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Maksym to be Honored with Consultant and Specialty Pharmacist of the Year Award

Christopher J. Maksym of Dexter will be honored by the Consultant and Specialty Pharmacists of Michigan (CSPM) as Pharmacist of the Year. The award will be presented at the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) Annual Convention & Exposition, Feb. 26-28 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

Every year, CSPM recognizes a pharmacist who has made significant contributions to consulting, home infusion, long-term care, nuclear pharmacy or other specialty areas of practice.

Maksym has spent his career working to advance the profession of consultant and specialty pharmacy, serving as a leader in many of the organizations doing this same work. Maksym earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan (UM) in 1983. He then went on to complete his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from UM in 1984 and quickly followed with a Clinical Pharmacy Residency at UM Hospitals and Health Center in 1985. Since finishing his education, Maksym has served in a variety of roles in which he worked to advance pharmacy practice.

Currently, Maksym is the director of pharmacy at HomeMed for the University of Michigan (UM) Home Care Services. He is also an adjunct clinical associate professor at UM College of Pharmacy. In 1992, Maksym was part of a start-up team that established HomeMed as an alternate site home infusion and specialty pharmacy, serving as their chief pharmacist. This early work in home infusion and specialty pharmacy created the foundation for the ongoing work Maksym has done for the profession.

In addition to his work with HomeMed, Maksym has served as the Director of Operations for UM's home durable medical equipment and supply service, MedEQUIP, Home Care Retail Operations, and UM's complex rehabilitation equipment service, Wheelchair Seating Services from 2005-2015. Maksym's dedication to the profession also extends to the preparation of the future pharmacists of Michigan. He is currently the experiential training and research investigations preceptor for the Doctor of Pharmacy students at UM as well as being a mentor for the Michigan Pharmacy Foundation (MPF) Health Professional Leadership Academy.

Maksym's efforts in consultant and specialty pharmacy, specifically in home infusion, have been invaluable to the practice. His positions on the CSPM Board as well as his tenure as a member of the MPA Executive Board from 2014-16 have helped Michigan consultant and specialty pharmacists to improve patient care and outcomes and create a unified voice for those practicing in these settings. His membership in the National Home Infusion Association (NHIA), his seat as Charter member of NHIA Foundation Board and sitting as chair, vice-chair and secretary of the NHIA Board have also contributed immensely to Maksym's impact on the profession.

The Consultant and Specialty Pharmacists of Michigan is a practice section of Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA), representing pharmacists who practice in consultant pharmacy and unique settings such as home infusion, nuclear pharmacy, managed care, long-term care dispensing and consulting, compounding, physician practices, academia, medical homes and specialty pharmacy. MPA advances the profession of pharmacy and patient care on behalf of the 9,000 pharmacists and 15,000 pharmacy technicians in the state.

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