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Martirosov Honored with President's Award for Advancing the Role of Michigan Pharmacists

Lansing, Mich. – Amber Lanae Martirosov, Pharm.D., M.Sc., BCPA, was honored with this year's Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) President's Award at the 2017 MSHP Annual Meeting on Oct. 27.

The MSHP President's Award recognizes the commitment of a pharmacy professional or a pharmacy organization to advancing the theme and goal of the MSHP Board of Directors throughout the year. This year, MSHP has been focusing on "Gearing Up" for provider status and advanced practice opportunities. Since relocating to Michigan at the start of her pharmacy career, Dr. Martirosov has been busy actively working to advance the profession and creating opportunities for pharmacists to offer direct patient care. She has been involved in many projects and initiatives that demonstrate the value of pharmacists as members of the healthcare team. Recently, Martirosov was recognized for her work designing and implementing an ambulatory care referral clinic. The ambulatory care clinical services focus on managing high-risk pulmonary patients, including those with recent admissions to the hospital. Services provided include medication therapy management, medication access, adherence assistance and patient education, and is also a training site for student pharmacists and residents to advance their clinical care experience. For this work she was a finalist for the Henry Ford Health System Outstanding Progress Award in February 2016 and awarded the Southeastern Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (SMSHP) Innovative Practice Award in November 2016.

Dr. Martirosov's work and research has extended into many other facets of pharmacy. Her recent research has focused on inhaler technique in pulmonary patients to ensure patients are using the most appropriate and effective inhalers to treat conditions, antimicrobial stewardship in ambulatory care and assessing the role of the pharmacist in these efforts in the ambulatory care setting as well as the use of direct-acting oral anticoagulants and the impact of pharmacists in prescribing patterns. Dr. Martirosov has also extended her time and expertise to MSHP and Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA). She has served on the Ambulatory Care Committee, acted as treasurer for SMSHP and was the recipient of MPA's 2017 Distinguished New Pharmacist Practitioner Award. Nationally she serves as vice chair of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Educational Steering Committee and sits on the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Ambulatory Care PRN Advocacy Committee.

After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2007, Dr. Martirosov continued at Virginia Commonwealth to complete her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2011. Upon completing her Pharm.D., Dr. Martirosov headed to the University of Texas College of Pharmacy to complete a Master of Pharmacology degree in 2013. Currently she is an assistant clinical professor at Wayne State University as well as a clinical specialist in ambulatory care and pulmonary medicine at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.

MSHP is a practice section of the Michigan Pharmacists Association 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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