MD, FCCP
2009 Nicholas Hill, MD, FCCP
2010 Barbara Rogers
2011 Not awarded.
2012 Norma Braun, MD, FCCP
2013 Roger Goldstein, MD, FCCP

Deadline for Research Proposals: February 3, 2014

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