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MSPT Service Award Presented to Michigan Medicine, University of Michigan Hospital Department of Pharmacy

The Michigan Medicine, University of Michigan Hospital Department of Pharmacy will be honored by the Michigan Society of Pharmacy Technicians (MSPT) with the MSPT Service Award. 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.

The MSPT Service Award is presented annually to an individual or organization that has shown outstanding dedication and commitment to advancing pharmacy technician practice.

University of Michigan has demonstrated itself as a leader in academics and healthcare. The Michigan Medicine Department of Pharmacy has continued this tradition through their work advancing the role of the pharmacy technician. Currently, Michigan Medicine employs over 200 pharmacy technicians in a variety of inpatient and outpatient roles. In addition, the offer over 20 innovative and advanced practice roles for pharmacy technicians including medication safety, transitions of care, research, computer applications, medication history and more. Not only does Michigan Medicine offer their technicians a variety of opportunities but they also provide pharmacy technicians the opportunity to advance their skills by offering training to develop communication and leadership roles as well as tuition reimbursement for those interested in advancing their career.

The Michigan Medicine Hospital pharmacy has its own training facility where technicians are mentored and trained by other pharmacy professionals, and the department supports the pharmacy technician by offering continuing education, membership in local, state and national associations while encouraging them to stay involved in the profession and the new advancing role of the pharmacy technician. Pharmacy technicians from Michigan Medicine have completed poster presentations, provided live presentations and completed scholarly articles and publications. Michigan Medicine fosters an environment of continual self-improvement and encourages technicians to actively advocate for the pharmacy technician profession and become involved in education programs, committees and other career growth opportunities.

Michigan Medicine's Department of Pharmacy provides the support and education necessary to prepare pharmacy technicians for advanced practice opportunities and provide a better understanding of the technician's role on the pharmacy team. As the role of the pharmacy technician continues to grow and expand, Michigan Medicine has come to fully utilize this valuable asset to the pharmacy profession.

The Michigan Society of Pharmacy Technicians (MSPT) is an affiliated chapter of Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) that represents pharmacy technicians in Michigan, working with pharmacists and the public to provide quality care and education to patients and helping to establish pharmacy technicians as valued members of the health care team. 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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