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DMC Pharmacy Team to Receive Excellence in Innovation Award for Patient-centered Transitions of Care Program

The Detroit Medical Center (DMC) pharmacy team will receive the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Excellence in Innovation Award during the Association's Annual Convention & Exposition, held Feb. 26-28 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

To be deserving of this award, sponsored by Upsher-Smith Laboratories, Inc., a pharmacist or team of pharmacists must demonstrate an innovative pharmacy practice program that results in improved patient care. This award highlights the work and efforts of pharmacy pioneers who are re-engineering our profession to meet the health care needs of tomorrow's patients.

The pharmacy team at DMC developed a program to address the concern that inadequate medication reconciliation at transitions of care accounts for approximately 46 percent of medication errors. Within their patient-centered medical home, the Rosa Parks Wellness Institute for Senior Health (Rosa Parks-WISH), post-hospital discharge calls are made to reconcile patients' medication use with the electronic medical record and resolve medication-related problems (MRPs) identified.

The Rosa Parks-WISH and DMC pharmacy transitions of care initiative began in March 2012 with a post-hospitalization transitions of care medication reconciliation program. Since then, the practice model in the two facilities has rapidly evolved. Rosa Parks-WISH is a multidisciplinary geriatrics practice that includes a clinical pharmacist and a shared faculty member from the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, who practices under a collaborative drug therapy management agreement. The transitions of care program in the Rosa Parks Clinic demonstrated a significant reduction in 30-day hospital utilization rates, which includes emergency room visits and hospitalization. In 2015, the Rosa Parks Clinic implemented chronic care management services initiated by a pharmacist to Medicare beneficiaries.

The Pharmacy Department and the accountable care organization initially formed a collaborative transitions of care team using the Rosa Parks-WISH team's post-discharge medication reconciliation model and documentation process. Consequently, the DMC inpatient pharmacy practice model was expanded, leading to new patient care opportunities for pharmacists, including the creation of two transitions of care pharmacist specialist positions at Harper University Hospital and Detroit Receiving Hospital. Pharmacy residents and student pharmacists are integrated into these models, reconciling medications and receiving training focused on transitions of care. Simultaneously, trainees serve an important function within the health-system, providing patient care.

DMC was also awarded the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Best Practices Award in 2013 for post-hospitalization ambulatory medication reconciliation at a patient-centered medical home. Team members include the following:

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