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Consultant and Specialty Pharmacist of the Year Award Presented to Peter Lewyckyj

Peter Lewyckyj of Rochester 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. 23-25 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.

For over 30 years, Lewyckyj has worked in the pharmacy practice focusing on initiatives taking the profession in new and non-traditional roles. Lewyckyj earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Wayne State University College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions in 1984. He first entered the pharmacy profession as a pharmacy technician in 1980 at the Michigan Osteopathic Medical Center in Detroit and soon followed as an intern for the Medical Center. After completing his degree, he transitioned into a staff pharmacist role at the Medical Center, then moved to Sinai Hospital of Detroit in 1986. In 1987 he joined the team at Macomb Hospital Center as a staff pharmacist where new dosing services were being implemented, along with patient education classes focused on post-discharge cardiac care. This experience provided the foundation for his continued focus in patient therapy outcomes and interdisciplinary healthcare management. In 1991, he began working in long-term care consulting at Q.D. LTC Pharmacy in Rochester Hills, moving to Specialized Pharmacy Service, Inc. in 1998 to continue as a long-term care pharmacist consultant.

Lewyckyj has spent nearly the last decade focusing his efforts on medication therapy management (MTM). Since May of 2010, he has worked as a consultant and MTM pharmacist with St. John Providence Health-System (now Ascension). His work as an MTM pharmacist focuses on patients with high readmission rate disease states and reducing overall readmission through the optimization of medication therapy and adherence post-discharge. His work in the health-system's home care division helped create an Advance Care Coordination Program at the Macomb hospital site that incorporates MTM services for every patient transitioned through the program. This program was then extended to the main St. John hospital, the transitions of care team at Providence Hospital in Southfield and then to the clinical decision unit at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. Lewyckyj is certified to provide MTM services through the Michigan Community Health Automated Medicaid Process System, the MPA Delivery of MTM Services for Michigan Medicaid Beneficiaries program and the American Pharmacists Association's Delivering Medication Therapy Management Services certificate program.

Outside of his work in consultant pharmacy and MTM services, Lewyckyj has remained active in the profession. He has been an MPA member for nearly ten years, joining in 2009. He was a member of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP), completed the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist certification in 2000 and was one of the first pharmacists nationally certified in geriatric pharmacy care. As a preceptor, he also hosts pharmacy students throughout the year to gain first-hand experience with MTM services. Lewyckyj has devoted his career to paving the way for new and emerging pharmacy services that establish pharmacists as essential members of the healthcare team.

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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