



At the Kentucky Perinatal Association conference this weekend, Katrina Thompson, the Director of Program Services for the Greater Kentucky Chapter of the March of Dimes, was awarded the 1st Tom Pauley Perinatal Service Award for her work in maternal child health! Below is information about Dr. Tom Pauley whom the award is named for. Congratulations to Katrina for all of her hard work and the recognition she deserves!

The Dr. Thomas H. Pauly Perinatal Service Award

Tom Pauly, M.D., provided leadership, humor, insight and motivation in the development of the Kentucky Perinatal Association. As a result, he made a lasting impact on the quality of neonatal and pediatric care, not only at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, but likewise across the Commonwealth.

Under Pauly's leadership, University of Kentucky's neonatal intensive care unit joined the Vermont-Oxford network, a nonprofit, voluntary collaboration of health care professionals dedicated to improving the quality and safety of medical care for newborn infants and their families. Pauly also led the neonatal transport team and introduced state-of-the-art technology, such as extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) and Nitric Oxide therapy to the University of Kentucky Neonatal Intensive Care. Through these and other efforts, Pauly helped bring national attention to the University of Kentucky, Division of Neonatal Medicine.

In addition to Dr. Pauly's work at the University of Kentucky, Pauly was also a charter member of the Kentucky Perinatal Association and served as its first vice president and later president. Dr. Pauly served in many leadership positions on the national level bringing recognition to the Kentucky Perinatal Association.

Dr. Tom Pauly died in October 2004 from complications of pancreatic cancer. He was 56 years old.