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## **Pratt Honored with MSHP Pharmacist of the Year Award**

Lansing, Mich. – Denise M. Pratt, Pharm.D., BCCCP, was honored as the 2017 Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) Pharmacist of the Year at the Society’s Annual Meeting on Oct. 27.

Dr. Pratt has been a long-time member of MSHP and Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA), joining in 1981. Over the years, Dr. Pratt has been a dedicated member and pharmacist, continually working to advance the Association, Society and profession as a whole. Early in her career, she was actively involved with MPA in technician certification before the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board was even created. Throughout her career, she has dedicated her time to advancing the role of the pharmacist as a member of the healthcare team, involving herself with initiatives and projects that demonstrate the truly impressive impact a collaborative healthcare team approach can provide to patient care. She has served the Society in numerous capacities including a member of the MSHP Board of Directors from 2008 to 2009, MSHP president-elect in 2009 to 2010 and serving as president of the Society in 2011. Previous to her position on the MSHP Board, Dr. Pratt served on various Society committees including Organizational Affairs, Educational Affairs, Residency as well as the Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative (PPMI) Task Force, a group working to develop and disseminate a futuristic practice model that supports the most effective use of pharmacists as direct patient care providers.

In efforts to advance and impact the pharmacy profession, Dr. Pratt has been involved in many national associations and organizations. She is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the American College of Clinical Pharmacists where she spent time on the Critical Care PRN Communications Committee. Currently, Dr. Pratt serves on the ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists (SCSS) Section Advisory Group (SAG) on Emergency Care. This SAG specifically looks into opportunities for health-system pharmacy departments to ensure the safe and effective use of medications in emergency departments, the development of tools and resources related to emergency care for ASHP and the development of programming and resources to advance emergency care for Society members.

Dr. Pratt serves as critical care specialist pharmacist at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. Her position at Sparrow has her in the pharmacy working alongside other pharmacists and on the hospital floor, working directly with the nurses, physicians and critical care teams in the intensive care unit. She has been with Sparrow for over thirty years. Dr. Pratt earned her Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from Ferris State University in 1984. She then went on to complete her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of Florida in 2003. She completed an ASHP-accredited residency at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing in 1985 as well as an ASHP-accredited traineeship in 2005.

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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