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## **Walker Presented with Leadership Award for Contributions to the Society**

Lansing, Mich. – Paul C. Walker, Pharm.D., FASHP, received the 2017 Joseph A. Oddis Leadership Award at the Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) Annual Meeting on Oct. 27. Recipients of this award must be active in association work, be a member of MSHP and display leadership qualities.

Dr. Walker was presented with this award for his years of service to the Society and his continual work to advance and promote health-system pharmacy and the profession overall. Since joining MSHP and Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) in 1996, Dr. Walker has been involved in strengthening the Society through its committees, Boards and leadership opportunities. Dr. Walker sat on the MSHP Board of Directors from 2000 to 2002 as a director, and again from 2005 to 2008 serving as treasurer. He has been involved in many MSHP/MPA Committees over the years including Professional and Legal Affairs, Organizational Affairs, Educational Affairs, Public Affairs and Publications. Dr. Walker also sat on the MPA Executive Board from 2011 to 2016, serving as the speaker of the house of delegates.

Dr. Walker has also extended his leadership of the profession to the national level. Since joining the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) in 1983, Dr. Walker has been involved in various activities. Namely, he served as the Michigan representative to the ASHP and MPA House of Delegates from 2007 to 2016, as well as participating on several ASHP committees including the Research and Education Foundation Development Committee, Committee on Nominations, Educational Programming Committee and Annual Summer Meeting Committee. Most recently, Dr. Walker was elected to the ASHP Board of Directors. He will begin a three year term in the summer of 2018.

After graduating from Wayne State University in 1980 with his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy, Dr. Walker went on to earn his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Wayne State University, finishing in 1982. Dr. Walker completed two residencies in his training, first a pharmacy practice residency in 1980 at the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit and later a post-doctoral specialty residency in pediatric pharmacy practice at the University of Tennessee's LeBonheur Children's Medical Center in Memphis, Tenn. Upon completion of his training, Dr. Walker went on to serve in various hospital and faculty roles. Currently, he is a clinical professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy at University of Michigan's (UM) College of Pharmacy as well as the director of experiential education for UM student pharmacists, with his teaching primarily focusing on drug therapy in children. He also serves as the manager of pharmacy patient outcomes in the Department of Pharmacy Services at Michigan Medicine, Ann Arbor.

MSHP is a practice section of MPA consisting of more than 600 health-system pharmacy professionals. Since its founding in 1883, MPA has been a leader in the professional and scientific advancement of pharmacy and in safeguarding the well-being of individual patients in Michigan.

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